PASSION FOR FASHION

Students model their work in the show, "Fashion Fully Loaded," at El Camino College's 24th Annual Spring Fashion show, sponsored by Tailor Made, is fast approaching. Only weeks before its spotlight appearance on Friday, June 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium, the fashion show's primary sponsor, Tailor Made, is fast approaching.

Fashion design major and the designer for the show, Topaz Tintin, said, "El Camino Fashion Show, Fashion Fully Loaded," is undergoing its final touches. "The show is one of the requirements for the merchandising curriculum which enables students to gain an associate's degree," Melissa McFarland, fashion instructor and adviser, said. From creating a theme for the show to training the models to designing the stage, the fashion production class was responsible for every last detail of the show.

"This helps students because they learn how to

- Plan and coordinate the event
- Hire and manage models
- Create and execute a budget
- Source and negotiate with vendors
- Coordinate with other departments, such as public relations and marketing
- Ensure the show runs smoothly and is successful"

It's a lot of work, but it's fun.

- Bianca Walker, Member of the fashion design class

"I've been a fashion design major for three years and have enjoyed every aspect of it. It's been a great experience overall, but I wish I had known "I wanted to do this" before. The work will be more challenging, but I will enjoy it.

The students in the classes were responsible for designing garments for the models to showcase on the stage. In previous shows, Tammy Minion, fashion student, usually created and sewed garments for the show, but this year her collection will feature four coordinating outfits. The outfits will represent the elements of earth, fire, water and air.

"The collections are supposed to have a theme that binds the pieces, like fabrics or lines," Minion said.

This year's show will feature designs by pattern-making, draping, fitting and alteration classes.

The cosmology class is responsible for makeup and hair design. They will work with the models between rehearsals and the day of the show.

"Our main focus is to involve the community. We want people to know that fashion is here at ECC. It's a viable business, and for some who may be wondering what to do with their futures, the fashion show might get them interested," McFarland said.

El Camino College Students Receive Finer Points of Fashion

Wearing: Fashion & Related Technologies Department of El Camino College

When: "Fashion Fully Loaded" runway show

Where: June 2, 2006

Where: El Camino Auditorium, El Camino College, Torrance, Calif.

Designers: 

- Carol Lopez
- Megan Brookens
- Brianne Conrad
- Ana Barrios

El Camino students raised $8,000 to produce the event, and 30 aspiring fashion designers showed their latest creations. The other garments included swimsuits, formal, streetwear, and casual.

A wedding dress designed by fashion student Araceli Arias, who was last year's Best of Show winner, received heavy applause from the audience.

- Andrea Azar

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El Camino College Students have showcased their work at the college's annual spring fashion show, attracting a large and enthusiastic audience. The show features a variety of garments created by fashion design students, who are responsible for every aspect of the show, from planning and coordination to fashion design and execution. The event is a great opportunity for students to gain hands-on experience in the fashion industry and showcase their skills and creativity. The show is fast approaching, and the students are currently preparing for the event, which is expected to be another successful and exciting occasion. 

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