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YTI graduate finds dream job

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It was in the middle of a class project that KellyAnne Dubbs beat the economic odds in landing a job.

Dubbs was enrolled in YTI Career Institute in Mechanicsburg and was taking a 9-month massage therapy course. For a project, she had to interview someone who held her "dream job." Halfway through the interview, she got a chance at that dream.

"It was just some basic interview questions," Dubbs said. "In the middle of the interview, she asked, 'Would you like to work here?'"

The answer, of course, was yes.

After graduating on Thursday, May 24 with the rest of the YTI class, Dubbs started work the following Tuesday at BodyLogic Therapy at 1847 Market St., in Camp Hill.

"It's been busy," Dubbs said. "I've had three clients already, which isn't a lot, but that's good for me because I'm still working at Messiah (College) in the morning. I'm also building up my business and working out the insurance. It's like working three jobs."

Dubbs worked out an arrangement with BodyLogic owner Deb Gdovin, who was involved in the interview and ended up being a friend with Dubbs' instructor. Gdovin specializes in CranioSacral therapy, which allows her to work with clients suffering from depression, anxiety, migraines and mental disabilities, as well as other debilitating conditions, and she also offers Neuromuscular

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therapy, Deep Tissue therapy, Healing Stone therapy, Pregnancy Massage and Swedish Massage Therapy.

It was a surprise for Gdovin to come upon a student that she wanted to work with professionally.

"I just knew she is going to succeed," Gdovin said. "She has drive, and she's very dedicated to the profession."

KellyAnne ended up being the first of two soon-to-be graduates that Gdovin would take on, with a soon to be HACC graduate also in the wings.

"My hope and intent with this is to put them in the right direction and give them the business side of it," she said. "With schools, they get to learn the different techniques, but the business side kind of falls through."

In the arrangement with KellyAnne, the entrepreneur is helping the hopeful entrepreneur build up a client-base for a new business. Dubbs will work with some of BodyLogic's clients for three months before starting her own business underneath Gdovin's.

"I always wanted to have my own business," Dubbs said.

Massage therapy was something that was a bit of a last-minute career for Dubbs.

Originally from Delaware, Dubbs began attending Messiah College but when she couldn't afford to stay, a professor took her in and she decided to attend YTI.

"They mentioned they had a new program for massage therapy," she said. "Growing up, I just loved working with my hands, and I had to go to the chiropractor and massage therapist for a lot of my health problems that I had. I found it so relaxing, and I wanted to do it, but my life led me in a different direction. When all this happened, I just said, 'Screw it. I'm going to pursue it.' I don't know why I didn't do it in the first place."

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