Fashion Bound

Who: El Camino College
What: “Fashion Bound,” the college’s 23rd annual student-design fashion show
When: June 3
Where: The college’s Marsee Auditorium, Torrance, Calif.

The Scene: El Camino’s annual student fashion show began with a farewell. Chris Moran-Wisdom, who founded the fashion department 26 years ago, announced her retirement as fashion department advisor. She had mentored more than 4,000 students.

Yet Moran-Wisdom said her academic vision will stay strong long after she departs the scene. “These kids are going to have a foundation in fashion and get a job where they will be able to buy a house and a car,” she said.

El Camino’s fashion students certainly showed they had that foundation. The small class of 10 students showed 80 looks that ranged from swimwear to eveningwear. New student Aracelli Arriola made a splash by winning the “Best of Show” award.

Even though Arriola just completed her first semester at El Camino, she has spent the past 12 years sewing and supporting herself with a small gown and bridalwear business. She broke from her typical designs to showcase exotic, Indian-inspired casualwear that ranged from halter tops to wrap pants. “I wanted something casual without going to jeans,” she said.

Other students honored included Matthew Paul Robinson for Best in Collections, Vanessa Scouton for Best in Daywear, Miki Furugen for Best in Eveningwear and Maria Munoz for Best in Swimwear. El Camino student Denise Myles also won a scholarship to take seminars at Los Angeles-based Fashion Business Inc., which helps young designers and companies grow their business.

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