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The program cover award is given to the senior student who produced the most photogenic look from all garments submitted for the fashion show. The suitability of the garment(s) for the cover award was determined by popular vote from the art and design faculty, and the winning design is featured on the front cover of the Lindenwood Spring Fashion Show program booklet.

Cover award winner: Nyla Coleman

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OUR PROGRAM

LINDENWOOD FASHION DESIGN PROGRAM

Fashion reflects the political mood, economic conditions, technical achievements, aesthetic standards, and social milieu of a given culture. The Lindenwood University Fashion Department prepares students to succeed in this rich, cultural environment.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

In the Fashion Design Program, coursework incorporates design, sewing, fashion illustrating, flat patternmaking and draping, computeraided design, garment construction and fit, industry software knowledge, and conceptual and critical thinking.

Students will build their digital and traditional portfolios with design projects from courses using industry-standard design applications. Students are taught traditional and computer-generated design as they develop their own sense of design and style. Lindenwood's Fashion Design Program combines creativity and technical expertise to prepare tomorrow's design professionals.

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WHEN DID YOU DECIDE TO PURSUE A CAREER IN FASHION? I decided to pursue a career in fashion because I've always had this creative side of me that I didn't want to go unnoticed. I felt I had a better chance expressing myself through my work.

WHO WOULD BE YOUR DREAM DESIGNER TO WORK ALONGSIDE? Sarah Burton (Alexander McQueen)

Photography: Justin Barr | Missouri Style Week 2015

WHAT INSPIRES YOU CREATIVELY? PROFESSIONALLY?

What inspires me creatively is my aspiration to see more dynamic designs in the society. What inspires me professionally is my Lindenwood professional family. They give me the extra push I need to keep going in this place called the real world.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE MOST PRESSING ISSUES FACING TODAY'S FASHION DESIGNERS? MODELS? ACCESSORY DESIGNERS?

The most pressing issues fashion designers are facing today is keeping up with fast fashion and making it look competitive; trends change very often. Also I like to keep a good image as a designer by constantly working on new things. Pressing issues as far as models is keeping up a certain weight and a certain image. Accessory designers are less recognized and often go unnoticed when they work just as hard as fashion designers.

WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF FIVE YEARS FROM NOW?

Five years from now I see myself as a business owner but also still presenting and gaining exposure for my work in fashion shows.

DO YOU HAVE ANY ADVICE FOR FUTURE LINDENWOOD UNIVERSITY FASHION DESIGNERS OR THOSE WHO ARE PREPARING TO ENTER THE INDUSTRY?

Yes! Please get a lot of sleep! Keep up with recent trends, learn all of the Adobe programs, and develop good research methods. Practice sewing! Also, no excuses!

HOW WOULD YOU CATEGORIZE YOUR AESTHETIC? Minimalist, but yet impactful.

WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THE FUTURE OF FASHION, WHAT DO YOU SEE?

When I think of the future in fashion, I see everything being less idealistic. I feel now in the fashion field there is no right or wrong when designing. In the future, things will be much freer!



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RICHARD COTTO San Juan, Puerto Rico



Born and raised in Puerto Rico, now living in St. Louis, Cotto has over 10 years of sewing experience. Thanks to the exposure of the work field and academia, his passions are patternmaking, technical design, and meticulously translating his design vision into a clear 2D template and later a 3D piece. Excellent craftsmanship and sophisticated design have given him the chance to feature his fashion line in numerous fashion events like Puerto Rico High Fashion Week, The Miss Universe Organization, Fashion's Night Out, and Missouri Style Week among others. 2013 was a year of great achievements, with the launching of the first RTW collection totally designed and produced in Puerto Rico, and sold in a pop-up store in the biggest mall of the Caribbean, Plaza Las Americas. Since 2014, he has been working on acquiring a Master of Arts in Fashion Design while contemplating new horizons, including a move to New York.

St. Louis, Mo. MEGAN OPICH

Refraction



I'm a bold person and that shows through in my designs. Instead of using my usual bold colors and patterns, for this collection I chose to show bold through the materials and the excessive amounts of jewels and beads to create attention grabbing pieces of art. My collection is called Refraction. Refraction is the turning or bending of any wave, such as a



light or sound wave, when it passes from one medium into another of different optical density. This is exactly what happens to light when it hits the surface of crystals to form a prism.

My inspiration for this collection came directly from crystal chandeliers. I enjoy the fact that they are the center of attention in any room. My silhouettes are inspired by the structure of different chandeliers. Since they come in different shapes and forms, I wanted to include as many different types of crystals to show variety. Much like most chandelier designs, the design of the garments will be over the top. I wanted to explore the usage of metal, crystals, and beads to cover and decorate the female figure.

