We would be thrilled if all our graduates were as talented and successful as our Alumni! Read on to learn about some of our success stories.

Spencerian always meets alumni’s needs

Shannon Brown graduated from Spencerian’s Private Secretary program in 1984 when Spencerian College was located on East Broadway. Today, Shannon is in the Healthcare Reimbursement Specialist degree program to become more employable and to learn more about the medical field. She says “Times change, and sometimes you have to adjust and make changes in order to maintain stability in your life. Change is sometimes a good thing because you learn to adjust and keep moving.” Shannon finds that Spencerian now has many more programs than it did when she was a student here, which gives students a wider array as they choose a career path. “I’m just very impressed with the entire faculty,” she says. “The instructors really care about what they are teaching and about what their students are learning.”

When asked what advice she would give someone starting out looking for a career, Shannon said “I would definitely advise them to check out Spencerian and the programs it has to offer.”

Heidi-Lyn McClure Hall works at Fritz’s Salon, an all-male full service salon in Louisville where she interned while she was a student in the Massage Therapy program. At first she was concerned about working in a salon catering to an all-male clientele, but found the guys were more able to relax and discuss their needs if not surrounded by female clients. She does maintenance massages, as well as hot stone massages. Heidi-Lyn says that massage therapy is a broad field. It’s important to find out what you’re good at and to always keep learning. She said she learned so much from each of her teachers and then learned even more on her internship. She says all the clients were impressed with how much she knew when she graduated – even her supervisor. She is grateful that she learned how to take care of herself so she can be a massage therapist for years to come. She’s glad she learned how to tell clients how to take care of themselves at home once they leave the salon.

Kala Carby works at Vanity Salon and Day Spa in Glasgow, Kentucky, doing “the whole spa thing” including deep sea wraps, mud masks, salt scrubs, aromatherapy, hot stone, Swedish massage, and deep tissue massage. Kala knew she wanted to be a massage therapist, but she needed a program that offered a housing opportunity so she’d have more study time and could enjoy the whole college experience. At Spencerian, Kala said they “teach you so much in the program, I have recommended Spencerian several times to people. It’s awesome to be around people going into different medical fields. It’s hard to put in words how wonderful Spencerian is. It has a small college feel, and I got the education of a university. It’s amazing how much I learned in a year. I loved the teachers. Everyone wanted you to succeed. You can feel that when you walk in the building. If you are professional in school, it’s an easy transition to work.”

Kala has helped a lot of clients who have sore spots or concerns. Often clients return to the spa the next day to thank her when her massages helped them feel better. She says she hasn’t even been there a full year, but she already has repeat clients. Kala has great career thanks to her Spencerian education.

Successful business owner

Tom Robey ’09 outside his massage business

Tom Robey worked as a carpenter for many years before he started doing massage therapy. Tom says he fell into massage therapy when Spencerian College was located on East Broadway. Today, Spencerian is a broad field. It’s important to find out what you’re good at and to always keep learning. She said she learned so much from each of her teachers and then learned even more on her internship. She says all the clients were impressed with how much she knew when she graduated – even her supervisor. She is grateful that she learned how to take care of herself so she can be a massage therapist for years to come. She’s glad she learned how to tell clients how to take care of themselves at home once they leave the salon.

Kala Carby ’09, left, gives a chair massage.

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In the 70’s, Tom Luckett took a computer course at Iroquois High School where they had a phone link-up to the University of Louisville’s computer. Tom thought that this computer work was easy to do and would be a good way to make money. He researched and learned that Spencerian College had a short computer programming course. He applied after high school and took it to look like a duck to water. He earned his Technical Diploma in Computer Programming and graduated in 1974 with the Outstanding Achievement award.

Illustrous career

Today, Tom’s resume takes more than five pages to list his education and accomplishments. Now successful graduates and feels fortunate to have him in the virtual classroom.

Sullivan University System takes pride in claiming Tom as one of its successful graduates and feels fortunate to have him in the virtual classroom.

New skills mean new career opportunities

Catherine (Cae) Faughn graduated from Spencerian College in 1977 as a Medical Assistant/Secretary. She says, “the education I received at Spencerian gave me the knowledge and training to practice in many medical settings.” During the 30+ years since graduation, she’s worked in the Outpatient Clinics at the old Louisville General Hospital, clinics at University Hospital, private practice offices, insurance offices, and medical research offices. Cae says, “I’ve done everything from front office and transcription to back office to pharma...