Growing up, I never realized the importance of continuing education. I thought after you received your cosmetology license you were considered a professional for life. SkillsUSA has taught me that in order to be a successful individual, you need to exhibit professional development throughout your entire career. SkillsUSA truly cares about its members and is amazing at teaching the personal skills, workplace skills and technical skills found in our SkillsUSA Framework.

**CTE BELIEF STATEMENT**

*I am a believer that the traditional four year college route is not for everyone* and career and technical education should be offered to students without the stigma of it being less than a university degree. Career and technical educators believe in their students and find ways for students to turn their passions into reality. I believe career and technical education prepares students with the critical career readiness skills needed for the workforce.

**FUTURE GOALS**

*I would love to continue to advocate for SkillsUSA locally in my hometown.* I plan to finish my cosmetology license and specialize in esthetics. My ultimate goal is to own my own business, but until then I will utilize my license in a salon to build my clientele.