



*Education can make dreams come true and help to find your pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.*

On March 15, 16 and 17, 2008, the Virginia Association of Cosmetology Schools will host their second annual "Educators Conference" at the Richmond Sheraton West. Remember that online registration for the conference is available to all members of the association. We have many exciting events planned for this year's conference.

Beginning on Saturday night, March 15, students, educators, school owners, and vendors are cordially invited to a "Wearing of the Green" St. Patrick's Day reception starting at 7:00 p.m. The lucky leprechan will be giving away door prizes provided by the vendors and members of the association. Light refreshments will be served.

Again this year, schools are invited to bring their students for the "Student Competition and Career Day" on Sunday March 16, 2008. Fantasy and Evening Up-do Hair competitions have become one of the highlights of the conference for both students and educators. Trophies will be presented to the winners of each of the competition categories.

Many of you expressed interest in receiving advanced education at the Educator's Conference. Along with educators, students are invited to attend a 3-hour clipper cutting class on Sunday from 9 a.m. until 12 noon presented by Ivan Zoot. Ivan is the Director of Education for the Andis Company. Rob Reiss with Nailogic will present afternoon session on gel nails, and Walt Hodges will present a class on makeup. A brief board meeting will be held after the classes on Sunday. Monday morning will begin with round table discussions on various school related topics.

During the luncheon on Sunday, we will find out who will become the "2008 Educator of Year." Students, owners and educators are encouraged to nominate an outstanding member of their educational team. Please submit your letter of nomination before the deadline of March 1.

We cordially invite each of you to attend this premiere event in Richmond Virginia. It is a wonderful opportunity to network with vendors, make new friends and connect with professional colleagues here in the state. It is an excellent way to re-energize and refresh your approach to education. The deadline is quickly approaching, so make your plans now to join us in Richmond.

*Walt Hodges*

President

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