



Becky Benesch

A Polished Future



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When you walk into the full service nail salon owned by Becky Benesch, a 1998 street school graduate, you would never guess that this successful entrepreneur considered dropping out of school. “I owe the Denver Street School a great deal,” says Becky, “I am certain the school saved me from giving up on a high school diploma.”

Raised in Strasburg, a small town an hour east of Denver, Becky was home-schooled by her mother until her parents decided to divorce. According to Becky, “I started attending a Christian school, but it just wasn’t for me. I was frustrated and wanted to drop out.” That was when Becky came to the street school.

“The Denver Street School taught me a lot about life,” says Becky, “like how to deal with different kinds of people which helps me in my career.” The school also gave her a new perspective on Christianity. “I’ve always thought Christians were very hypocritical, but the staff at the school showed me differently. The teachers were very helpful and really cared about me and where I was going in life.”

Becky is proud that she was able to carry all A’s in school while playing basketball, volleyball and working a part time job. “I even received the Kingdom Enlightenment scholarship through the street school and attended Pickens Tech Center to earn my manicurist license. Eventually I am going back to college and get my esthetician license in an effort to further my career.”

Becky is even more proud that she now owns and operates a full service nail salon. The business, Pampered Hands and Feet, has been open for 6 months and already has a clientele list of fifty. “My goal is to open a day spa,” says Becky, “and I’ll do it thanks to the support of my family and the educational opportunities I received through the Denver Street School.”

Editor's Note: After our interview, Becky called to inform us that she was closing on her new home and getting married all in the same week!