Fashion Department History

The fashion department of El Camino College has transformed many of its students into successful designers, manufacturers and merchandisers over the course of the last 50 years.

Some of the most memorable and successful students have gone on to have careers in varying fields of design. Naomi Rodriguez a former student, Costume Designer for the Academy Award winning short film "Visas & Virtues", is now a Live Entertainment Costumer for one of the world’s major theme parks “Disneyland.” Tenaya Barrios, a Technical Designer for the Disney Company: Girls Division and Youth Costume. Eden Clark Coblenz, Costumer; Margaret Islander, founder of Margaret Islander School of Fashion Arts; and Nina Blanchard, founder of Blanchard Modeling Agency and author of “Look” and “The Look”. Their experiences at El Camino College undoubtedly helped to launch dreams and realize their goals.

El Camino College initiated its first fashion show over 18 years ago, not only to exhibit our fashion students, but inspire students as well as broaden their horizons. Dr. Thomas Fallo, the President of the college presents “Shining Stars” students from surrounding high schools who enter their own designs in the show. The Fashion Production class produces the show as a corporation in which, officers and committee members are selected. A budget is appointed for advertising and promotion of the show, models are trained and sectored, and student designs of garments are designated. The Designing Minds Club and Club Members provide additional contributions. All proceeds raised go toward next year’s fashion show, student scholarships, and equipment for the fashion department. This hands-on education completes in a commemoration night of fun and fashion which exhibits El Camino’s pride to the campus and community.

So join us on Wednesday, May 17, 2000 at 6:30 P.M. For FLAUNT.COM at El Camino College, in the center of the South Bay, the place where the trend expands and still grows beyond the year 2000.

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