Philadelphia University Fashion Show to Spotlight Fabulous Student Designs

*Carson Kressley, star of Queer Eye for the Straight Guy,*
_sends greeting to sold-out crowd_

Philadelphia, May 6, 2006—The fabulous, colorful, creative and innovative designs of Philadelphia University’s Fashion Design students will be spotlighted on the runway Saturday, May 6, at the 2006 Fashion Show.

The Fashion Show, which will showcase the best of this year’s student fashion designs, is an elegant and fun evening of fashion and creativity. Nearly 2,200 students and their families, faculty members, designers and fashion and apparel industry professionals are expected to turn out for this year’s event, which will take place 7:30 p.m. at the historic Academy of Music.

Carson Kressley, a star of Bravo TV’s hit show *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy,* will deliver a taped message to the sold-out crowd, welcoming guests and congratulating the winners of this year’s show. “I offer my heartiest congratulations to all the students who will watch their designs come strutting down the runway tonight – you are the future of the fashion world and I salute you,” says Kressley.

In recognition of his contributions to the world of fashion, Philadelphia University will award the Carson Kressley Scholarship for $1,500 to Casey Saccomanno, an outstanding Fashion Design student. A sophomore, Casey has already achieved much by having two designs chosen to appear in this year’s Fashion Show. In addition, Casey has a 3.82 GPA, is a member of the Fashion Industries Association executive board and is a producer of tonight’s show.

Bill Henley, NBC10 meteorologist and co-host of the 10! Show, will emcee the Fashion Show for the second time. This year, Henley will take his own walk down the runway, as he escorts some of the child models in the Fashion Show.

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The annual Fashion Show is the culmination of years of study and hands-on practical work for Philadelphia University’s Fashion Design students.

“Our students work extremely hard on this event, and it’s a wonderful evening of elegant, innovative and creative fashion,” said Clara Henry, director of Philadelphia University’s Fashion Design Program. “The event celebrates the best of this year’s student designs, and a number of designers and fashion industry representatives come to have a fun, exciting night and scout for the design talent of the future.”

Sponsors for the 2006 Fashion Show include Jones Apparel Group, Independence Blue Cross, Ann Taylor, Mothers Work, Barbizon and Verizon.

The Philadelphia University Fashion Show is produced by the campus chapter of the Fashion Industries Association, which includes students in the Fashion Design, Fashion Merchandising and Fashion Apparel Management programs.

Philadelphia University, founded in 1884, is a private university with 3,200 full- and part-time students enrolled in more than 40 undergraduate and graduate programs. The University includes Schools of Architecture, Business Administration, Design and Media, Engineering and Textiles, Liberal Arts, and Science and Health.