I hope to achieve a sense of elegance and class, but also an element of fun. I don't want these pieces to be taken too seriously, because they are surprising, exaggerated, and whimsical.

Follow your dreams.

NICOLE YANKO St. Louis, Mo.

Camellia

My creativity with fashion began at a young age.
Accessorizing and styling myself became an important part of every day for me.
Looking presentable is a very significant factor in my daily routine. I believe this is a guideline that everyone should



follow because you never know what can happen in a day, so every impression you give matters. This is also one of the reasons that my personal style has matured in the past years. As a fashion designer, I have a very clean and feminine aesthetic that shows throughout my work. My inspiration comes from timeless, elegant pieces. Mostly, my designs are influenced by elegance and sophistication. A classy design enables a woman to be chic and refined. The cleanliness of a look is imperative to how elegant it will be.



Florissant, Mo. NYLA COLEMAN

Regal









Since I was a little girl I dreamed of going to Paris, France. In the spring and summer of 2014, I had the chance to experience the culture, architecture, and fashion of the city. Once I left, I was inspired by the city, especially the architecture. My favorite architectural space was the Palace of Versailles. The palace was beautifully decorated with gold embellishments and art of the 17th century. This collection is inspired by the craftsmanship and embellishment of the palace.

CODY FLOYD High Ridge, Mo.

Crasis

Ask me in three months how I feel. I have fallen into a blackening, chic void of fashion design in which I have negligible amounts of hope to escape. Socially, I have become a hermit and make only appearances with reasonable frequency to convince my dearest humanoids that I am still as completely sane as they are. Within my shell, a small flame flickers and dances upon my weary candle of consciousness. Its glow illuminates the cavernous husk of my being and brings enough energy to muster the drive to harness my sewing machine and drive the needle into layers upon layers of fabric. Each puncture of the needle is



bring Crasis to life. Imagine a warrior gearing up for battle by equipping armor, or a priest donning customary robes before beginning a sermon. A certain personality and attitude aligns with the garments that each person wears in order to accomplish his or her unique goals. Humans must adapt to their surroundings and situations to make certain achievements, and how they choose to pursue their goals affects their individual outcome to an extent. The collection, Crasis, exaggerates four different personality types that can be undertaken in order to accomplish a goal, as well as the balance kept between the four in order to create a unique, individual personality. The definition of Crasis is composition. It is my intention to personally pour a unique personality into each garment, my spirit making their composition. When all garments reach completion, their arrangement in the show will be my redemption. Seeing your art come alive and become reality makes months and months of hard, grilling work worth

it. It is painful now, but in a few months I will only remember how much I enjoyed creating in the studio with such a diverse cast of fashionistas.



Limitless





Fashion communicates who we want to be, and it influences our perceptions and values. For this reason, as long as I can remember, I've wanted to be a fashion designer. As a fashion designer, my focus is on designing clothes for real women in the real world. Fashion brands and their logos, in many cases, have become the fashion product. My career goal is to bring innovative fashion back with a relentless focus on quality and design. The inspiration for my Limitless collection came from different forms of art with geometric shapes. My collection is a mix of luxurious fabrics, soft architectural shapes, and simple colors. Each of my pieces are designed to accentuate a woman's silhouette with the use of interesting cutouts and unique details. Limitless means without end, limit or boundary. My hope is that my collection will inspire women everywhere, to turn their dreams into action knowing that there are no limits to what they can accomplish.

LAUREN KNIGHT High Ridge, Mo.



I started my education in the fashion industry in 2012 at the University of Missouri (Mizzou). After attending Mizzou for two years, I moved back home to St. Louis to raise my daughter, Oakleigh, and finish my bachelor's degree. In 2014, I began studying at Lindenwood University in St. Charles. I am currently a senior at Lindenwood and working on a new collection for my senior project. The collection is inspired by Deception Pass Bridge in Washington. When designing this collection, I took many of my silhouettes directly from the curved structure of the bridge. When choosing fabric, I wanted to keep a dark aspect to represent the gloom of the state of Washington. Deception Pass Bridge is often called "Suicide Bridge" by the locals. During the winter months, which happens to be the rainy season, the suicide rate at the bridge increases dramatically. I thought it was important to represent that in my collection with many shades of black and gray. Along with my dark fabrics, I wanted to incorporate a lot of geometric prints and textures to represent the underlying structure and support system of the bridge.

