



WENDY BÉLANGER

"I feel like I'm doing something illegal – people pay me to do what I love!"

MC COLLEGE

experience the artistry

WHO IS SHE?

Wendy graduated from the Saskatoon campus of MC College in 1992, back when the school's only offering was an inclusive cosmetology program.

Since then she's:

- Done hair for the Emmy's, the Oscar's, and New York Fashion Week
- Been featured in numerous trade magazines
- Become a salon owner (Influence Salon in Calgary)
- Been named International Artistic Director for Pureology
- Named a finalist at the Canadian Hairdresser magazine's 2012 "Mirror Awards"
- Won "Alberta Stylist of the Year" for Salon magazine's 2012 "Contessa Awards"

Today Wendy travels the world doing what she loves: hair. She's a trendsetter, a salon owner, and an award winner.

WHY MC COLLEGE?

When she was growing up in Saskatchewan, you could always find the girls over at Wendy's house before a high school dance. Not because she lived close to the school, but because she's always had a talent for styling hair. After high school, cosmetology seemed like a perfect fit. And MC College Saskatoon offered her everything she was looking for.

Looking back on her career, Wendy knows that her drive and passion has a lot to do with why she's been so successful. But she also knows how important having a strong educational base has been. She has seen others coming up in her industry with plenty of passion, but lacking the strong skill set they needed to let their artistic vision fully come to life.

Today, still thankful for the start the school gave her, she stops by now and again as a guest lecturer at MC College.



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ADVICE FROM AN ALUM

Hairdressing, fashion, beauty – sure it can get you a great job at a salon, but it can also open up a whole world of travel, events, and introductions to some amazing people. If you're passionate about what you're doing, put everything you've got into it. That's what Wendy's done, and to this day she feels like she's never had to work a day in her life.

Today she gets to travel the world, meet her style idols, and set trends in magazines and on the red carpet, all because she followed her passion and worked hard at what she loved doing.