Celebrating Women's History Month (March)

"My Godmother Jeanie & Madam CJ Walker Who Inspired Me To Become A Hairstylist"

At the age of 5 years old is when I became intrigued with the art of hair. As a little girl I would watch my Godmother Jeanie braid and style hair. She didn't work in a salon it was at her home. Clients after clients I would watch her and then I would play in my god sister's hair, trying to mimic what I saw Godmother Jeanie doing. As I got a little older my mom started to take me to my cousin Tracy's hair salon to get my hair relaxed and styled. I watched everything she did and would asked her if I could come and help clean after school. She allowed me to help a little in the salon, I was also learning.

After high school I thought about going to beauty school, but I talked myself out of it after listen-



ing to others who told me it wasn't a good career to get into and that it would break my body down from the long standing. So, I choose not to go to beauty school after high school. It took me about 5 years later to realize I had a passion for the art of hair. I also realized I didn't like to braid hair, but it was time to go to beauty school and learn different ways I could express my art through hair. I have to thank my mom for always being my hair model and being a support while I was in school. I finished beauty school and went to work at a salon where I love doing hair locs/dreads. I have to also thank Angela, who's the owner of Passionate Hair Salon where I finally found my passion in doing hair.

I am so grateful to all the women who inspired me and learned from and supported me along my journey. To all the beauty inspirations that I didn't get a chance to meet personally, thank you. One of the pioneers

we've heard about during Black History & Women's History Month is Madam CJ Walker. She showed women of color how style their hair, educated them on what products to use on their hair. Ms. Walker also owned and operated a factory that included a hair salon and training facility where she taught other women of color how to sell products. She is one of the black women in the beauty industry that I look up to and love her business model. I see myself following in her steps, while still making my own.

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