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## Student Wins National Recognition

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A beauty therapist from Withernwick was crowned top of the class nationally after completing a key qualification to the highest standard in the country.

Julia Moulds, 41, was awarded the prestigious Bhandari Prize by the Royal Institute for Public Health for achieving the best grade in the level two Certificate in Salon Hygiene (Beauty Therapy). Julia took the qualification at East Riding College in Beverley as part of her level two Beauty Therapy course. She beat 400 other entrants to win the prize.

She was presented with her prize, sponsored by the Hairdressing Council, at an awards ceremony at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in London. It is the second successive year an East Riding College student has scooped the Bhandari Prize after Anne Seinko from Hornsea won it last year.

Julia, who has now completed the level three Beauty Therapy course, said: "I was thrilled to receive this national award. "Cleanliness is the kind of thing that goes unnoticed if it's done properly but a high standard of hygiene is essential to running a beauty therapy business and ensuring clients' safety.

"My ambition is to run a small but successful business from home and this award has really boosted my confidence."

Salon Hygiene lecturer Jillian Uscroft, Julia and Anne's course tutor, said: "I'm very excited that a student from East Riding College has achieved national recognition for the second year in a row. "I'm extremely proud of Julia. She put in a lot of hard work and effort which resulted in this achievement."

The aim of the Certificate in Salon Hygiene is to equip salon staff with the knowledge and understanding required to help ensure the safety of their clients, and of themselves and their colleagues, through the use of safe and hygienic practices and procedures within the salon.

Christopher Suter, RIPH director of qualifications, said: "The level two award in salon hygiene is an important qualification that is taken by experienced and knowledgeable people.

"To gain the top mark is a significant achievement of which Julie and her tutor, Jillian, can be proud. "For the future we will continue to work with East Riding College and other trainers to ensure that our qualifications meet their needs."