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I want you to know that I have truly loved being in the Modeling I class with DeAnn.

Of course, being an adult, wife, and mother, I was a bit self-conscious being older than everyone else. However, after the first few minutes of class that was gone. Then I had to deal with my insecurity with myself. As I told everyone in class, actually taking the time to wear make-up made me feel pretty for the first time in my life. I had never let myself believe that, much less say it out loud, before.

I now take pride in myself that I never did before. I always worried about taking care of everything and everyone else before even giving myself the luxury of thinking or doing anything for myself. I have finally allowed myself the luxury of feeling, looking, and acting pretty. I love the feeling. It is such an invigorating feeling. It feels great to know that it is "OK" to think and act pretty.

My confidence level has grown by leaps and bounds. I have always been confident in knowing that I could do anything that was asked of me or anything that I attempted to do. However, because I now feel better about myself, I now have the confidence to go out and tackle those things that I have always dreamed of doing, namely becoming an actress. I no longer feel self-conscious about my dream. I used to worry about what people thought about my dream of becoming an actress. I had been told that I was dumb for wanting to be an actress because I was an adult and the acting business just for fun and just for kids. Well, I have to take control of my own life and stop worrying about what other people think and say about my dream. With my new found confidence and pride, I know that I am going to fulfill my dream.

I want to thank you, Caryn and Kat, for accepting me into your class. It has been a very important step in my life and it has also been a lot of fun.

I especially want to thank you, DeAnn, for teaching an "old dog" some "new tricks". I have had a lot of fun practicing with my make-up and going upstairs to Nicole and saying "Well, what do you think? Does it look ok?". She laughs at me, oh well. The most fun, though, has come from practicing runway walking in my livingroom, while one of my cats attacks my legs as I go past him because he thinks my legs are a toy for him to play with.

Seriously though, DeAnn you have helped me to become a more confident person by improving my self-image. I can hardly wait to finally get the chance to audition for a modeling or acting job.