

## B'Lewie Salon Named WCCC Employer of the Month December 2009

B'Lewie Salon and Day Spa was honored as the Warren County Career Center's Employer of the Month for December 2009. Owner Beth Lewis is an alumni of WCCC's Cosmetology program, graduating with the first class in 1978. She estimates that about eight of her current employees are WCCC alumni, and many more alumni over the past 22 years she has been in business have worked there as well.

Mrs. Lewis serves on the cosmetology business advisory committee and provides internship opportunities for WCCC adult and high school cosmetology students, along with hiring many WCCC students after graduation.

"There is a great opportunity for students to get an education in cosmetology right here in Warren County," she said about the cosmetology program. "I recognize the passion for the cosmetology field in these students, and we have some very good employees as a result."

"I taught Beth in high school, and she has been a great supporter of our program here ever since she graduated," Jean Puckett, cosmetology instructor, said. "She has given many of our students opportunities to experience an upscale salon through internships, helping them decide on their career paths."



From left, WCCC Superintendent Maggie Hess, WCCC Director of Secondary Education Gary Patton, WCCC Cosmetology Instructor Jean Puckett, WCCC Cosmetology senior Brandon Naehring, Little Miami; WCCC Adult Education Cosmetology student Ashley Gilbert, WCCC Treasurer Karen Royer, B'Lewie Salon Owner Beth Lewis, WCCC Cosmetology Instructor Tammie Havenar, WCCC Alumni and B'Lewie Stylist Ashley Metz, and WCCC Director of Adult Education Tom Harris.