St. Louis, Mo. PARIS BROOKS

Revelation



In choosing this topic for my collection, I didn't want to attempt to capture the feeling of anger as anybody would feel. This was meant to be personal, since this is something that I have struggled with for years. It is obviously a problem people have had well beyond my existence, since there is an entire level, or circle, in Hell dedicated to dealing with the wrathful. In Dante's Inferno, the fifth level of Hell is split above and below the murky waters of the River Styx. Those who have shown anger would attack each other on the river's surface while those who had



repressed anger would eternally drown beneath the river. Sounds lovely, right? Everybody has been mad before. It is not a new feeling, but to feel wrath is different entirely. Wrath is very stifling. Nothing is seen clearly for what it really is. Cute little birds chirping in the sky turn into big, scary demons whispering hurtful nothings in your ear. How it affects someone's life is very profound. Every semester, I experience this feeling. I'm constantly confronted with the fact that I'm not good at something, or that I may never be good at it. It is completely infuriating. I'm aware that I will always be in situations like this, but I've never been one to take criticism well. The feeling always starts the same; small, yet annoying, growing bit by bit, until it is big enough to take me over entirely like a wave. Since "my wrath" has been a consistent problem in my life for a while, I have decided that this was the time to explore (and exploit) it. Perhaps this will help me finally release it so that I can stop causing harm to myself. With my 2017 Fall? Winter collection titled Revelation, I plan on emancipating myself from my demons with anticipation of starting a new chapter.

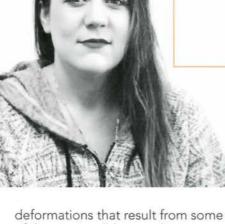
ELIZABETH RANDOLPH St. Charles, Mo.

Pathology

It took me almost 10 years to determine what I wanted do with the rest of my life. After a lot of trial and error, I landed back in school designing fashions that physically pushed me to the point of breaking. If I was going to succeed, I would have to make something I was passionate about – Pathology, or the science of the causes and effects of diseases. So I set out to bring the ugly truth of diseases to life, and along the way I began to appreciate the intricacies of







deformations that result from some of the most well-known diseases: muscular dystrophy, cardiomyopathy, osteoporosis, Alzheimer's, and COPD. Each of these prevents organs from functioning properly.

It is my intention to illustrate through my collection what happens to each organ post-diagnosis; to embrace the wonderment of how something so small can affect something so big. One gene altered can cause catastrophic results. It can be the difference between life and death.

It is through awareness and knowledge that I can take my step forward into the world of fashion technology, hopefully, one day finding a way to merge medicine with fashion. Until then, I will continue to examine the unknown in hopes to make it know.

"In examining disease, we gain wisdom about anatomy and physiology and biology. In examining the person with disease, WE GAIN WISDOM ABOUT LIFE." - Oliver Sacks



Cape Girardeau, Mo. EMILY TIEHES

Dolor







For me, designing was always a form of art and relief all at once. Growing up, I realized it's a great way to let off anxiety, anger, and depression. As someone who has always been inspired by the darkest parts of life, I present Dolor, an exploration of grief and the human mind. Dolor, or "grief" in Latin, is what I call the visual, fashion representation of the mind as someone explores grieving. After going through a tremendous loss, one will experience what psychologists call the seven stages of grief, and from here is where



my collection is spawned. After experiencing some grief within my family in the past year, I became inspired to turn my pain and loss into something beautiful with Dolor. Each component of my collection is inspired mainly by the first four of the seven stages: shock, denial, anger, and depression. My manipulation of choice grows from the idea that when experiencing loss, the mind has no way of focus, and thoughts run rampant. My cuts represent the pain of losing something precious, and the transparency translates from the fourth stage of grief. The "depression" stage, develops as the psyche realizes the missing pieces and the victim tries to hide, but often times finds themself struggling to do so.

This collection was inspired by more than just grief. I dedicate this visual representation of sadness and loss to all who have experienced the pain of losing someone close, as well as to my late grandfather, Bob Tiehes. I love you

and miss you.

ASHLEY ALBERT Wildwood, Mo.

Diametric









Throughout the course of my life, I have been very inspired and have become very passionate about the world of fashion.

My collection, Diametric, is inspired by origami, which is something that I have been interested in since childhood. I was very inspired by the vast uses of origami in China, Japan, and all over the world. It is this diversity that sparked the idea to present origami as fashion, and better yet, bring colorful patterns to accentuate rigid, stiff structures.

