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## Fashion Addicts at El Camino College

**Who:** El Camino College

**What:** Fashion Addict, 21st annual Spring student fashion show

**When:** June 5

**Where:** El Camino College's **Campus Theater**, Torrance, Calif.

**The Scene:** Those in search of a quick fashion fix weren't disappointed after seeing the works of El Camino College's student designers, who showcased their collections at the community college's Fashion Addict annual student fashion show.

Also showing their designs were high school fashion students selected for the "Shining Stars" scholarship, as well as younger students who participated in the college's "Kids Can Sew" program.

Student presented a wide range of styles on the runway, including designs that veered toward vintage looks. These, presented in a segment titled "Alter Ego," varied from elegant silhouettes dating from the '40s and '50s to clothing with an updated '80s edge. The pieces were actually thrift-store finds altered to suit each designer's vision.

Some designers featured styles inspired by costumes and cross-cultural references, but most produced wearable looks that reflected the California-casual lifestyle. In addition, a swimwear category, influenced by the West Coast, premiered this year on the catwalk.

Student designs that received awards included: Irma Ruiz-Venegas' tailored charcoal-blue blazer for best workmanship, Alina Chu's military-inspired look for best marketability, Sheerin Namin's black evening dress with sequined bangles for best presentation, Alessandra Higa's gold evening dress for one-of-a-kind appeal, Danielle Kroehne's feather-trimmed tent mini-dress for cutting-edge style, and Nicole Beltzar's black evening gown with hot-pink slotted princess seams for creativity. The last presentation was the Julie Collett Best of Show Award, which was given to Danielle Kroehne for her charcoal-gray Mariano Fortuny-like, pleated empire evening dress.

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