

**Congratulations to former BCI student and graduate, Trisha Guay, who is on her way to New York this summer to train with Chris Baran, Redken Education Artistic Director.**

After graduating in 2011, Trisha continued her post-secondary schooling in Winnipeg at the U of M, before deciding to follow her dream and enrolled at The Salon Professionals Academy in Winnipeg. It was there that one of Trisha's instructors, Linda Friesen, saw potential in Guay, entering her in a North American school based competition. Trisha was chosen as 1 of 5 finalists and then began the wait until May 1<sup>st</sup>, when she finally received a text from her teacher saying "You need to call me right now." Trisha had officially won TSPA's Makeup Artist of the Year.

Trisha has always been interested in makeup and loves the confidence it brings out in people. Women, especially young girls, are bombarded with images of how they are "supposed to look". Trisha feels that all she does is enhance the features women already have with a little bit of makeup – and the reaction she gets from those few touches is better than anything she can think of.

Trisha has always been interested in drawing, as a teen, she took professional art classes in hopes to further a career in something creative – she never dreamed those art lessons would win her a trip to New York! Always interested in drawing and using different materials, Trisha says "People are so versatile, it's like taking on a new project with every client. You can do so many things with makeup and I've just barely touched upon where I want to be."

Says Guay, "I've spent lots of hours and time practicing to get to where I am. The sky really is the limit if you work for what you want."

