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A Saint John’s Story



Members of the SJU Physical Plant staff

We have a hair styling salon on campus called the Razor, owned and operated by Tonya Mohr. It provides hair styling services to students, faculty, staff and occasional visitors. A mother was in the shop recently to get her hair cut, and she called her son to come to the shop to get his hair cut, with the incentive being that she’d pay. He was not able to make it that day but made an appointment for the next day. His mother started to leave money to pay for her son’s haircut and Tonya told her that was not necessary. The mother inquired as to why her son would not have to pay.

It turns out that a member of the Saint John’s custodial staff had recently stopped by the shop and paid for six haircuts. The staff person told Tonya that these haircuts were a Christmas present to Johnnies, in appreciation for the opportunity to work with them and get to know them

through the staff person’s job at Saint John’s. It should be noted that this job basically requires cleaning up after undergraduate males in a dormitory setting. You can imagine what this might entail.

The staff person told Tonya to offer the free haircuts to any Johnnie she felt was deserving and would appreciate the gift.

A story to warm the heart of parents everywhere. Happy Holidays from Saint John’s University!

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