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Kenmore senior living her dream in fashion design

Kenmore (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 Jasmine Selapack of Kenmore East High School. The show takes place at 7 p.m. in the college's Campbell Student Union Social Hall, 1300 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo.



Jasmine has dreamed of being a fashion designer since elementary school. She noted she is inspired most by the originality of the work in the industry – how no two designs are alike.

“Fashion has transformed from this thing that seemed so far out of reach for me to what I realize it is today; it’s everywhere,” she pointed out. “Being able to see my drawings come to life once they’re produced is very satisfying.”

Tim Burton films have always interested Jasmine, so it was only natural to have that creativity reflected in her designs. Her fashion show garments draw upon “Corpse Bride,” “Beetlejuice” and “Coraline,” the last of which has characteristics similar to Burton’s movies.

Jasmine said she feels a close bond with many of her fellow classmates, noting the class is like a family.

After graduation, Jasmine plans on attending Buffalo State College for three years and then transferring to the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City as part of the College’s Three-One program.

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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