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JFK senior finds inspiration in Disney fashion

Cheektowaga (Feb. 26, 2018) - Students in the Fashion Design and Merchandising program at Erie 1 BOCES will have their handmade outfits take to the runway for all to see during the 2018 FUSION Fashion Show: Industrial Revolution at Buffalo State College.

Now in its ninth year, the FUSION Fashion Show on Thursday, March 15 will showcase the work of nearly a dozen seniors from high schools across Western New York, including Elizabeth Acevedo of John F. Kennedy High School. The show takes place at 7 p.m. in the college's Campbell Student Union Social Hall, 1300 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo.

Elizabeth discovered her passion for designing garments at a young age. She is inspired by the fashion industry's diversity and how there is no concept of right and wrong, thus allowing people to freely express themselves as they see fit.



“I love the idea of being able to use clothing to help develop a story,” she noted. “The designs I’m showcasing have a heavy inspiration from the Disney movies I cherished as a child. While growing up, the Disney princesses inspired me to become a better and more confident version of myself. I hope that these designs will help me share that gift with other girls who need a little help to know they are beautiful.”

Elizabeth said she has learned many technical skills to help her advance her career in the fashion industry, thanks to Erie 1 BOCES. She added she has learned more about herself as a designer and as a person.

After graduation, Elizabeth plans on attending Buffalo State College and then moving on to the Fashion Institute of Technology. She would also like to travel and visit the fashion capitals of the world. Her dream is to design for a major production on Broadway or in film, and to possibly open up her own atelier.

Erie 1 BOCES’ two-year Fashion Design and Merchandising program at the Harkness Career & Technical Center teaches students how to dress, style and create trends based on design elements and the fashion cycle. Students also create a successful business plan for a fashion boutique, setting them up for future success.

The fashion show is free and open to the public. Doors open at 6 p.m. Unreserved tickets will be available at the door. Questions may be emailed to instructor Darlene Borchert (dborchert@e1b.org).

Jeans, T-shirts and dress shirts will be accepted at the fashion show as part of a donation drive to benefit Goodwill of Western New York. The students’ upcycled fashions that will be featured at the show were created from clothing items donated to the class by Goodwill. Visit www.goodwillwny.org for more information.

About Erie 1 BOCES

As part of public education, Erie 1 BOCES offers a variety of career and technical programs during the regular school day to high school students in Erie County. High school students interested in learning more about how they can participate in various programs such as fashion design, web and gaming technologies, health careers or aviation technology, should visit www.e1b.org/cte or speak with their high school counselor.

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