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Vidal Sassoon.

That is all one has to say and all can associate such words:
***brilliant, unsurpassed, beyond inventive, a prodigy,
eminent, and revolutionary.***

Vidal Sassoon's ambition has sparked imaginative minds of all – not only those among the cosmetology industry. However, personally, Vidal Sassoon has shaped how I see my future.

I have grown up in a hair salon. My mother owns a hair salon and I can thank her for inspiring me to have the aspirations I have today. An aspiration to be beyond great. However, I want more than to just be apart of a predominately family-oriented salon in a small-scale city. My mother had aspirations to move to a big city and become a renowned hair stylist, however, she settled and does not want me to do the same. ***I will not settle.***

I see my future as being **revolutionary**, much like Mr. Sassoon's career.

Vidal Sassoon never settled for being just another stylist. He constantly experimented with new cuts and techniques and most importantly, never stopped learning. I am constantly teaching myself new techniques and keeping up with the latest trends, furthering and pushing my skill set. I know learning and reinforcement are critical keys in becoming someone as renowned as Vidal Sassoon, however, I believe it is *more than just practical abilities*. Rooted down within oneself lies the potential to be great, however, if the desire to **do whatever it takes to obtain greatness** is not present – greatness will never be achieved.

I share the same **relentless passion** for prominence, as Vidal Sassoon. From a young age, I have always stood out in cosmetology: competing and placing high in statewide competitions; I was even accepted early to my high school cosmetology program. My cosmetology teacher once told me, "Shelby, your skills in this industry are undeniable, yet your passion for it exceeds that."

A quote by Vidal Sassoon has always stuck out to me,
***"Hair excited me. As the old ways – backcombing,
rollers and rigidity – went out the window, I started
to feel the possibilities in front of my eyes."***

I know I have so much to offer the hair industry, as Vidal Sassoon did. I am going to keep putting my ideas, my work, out for the industry to critique until one sticks; I will keep trying until I am noticed, and I will continue on to grow.

**Once I am discovered, I will not be
forgotten.**

