El Camino Students Design Eclectic

Who: El Camino College
What: Reflections...A Fashion Affair
When: June 2
Where: Marsee Auditorium, El Camino College

Stephanie Coppa wears tattoos and 1950s-inspired rockabilly clothes perfect for a rock club. However, this graduating fashion student made an elegant burgundy and ivory gown, seemingly tailored for a ballroom, and won the Best of Show Award at the 22nd annual fashion show at the Torrance, Calif.–based community college.

Coppa and the 17 other members of El Camino College’s graduating fashion class debuted a whopping 150 outfits, which ranged from swimwear, denim-based casualwear and conservative office clothes to stunning eveningwear.

Other graduates who won awards were Sandy Ulen for her wetsuit-inspired beachwear and Risako Kambe for her modern and pop art–inspired clothes. Notable pieces included Native American traditional dress made contemporary with brighter colors and new fabrics by Michelle Nuñez.—Andrew Asch