



As the holiday season approaches it gives me the time to reflect on this past year. I have had the opportunity to meet so many wonderful Barbers. I am learning about the rich history of barbering. I wish each and every one of you and your families a safe and happy holiday. May 2017 bring peace to our world.

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### Barbers Giving Back.....

On Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, National Veterans Day the Hair Stop in Topeka owned by Theresa Patterson offered free haircuts to any past or present member of the military. They ended up giving many complimentary haircuts and received only hugs and thanks in return. Pictured above is David Voss 25 Years on the US Air Force.

Thanks to Theresa, Lori, Miranda and Jeff for a job well done.



### Interview from Fox and Ash-McPherson, Kansas



Caleb Porter enrolled at 360 Barber College when he was 19 and graduated a few months after turning 20 years old. When Caleb got out of school he worked at his own childhood barbershop, Headquarters Hair Care, located in McPherson. Their property was later bought out shortly after he left and opened Fox & Ash's first location at 111 E Euclid, McPherson, KS. This was a small, one chair barbershop, less than 150 square feet. **The vision for this shop when it opened, and the vision they continue, was to have a multicultural shop. One where any hair type, skin color, religion, sexual orientation could come in and receive the highest quality service possible.** With that, this shop has grown to a two-chair barbershop when James Whitfield, Wichita native, joined Fox and Ash. James also attended 360 Barber College. When they outgrew this shop they made the decision to move to a 625 square foot space located at 312 N Main Street in downtown McPherson. Congratulations to Caleb and Staff.



## News from our Barber Colleges:

**360 Barber College (Wichita)**-360 will be offering 500 hour refresher and crossover courses and in January Allied Health Services will train all the students and staff at 360 Barber College in CPR. The idea to CPR certify their staff and students resulted from a medical emergency of one of their students and will certainly set their students apart with this added training. We are very proud of this addition to their curriculum.

**Headlines Barber Academy**-(Kansas City)-Headlines is offering refresher and crossover courses and has several specials going on. In December with a non-perishable food item consumers will receive \$1.00 off their hair cut. In January they are offering ½ off the deposit for New Student Enrollments. Call the school at 913-703-9504 for details. They also offer a good student benefit where any student receiving straight A's or a 4.0 GPA can take their grade card in and receive a free haircut. All of these are ways Headlines is giving back to their community. They have 13 full time students enrolled.

**Midwest Barber College**-(Topeka) Midwest just held a community book drive where they donated hundreds of books to local charities. In addition Midwest will be accepting donations for the local Community Christmas Dinner. They have 3 new student enrollments in December and had all 3 of their candidates pass the boards which were held in October.

**Old Town Barber College**-Currently we have 44 students enrolled. We are having a food drive the month of December. If the customer brings a non-perishable food item they receive a free haircut. On Monday and Tuesday if the customer mentions our facebook special they will receive a free razor shave with a paid haircut. Old Town will be hosting the Barbering Exam on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Fort Leavenworth Vocational Barber Colleges**-FLVBC had 5 students sit for the Barbering Exam in November and each of these candidates scored a composite score of well over 90%. Great job to the instructors and students of FLVBC

**Paul Mitchell The School-Wichita**-Paul Mitchell received notification that the Department of Education has approved their Title IV funding!!! They started 5 barbers in our cash pay start in August. Federal Aid will be available to those who qualify going forward. We are very excited to add this barber program in the Wichita community.

**Prospective Schools**-Bellus Academy is excited to announce that their launch of a barbering program is underway at the Manhattan, Kansas location. "Bellus is currently working with contractors on a time line for the barbering school build-out. The architectural drawings for the new area are complete and the barbering school clinical, and educational areas will be added to the existing structure. Everyone with the Bellus Academy project is excited about the progress and the up coming construction.

Lori Ferguson is heading up the Bellus barbering program in Manhattan. Lori will be reviewing the curriculum and assisting with equipment purchases. Lori will work to establish a program schedule for barbering. Bellus Academy is looking forward to a great 2017 with our barbering launch.