

FLAUNT TO THE BEAT

Aztec models share their favorite tune to practice their runway strut



"Young and Beautiful" by Lana Del Rey
- Miriam Meneses, 11

"Its slow and it makes it feel like the air is rushing slowly into your hair."



"Can't keep my hands to myself" by Selena Gomez
- Robert Lopez, 12

"Its motivating, it pumps you up and it gives me confidence."



"Can't keep my hands to myself" by Selena Gomez
- Brooke Ortega, 12

"It gets me and a lot of people in a good mood, and its fun to walk down the runway to."

LET'S HAVE A SPRING FLING

ROMANCE FILLS THE AIR AT DECA FASHION SHOW

Chaos fills the lobby as girls rush around changing dresses. Make-up is touched up, hair redone and last-minute fixes are added behind the scenes before they hit the runway. The pace changes as soft Lana Del Rey music fills the air. The girls calmly waltz up and down the runway with smiles hiding their nerves.

"Everything started out crazy but it fell into place," Director Yazmeen Loya said. "I don't think I would change anything. I loved the way it turned out."

Models waltzed around, flaunting dresses ranging from simple floral designs to intricate, beaded two-piece dresses.

"My favorite dress was from Emperio Real," senior Esmeralda Rosales said. "Their prom dresses were really pretty and different compared to other stores."

With a vast majority of looks showcased by major designers, it was a surprise to have one line from Aztec senior Rayshawn Caffee. Aside from the clothing, there were other forms of entertainment like dancers from Protégé dance studio, who seemed to float as they performed.

"This year's fashion show has definitely been elevated to a new level," DECA adviser Erika Lucero said.

With her sister junior Vanessa

Perez following in her steps, Loya plans to come back as a designer, and guide Vanessa to another successful show next year.

"I've always loved fashion ever since I was a little girl, so anything they need help with, I'll be here," Loya said.

Between the food vendors and people who came to watch, the show was described as classy and elegant.

"After the show ended, people would come up to me and tell me how great and fun it was," Loya said.

The theme of this year's fashion show was romance and the love for ornate, but elegant formal wear was certainly in the air. Fresh flowers dotted the runway and designers

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such as Dillard's and POSH Bridal also participated.

"The students felt that we need more love and romance in this world," Lucero said. "So that was definitely one of the inspirations."

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FEELING MYSELF. In the heat of the moment, senior Christian Parga strikes a pose in an original piece by student designer Rayshawn Caffee. Parga then hurried back to the lobby for a quick outfit change. "It was a really fun day," Parga said. "It was very different and cool to be a part of. It's definitely something everyone should try."



Claudia Cardiel



Daniel Nuñez

PRETTY IN PINK. In the final strut, senior Brooke Ortega makes sure all eyes are on her. During the final walk of the night, Ortega reminisced about her former modeling days. "I had a blast," Ortega said. "Everything was very organized and everybody backstage had a lot of fun."



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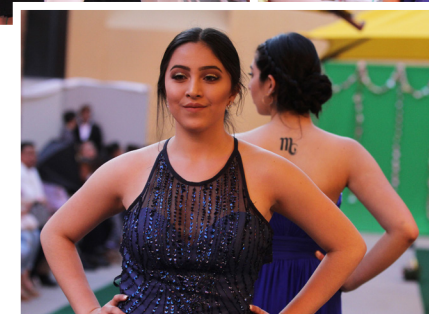


Ariana Contreras

ONE FOR THE PRETTY LADY. Keeping with the theme romance, senior Robert Lopez hands out a rose to a member of the crowd, junior America Lara. Lopez then proceeded to thrill the crowd with his charming swagger. "I was really surprised at first," Lara said. "but it was a nice gesture."



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WALK WITH ATTITUDE. Striking a pose, junior Miriam Meneses gets camera ready during DECA's annual fashion show. Meneses then strutted backstage and let the other models do their thing. "The night was really bittersweet, mostly sweet," Meneses said. "However, I was really nervous, after all it was my first time, but we all had a lot of fun." **DON'T FORGET TO STRUT.** Strutting down the catwalk, senior Esmeralda Rosales radiates nothing but confidence for the crowd. Afterward, Rosales rushed backstage to change into her next outfit and get her make-up re-touched. "It was really fun," Rosales said. "It really was spectacular." **FERCE.** With a smug smile, junior Daniella Trevino pauses for a moment to allow the audience to get a good look at her. Trevino's favorite part of all the outfits was adding her own personality. "I tried to make each outfit look better by giving each one a personality," Trevino said. "Overall, the event was just so much fun."

LOCAL TALENT

Aztec senior Rayshawn Caffee showed off his designs in DECA's annual fashion show.



"I started realizing that I couldn't find my own style of clothing from what I found at the markets, so I started making my own stuff and eventually I incorporated it with the school. That's how I got into the fashion show. There's really not a lot of inspiration, it's more of creativity out of necessity."