

Hairdressing students from Edinburgh College reach the finals



Hairdressing students face national competition finals

A group of talented hairdressing students from Edinburgh College are delighted to have made it to the final cut of the Association of Hairdressers & Therapists (AHT) UK competition.

The AHT is a highly respected national network of hairdressing professionals, which holds regional and national competitions every year for students to compete to be crowned Britain's best student hairdresser.

This year's regionals took place at Coatbridge College in Lanarkshire and saw the Edinburgh College students take on hairdressing teams from across the country. The team did exceptionally well, picking up two 1st and a 3rd place in various competition categories.

Each student was required to create and present themed hairstyles complimented by make-up and costumes to a panel of judges.

The team of Edinburgh College Level 2 Hairdressers includes Lisa Inverarity for the avant-garde category, Louise Slow for gent's hairstyling and Caroline Doney for ladies evening style.

18-year-old Level 2 Hairdressing student, Lisa Inverarity, who

is from Wallyford but living in Tranent, caught the judges' attention with her hair-raising spider-inspired hairstyle in the avant-garde category.

Lisa said: "I'm so delighted to have come first-place in the regional competition. We were up against students from all over Scotland, and I'm really proud to be representing the college and competing for the British title next week."

"I went for the avant-garde category and had so many crazy ideas. In the end, I decided to create a spider-themed creation, with a massive afro and spider's legs, fangs and eyes. I think the judges liked it because it stood out and it was a technical hairstyle, no one did anything like that on the night and it was something different."

Lisa added: "In the future, I would really like to pursue my interest in high-fashion hair and perhaps even style celebrities – maybe even Lady Gaga!"

Edinburgh College Hairdressing Lecturer, Jackie Steele, who has previously won the AHT competition, said: "I am so proud of the girls. They were a credit to the college at the competition and worked incredibly hard on the night."

"I've competed in the AHT competition when I was training and I know the months of hard work, preparation and effort that goes into a competition like this and it is extremely rewarding for the excellent work of our students to be recognised at a national level."

The students have now earned their place at the UK final on March 18th at the Blackpool Winter Gardens.

Edinburgh College has an excellent track record with hair and beauty students, with a recent graduate coming first place in Sterex UK Student of the Year 2012, and our hairdressing students reaching 2nd place in the Association of Hairdressers and Therapists 2012 UK final.

Photography caption: (L – R) Model Shannen Torley and Level 2 Hairdresser student Lisa Inverarity.