

ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL (OHS) CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)

Program Spotlight: Cosmetology

Orange High School's Cosmetology Program is designed to prepare students for exciting careers in the beauty industry. From hair styling and cutting techniques to skincare, makeup artistry, and nail care, students gain hands-on experience while developing customer service and business skills that are essential in the industry.

Throughout the program, students have the opportunity to work with professional-grade tools and products, practice on mannequins and live models, and even earn industry-recognized certifications. Whether students dream of becoming licensed cosmetologists, makeup artists, estheticians, or salon owners, this program provides the foundation they need to succeed.

Upon completing the program, students in Cosmetology will be able to sit for the State Boards Cosmetology Exam to become a licensed cosmetologist in the State of New Jersey



Occupational Outlook and Careers in Cosmetology

Overall employment of barbers, hairstylists, and cosmetologists is projected to grow 7 percent from 2023 to 2033, faster than the average for all occupations.

About 89,100 openings for barbers, hairstylists, and cosmetologists are projected each year, on average, over the decade. Many of those openings are expected to result from the need to replace workers who transfer to different occupations or exit the labor force, such as to retire. In New Jersey, the average Cosmetologist makes \$43,440 per year.

- Licensed Cosmetologist
- Hairstylist/Barber
- Esthetician
- Nail Technician
- Platform Artist
- Brand Educator
- Lash Technician

For more information about careers in Cosmetology please visit <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/personal-care-and-service/barbers-hairstylists-and-cosmetologists.htm>

Cosmetology Students in Action

In Cosmetology, students have been busy perfecting two classic styling techniques — Finger Waves and Roller Sets. These timeless skills are essential for any aspiring cosmetologist, combining artistry, precision, and technique.

During class, students practiced creating smooth, sculpted waves using only their fingers and combs, mastering the control and styling needed for the perfect Finger Wave, a style dating back to the 1920s that is still used in modern hairstyling and fashion. They also worked on Roller Sets, learning how to section hair, apply rollers correctly, and understand how heat and setting affect hair texture and volume.

Both techniques allow students to build foundational skills in hair design, client care, and attention to detail, while gaining confidence in handling professional tools and products.

As students continue to practice and refine their techniques, they are not only building their technical skills by using industry-standard equipment, but they also preparing for success in the beauty industry, where attention to detail and quality service matter most!



Jacob Javits Center: International Beauty Show

The Cosmetology Program at Orange High School is off to a glamorous start! On Tuesday, March 25th, 45 students had the exciting opportunity to attend Student Day at the International Beauty Show in New York City, held at the iconic Javits Center. Led by Cosmetology Teacher Ms. Perez and chaperoned by Ms. Garcia, Mr. Mitchell, Ms. Jules, and Mrs. Vargas, the trip offered students a hands-on look into the world of beauty.

Students currently enrolled in the program, applicants, and those interested in cosmetology were invited to attend. Throughout the day, they explored a wide range of FREE educational classes tailored to their interests in hair, skin, nails, and barbering. They also connected with top beauty industry brands and learned about the latest trends and techniques shaping the field.



Chef Pimpin': Makes Hibachi

Orange High School's Culinary Program had an unforgettable experience as Chef Pimpin gave our students a live Hibachi demonstration. With her unique, high energy culinary skills, our students watched as she transformed simple ingredients into a flavorful dish.

Students engaged with Chef Pimpin as she demonstrated knife skills, blending seasonings, and cooking using a hibachi grill. Her visit wasn't just about cooking, Chef Pimpin' informed students that passion for cooking and presentation during plating is just as important as preparing food for customers.

Thank you to Chef Pimpin for sharing her time, talent, and enthusiasm with our students! Every time she serves as a guest chef, our students are never disappointed.



Women's History Month: "Women in Medicine Career Conversation"

Orange High School's Women's History Month celebration was nothing short of inspiring, featuring a dynamic "Women in Medicine Career Conversation" with Dr. Karma Warren, First Lady of Orange, and Dr. Latisse Mays-Stovall—both accomplished Emergency Department Physicians and proud members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

The event kicked off with a hands-on, engaging activity where students took on the roles of emergency room patients, while their peers practiced prioritizing care using the ABCs of emergency medicine. It was a fun and educational way to get a taste of what it's like to work in a high-pressure, fast-paced environment.

