

Phyllis A. Golden



CURRENT POSITION: Owner/Operator,
Trend-Setters Hair Design

EDUCATION HISTORY: High School/Trade School

IMMEDIATE FAMILY: Fiance Jim and children
Aaron, Jen and KJ

Describe your top business and/or professional accomplishments: My greatest professional accomplishment has been, as a young woman, building a business from the ground up. While still new to the hairdressing field, I was ambitious and not sure if I would succeed. But I went for it and have now been in business at Trend-Setter's Hair Design for 30 years! Although there have been many challenges (and equally as many rewards) I know I can rise up to what the future holds and look forward to many more years.

Just as significantly, I feel great pride watching those I've mentored succeed. Seeing them thrive in their own careers, whether in the cosmetology field or elsewhere, has been a huge blessing. Being able to guide the next generation out of my own experience is among my greatest accomplishments

What are your most meaningful leadership roles in community service and the results that were accomplished. I've had several excellent opportunities to provide leadership within the community. Among them has been doing hairstyles for fundraising events which raise money for organizations within our community. I've also assisted the elderly in a variety of ways, helping them stay safely and happily in their own homes.

Working with youth groups at my church has let me see young people grow into adults with their own families, who now steer young minds and values in their own homes. It has been an honor participating in 5K races to raise money and awareness for local cancer victims and their families. Lastly, I've volunteered to cut children's hair at a Lion's Club event for the past few years, ensuring the kids go back to school feeling good about how they look.

Provide a specific example of how you have demonstrated support for the advancement and leadership of women in your profession: Being a successful woman in business offers a unique chance to mentor other women. The opportunities now available to women are countless, and when leading by example, it's possible to show they can believe in themselves. It is possible to show they can take chances and challenge themselves. When they stumble, they can get back up. I've had the opportunity to mentor several young women over the years and have always strived to do so with patience and understanding. I'm grateful for the opportunities I've had to reach so many people in and out of my salon, and will continue to keep my door open in hopes I can reach more.

Describe how you have integrated celebration & joy (our theme this year) in your professional and/or personal life. I love the fact that I was able to open a business 30 years ago. My youngest was only two-years-old and came to work with me every day. After school I'd go home and pick up my two older children who would then come back to work with me. It was such a joy having my family with me and having so much support over the years. Many family and friends made my business possible and for them, I will forever be grateful. I celebrate the fact that I can touch so many lives, which brings joy to my heart. Going into the community, meeting new people, and helping in little ways is a small deed on my part, but makes a world a difference to others.