O'fallon, Mo. JENA MILLER

Kerfluffle



My concept is inspired by one with an overactive mind, but more specifically, my personal thought process and the struggles I go through with communicating these thoughts to others. I wanted to feel connected with my concept, which is why I chose for my collection to revolve around my own experiences while maintaining an upbeat demeanor. Having an overactive mind is extremely exhausting and overwhelming. It often consumes me with flooded thoughts, ideas, feelings, and opinions all at once and rarely shuts off. With so much going on at once, I either tend to say too much or not communicate it properly. To convey this creative thought process throughout my pieces, I chose various forms of non-traditional materials for my fabric manipulations. My designs also include a lot of texture, bright colors, crazy prints, and 3D pieces. This collection is not only a direct reflection of my personal narrative, but a therapeutic way of self-expression brought through with fashion design. My hope is to portray to others the visual representation of what my mind is thinking and what my voice cannot properly translate.

JORGE MARRERO Ceiba, Puerto Rico

Esoteric

Movement, utility, and assembly were the concepts that kept going through my head when I was researching for this particular collection. Other than that, nothing was planned, just that I wanted to play with these concepts in menswear. Menswear, in my opinion, is not exploited enough. We rarely use it as reference or even take it into consideration when developing ideas to be presented to an audience. As men, we are marked by the characteristics of being strong, rough, hardworking, and reliable, so I took

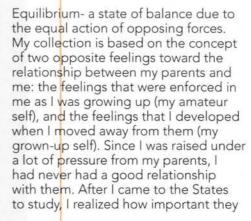


these particular characteristics and tied them up with what I already had. I researched jobs around the world that were dangerous or life threatening and even have an emotional reaction on the worker. I wanted to search for something that produced a very emotionally and physically strong man. I personally consider men who work the earth as some of the strongest in the world, both physically and emotionally, this being influenced by my experience with my grandfather, who worked in agriculture. Then, I thought about men that worked underneath it, as they surely must be unstoppable. The risks must be incomparable, but the satisfaction must outweigh everything else. After all the research, it became obvious that mining would be my central theme in this adventure. There was no question that it was a perfect combination of everything that I was looking for. There was also an element of surprise to the whole thing: beauty. There is something beautiful about risking it all, about seeking for beauty underneath the surface of existence.



Tokyo, Japan MIHO HONDA

Equilibrium





are and how much they dedicated their life to me. I've been trying to be a better daughter in order to show them my appreciation, but my amateur side always prevents me from being my grown-up self. Although, I have tried to abandon my amateur side, it has been impossible because that side is the base of my personality. In fact, I need to find the balance between my feelings and embrace them as myself. In each look, there are two opposite designs: the minimal side and the playful side. The minimal side, which represents my grown up self, has clear opinions and desires, which are reflected in the bold black lines on white. The amateur self, which is reflected in the playful side, has a lot of tangled, unclear thoughts that seem to be trying to look for answers, which is shown with yarn embellishments and ruffles. I also combined a lot of colors together in order to reflect different feelings and thoughts that I had when I was a kid. Both the amateur sides and mature sides are standing by themselves without bothering the other.



INDUSTRY EXPERT



CRISTIANO CARCIANI

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JEWERLY DESIGNER





THERESA WANGIA- Beltshazzar Jewels

Beltshazzar Jewels is an exquisite assortment of handmade jewelry and leather accessories by Theresa Wangia. The organic evolution of Beltshazzar Jewels can be traced back to Wangia's world travels, multi-cultural heritage, love of nature, and her passionate appreciation of fashion, music, and style. Fashioning its designs primarily from natural elements, Beltshazzar Jewels harmoniously creates a unique reflection of the cultural and environmental beauty, not only around us, but also within us.

Inspired by native tribes, urban landscapes, and sheer elegance, Wangia combines a love for mixing various elements, textures, and colors with a deliberate attention to detail. This is what fuels her creative process.



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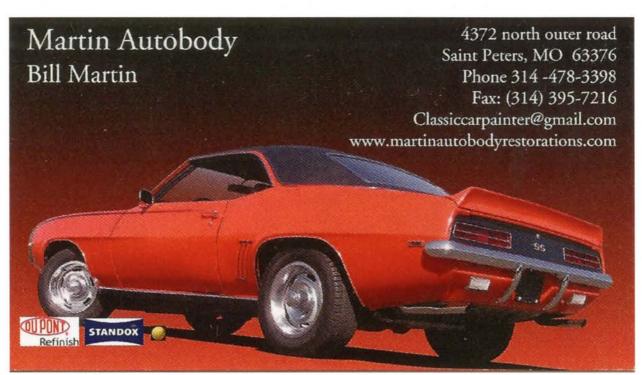














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