Dr. Warren and Dr. Mays-Stovall shared their personal journeys into medicine, stressing the importance of continuous learning, and highlighting the key traits of an effective emergency room professional—including critical thinking, teamwork, and empathy.

A huge thank you to Dr. Warren and Dr. Mays-Stovall for their time and inspiration, and to all the students who participated and asked thoughtful questions! We can't wait to see where your curiosity and passion take you!



Hayden Planetarium: Invisible World Exhibition

Ms. Martin's Graphic Arts students recently took a creative journey beyond the classroom with a field trip to the Hayden Planetarium and the Invisible Worlds Exhibition at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. This hands-on experience gave students a rare opportunity to explore the cutting edge of digital graphics and immersive design in action.

At the Hayden Planetarium, students were surrounded by larger-than-life visuals that demonstrated how graphic design and animation can bring science and space to life. The experience highlighted the power of storytelling through motion graphics, lighting, and spatial design—all crucial skills in the world of graphic arts.



Doc filmboot

On March 24th, a Red Carpet Screening was held at Cinema Lab's The Village at SOPAC Theaters in South Orange, NJ. During this event, three documentaries created by three teams of Orange High School filmmakers over the past six weeks were screened in front of a sold-out audience of students, friends, family, and community members.

The films were judged by documentary industry professionals over the weekend, and awards were presented to the winning films following the screening. It's important to note that the competition was extremely close, as each film received at least one first or second place vote!

To learn more about this event and to view the films, please visit this link:
<https://bit.ly/42GGVcB>



Alumni Spotlight



Sarah Polidor (Class of 2024)

We're proud to highlight Sarah Polidor, a talented Orange High School graduate from the Class of 2024. Sarah is currently attending the prestigious Restaurant School at Walnut Hill College, where she is pursuing her passion for Baking and Pastries with the dream of one day opening her own bakery.

Sarah's journey began right here at Orange High School, where she gained hands-on experience through the school's Culinary Arts program. She credits much of her confidence and professional edge to the solid foundation she built catering school events and mastering the basics of the kitchen.

"Knowing different methods within baking has given me confidence because it allows me to be one step ahead of everyone else,"

Sarah shared. "It also gives the chefs confidence in my abilities. Knowing how to set up a double boiler, bloom gelatin or yeast, or fold in an ingredient may sound simple, but not everyone knows how to do it. These skills, along with the terminology, make me sound more professional in their eyes."

Beyond the classroom, **Sarah has set her sights on applying for a Culinary Arts Internship with the Philadelphia 76ers**, where she hopes to expand her experience in a fast-paced, professional sports environment.

Sariyah Polidor (Class of 2024)

We are proud to spotlight Sariyah Polidor, a dedicated and passionate graduate of Orange High School's Class of 2024, who is turning her culinary dreams into reality. Like her sister, Sariyah is currently pursuing a degree in Culinary Arts at The Restaurant School at Walnut Hill College.

With ambitions of one day opening her own restaurant or catering business, **Sariyah is also preparing to apply for the Carnival Cruise Line Culinary Arts Internship**, where she hopes to gain hands-on experience in a high-energy, global kitchen environment.

While in high school, Sariyah participated in various culinary events, catering experiences, and team-based kitchen projects that helped her develop both technical and professional skills.

"The different culinary events I participated in taught me how to be in the kitchen with others and how to work efficiently while staying organized," Sariyah shared.

Sariyah is a shining example of how dedication, real-world experience, and a strong educational foundation can pave the way toward success.



CTE Student of the Month - February 2025

Cisco



C. Claumick has shown significant improvement in Cisco and is supportive of his peers.

Cosmetology



K. Zamy demonstrates professionalism and a passion for Cosmetology.

Culinary Arts



J. Henderson and G. Aristilde are team players and are a delight to have in Culinary.

Entrepreneurship



L. Cornejo displays a strong commitment to his students.

Filmmaking



S. Joseph is a valuable member of the Filmmaking Program

Graphic Arts



E. Glaude always strives for the highest quality in her Graphic Arts Production projects. She achieves excellence because of her persistence and dedication.

Health Science



C. Morocho is tenacious and pushes through all challenges in Health Science

Naval JROTC



N. Encalada demonstrates the core values of ROTC: HONOR, COURAGE, and COMMITMENT

Week-Based Learning & Community Service



S. Beyan worked closely with our Technology Team to set up and run the school board meeting.