FASHION DEPARTMENT HISTORY

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

Some of the most memorable and successful students have gone on to have careers varying in fields of design. Former student, Naomi Yoshida, was the Costume Designer for the Academy Award winning short film Visas & Virtue. She now works as a live Entertainment Costumer for one of the world’s major theme parks, Disneyland. Tenaya Barrios, is a technical designer for Disney's Company Girls Division and Youth Costume Organization. Eden Clark Coblenz is a Motion Picture Costume Supervisor for Margaret Islander the founder of Margaret Islander School of Fashion Arts. Nina Blanchard founder of Blanchard Modeling Agency and author of “Look” and “The Look.” James Ogg, Freelance Design and Graphic Artist. Their experiences at El Camino College undoubtedly helped build self-confidence to launch their dreams and set the path for their goals.

El Camino initiated its first fashion show 22 years ago, not only to exhibit our fashion students, but to also inspire students and broaden their horizons. Students from surrounding high schools will compete for the Shining Stars award. They will enter their own designs and will be judged by industry professionals.

The Fashion Show Production Class operates as a corporation in which the president, vice-president, officers and committee members are selected, developed and produced the event. A budget is calculated for advertising, promotion, and staging. The students designs are displayed by models who are trained in walks that are choreographed by the model committee. The Designing Minds fashion club provides additional funding as a sponsor of this event. All proceeds go towards next year’s fashion show and student scholarship. This hands-on experience exhibits El Camino’s pride to the campus and the community.

Thanks to Fashion Advisors: Chris Morán-Wisdom and Melanie McFarland; Fashion Instructors: Beverly Carlson, Lynn Strobel, Vera Bruce, Christine Mariotti and Shirley Warren, for the team work, dedication and creativity to show off ECC Fashion Students. Which gives the students of El Camino College the opportunities of a fully equipped atmosphere and the skills needed to direct and produce a successful and professional fashion show.