



Nicole Hinton
Fashion Design Student

EXCITED ABOUT FASHION

Nicole Hinton has been enthusiastic about The Art Institute of New York City's Fashion Design program since she enrolled only one quarter ago.

Even though she was a first quarter student, perseverance paid off, and with the assistance of Career Services Advisor Regina Pokidaylo, she was able to participate in Fashion Week in Bryant Park. "I wanted to be involved in any way I could," she said, "and I was willing to do anything, including getting coffee!"

Nicole volunteered for three different shows, Macqua, Kai Kuhne, and Custo Barcelona. She was considered an intern for Custo Barcelona because she helped out behind the scenes for two weeks prior to the show. Her tasks at the shows ranged from assisting the photographer, being a dresser, making model boards, and checking the models in.

"Being in New York City for fashion week in Bryant Park was like a dream. I wouldn't have thought as a 1st quarter student I could have this opportunity. I learned so much about how much work goes into putting on a show. Even though there was a lot of work, it pays off in the end. I still know this is what I want to do, even after seeing the chaos."

Nicole is also competing in the Cool vs. Cruel competition, co-sponsored by The Art Institutes and the Humane Society of the United States. She is creating a cruelty-free garment utilizing only non-animal derived materials.

Nicole is enthusiastic about learning, and eager to participate in any and all fashion design opportunities at school.



Nicole's entry in the Passion for Fashion Competition, 2007