

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Louise Pantazis – North Babylon High School Class of 1977
(Cosmetology)

Louise Pantazis graduated from North Babylon High School and completed the Wilson Technological Center's two-year cosmetology program in 1977. From the very beginning Louise had a love and passion for the business. While in high school, she learned quickly and eagerly awaited the start of her career. Emitting passion and confidence, Louise began working in the field immediately and eventually opened a salon of her own at home.

A single mother of two, she tirelessly worked to build a clientele while providing top notch services and continuing her education in the field. Later, Louise's daughter, who also received her license in cosmetology and Louise's son who wanted to become a business owner, convinced her to move her salon outside of the home. Louise agreed, and is now the proud owner of Salon DiModa in West Babylon, NY now celebrating its sixth year anniversary!

Louise truly enjoys her work and strongly believes that advancing your education is crucial in this field. As a result, she requires her staff to attend regular cosmetology conferences and seminars as well as confidence building classes that focus on self-esteem, self-motivation and drive. These days Louise does not work behind a chair but instead focuses on teaching and mentoring, hoping to eventually open an advanced education school of her own. She has been in contact with staff at Western Suffolk BOCES hoping to volunteer her time by speaking to current BOCES cosmetology students about the importance of passion and confidence in this field and has offered to open her doors to recent graduates for continuing education purposes. As an added act of loyalty, Louise exclusively hires Western Suffolk BOCES cosmetology graduates. Louise and her family are grateful for the quality education she received at Western Suffolk BOCES.