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Philadelphia University Fashion Show to Spotlight Fabulous Student Designs

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Philadelphia, May 3, 2007—The fabulous, colorful, creative and innovative designs of Philadelphia University’s fashion design students will dazzle on the runway at the 2007 annual gala Fashion Show on Thursday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m.

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 the event, which will take place at the historic Academy of Music.

Bill Henley and Lori Wilson, co-hosts of *The 10! Show* on NBC10, will emcee the Fashion Show. This spring, ten fashion design students competed on the Philadelphia University/ NBC10 Runway Challenge, a fashion design reality show that aired weekly on *The 10! Show*. Each week, students were given a design challenge and, after a runway show, judges eliminated one student from the competition. This Monday, live on *The 10! Show*, senior Alison Winters was named the winner of Runway Challenge, wowing the judges with her sporty, hip collection of surfer girl fashions.

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 we are pleased that a number of designers and fashion industry representatives come to have a fun, exciting night and scout for the design talent of the future.”

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Sponsors for the 2007 Fashion Show include Ann Taylor, Barbizon, Commerce Bank, Independence Blue Cross, Jones Apparel Group, Mothers Work and Parkhurst Dining Services.

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 50 undergraduate and graduate programs. The University includes Schools of Architecture, Business Administration, Design and Media, Engineering and Textiles, Liberal Arts and Science and Health.