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**Southwest Colorado Community College  
Students Provide Services for Seniors**

**Mancos/Cortez** – Residents at Vista Mesa Assisted Living Residence in Cortez are getting free beauty treatments, compliments of Southwest Colorado Community College (SCCC) cosmetology students. Twice each month, SCCC students travel to the senior home to give haircuts, permanents and color treatments to residents who are not able to travel or not able to afford beauty services.

Appointments for Vista Mesa residents are made for the first Wednesday morning and third Friday evening of each month. This month they already have a color and perm scheduled.

“This is a win-win for our community and our students,” said campus dean Shannon South. “Our students get valuable training and our seniors get free services.”

The cosmetology program at SCCC is relatively new, having begun classes last May in a beautifully remodeled facility. SCCC will graduate its first students this December with certificates in Cosmetology.

The cosmetology school offers low-cost beauty services to the general public for as little as \$7 for a haircut and \$10 for a manicure. Senior citizens receive an additional discount. There are many services to choose from for hair, skin, nails and more.

SCCC, a division of Pueblo Community College, is now taking appointments for beauty services Tuesday – Friday, 8 - 11 a.m. and 4 - 8 p.m. Community members can take advantage of this opportunity by calling the cosmetology school at (970) 564-6270.

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