

Fashion strikes Clackamas

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Fashion, n. 1. A prevailing custom or style of dress, etiquette, etc. 2. Conventional usage in dress, manners, etc. 3. Manner; way; mode. 4. A kind or sort.

Fashion can't be defined in just one way. Fashion is never limited; it cannot be expressed in only a couple of words, characterized by a single style, or illustrated by one person. The definition of fashion varies from one person to another, and nowhere is this more evident than on the campus of Clackamas Community College.

Some students feel that they are the perfect example of what fashion is, while others say they never conform to the standards of fashion and choose to declare their own sense of style instead. Whatever view one takes when addressing the constant change and evolution of fashion, one thing remains true: diversity is key in making fashion *fashion*.

Here, students on campus model their choice of threads and give insight on the statement that their clothes make. Some are simple and straightforward, while others are more complex and thoughtful in their selection of outerwear. Here is just a sample of what Clackamas Community College has to offer as far as fashion is concerned.



Name: Nicole Beeler Age: 20 Major: Arts Fashion Philosophy: Nicole never wears pants; she opts for skirts instead. She doesn't buy new clothes, because she prefers to wear recycled items selected secondhand. If Her Clothes Could Talk: "I'm artistic—and I have the paint on my clothes to prove it."



Names: John Renner and Justin Wallace Ages: 21 and 21 Majors: Theater and General Studies Fashion Philosophies: John doesn't dress to be comfortable, he dresses in what he thinks looks special. Justin agrees; he dresses not to be comfortable physically like most do, but to be emotionally comfortable. They have both worked at a thriftstore, so many of their clothes come from there. If Their Clothes Could Talk: John—"I'm versatile." Justin—"You don't have to shop and spend a lot to look good. I'm utilitarian, yet fashionable."

Name: Joe Harper Age: 21 Major: Physics Fashion Philosophy: Joe wears anything that requires no effort. He likes to go to concerts, so the bands that he listens to influence the selection of shirts he wears. If His Clothes Could Talk: "I wear whatever I come into."



Name: Grant Hollen Age: 18 Major: Business Fashion Philosophy: Grant wears what looks good to him. His main goal is to be presentable and stylish in whatever he chooses to wear. If His Clothes Could Talk: "I look good!"

- Photos by Amy Parrish -



Name: Amy Lundy/Crooks Age: 22 Major: None—she's the Interim Transition Advisor at Clackamas. Fashion Philosophy: Amy always dresses in gray, black, or taupe because it goes with anything and everything. She likes to look simple, yet sophisticated. If Her Clothes Could Talk: "Keep it simple, stupid!"

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