



California Fashion Foundation

From the heart of the California Fashion Association



2016

Scholarship Awards Luncheon

Event Recap

Thursday, April 21, 2016 • California Market Center



April 21, 2016 - **California Fashion Foundation's** annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon was held at the California Market Center today, honoring future fashion designer innovators with scholarship awards. Scholarships were presented in the names of **YMA National Fashion Scholarship Fund, AIMS360, Betty L. Baumgardner Foundation, California Apparel News, California Market Center, CIT Commercial Services, Cohn Handler Sturm, Cooper Design Space, Design Knit, Ben B. & Joyce E. Eisenberg Foundation, Fineman West, Karen Kane, KWDZ Manufacturing, MGT Industries, Moss Adams, STC-QST, Stony Apparel, SWAT-FAME, Tukatech, UPS, Velvet Heart, and Barbara Lesser for Wearable Integrity.**

After previewing the winning designs, attendees enjoyed lunch from the New Moon restaurant (provided by **STC-QST**), 'pep talks', and the award presentations. Ilse Metchek, President of the **California Fashion Association** welcomed the guests and introduced the speakers. Tammy Chatkin, Executive Vice President of **24Seven Talent**, shared advice on "Entering the Job Market", Pat Tabassi, Designer/Owner of **Design Knit**, gave insights into "The Road Ahead", and Jesse Dombrowiak, CEO of **Indie Source** described a "New Home for Design Entrepreneurs."

Douglas Evans, Executive Director of the **YMA Fashion Scholarship Fund** presented scholarships to all design student finalists. Each sponsor then presented a 'Fashion Star Award' to winning finalists. Ann Davis of **Eclat Textiles** presented the **Betty L. Baumgardner Award** for "Best Use of Textiles" and Lonnie Kane, CEO of **Karen Kane**, presented the **Karen Kane Award** for "Best Design Presentation." The technology awards were presented by Ram Sareen, President of **Tukatech** and Henry Cherner of **AIMS360**. Each student received a gift bag and book from **The Fashion Bookstore**.

Participating schools were: Academy of Art University-San Francisco, Art Institute of California-Hollywood, Cal State Polytechnic University-Pomona, Cal State University-Los Angeles, Cal State University-Long Beach, El Camino College, Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising, Los Angeles Trade Tech College, Long Beach City College, Mt. San Antonio College, Otis College of Art & Design, Pasadena City College, Santa Monica College, Washington State University.



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Pat Tabassi; Design Knit, Inc.



Doug Evans, Executive Director,
YMA Fashion Scholarship Fund



Jesse Dombrowiak, Indie Source



Tammy Chatkin, 24Seven Talent



Hannah Rock, FIDM;
Lonnie Kane, Karen Kane, Inc.



Ilse Metchek, California Fashion
Association



Shala Tabassi, Design Knit, Inc.;
Kanako Sato, Cal State-Long Beach



Sadaf Foroutani, Otis College of Art &
Design; **Ann Davis**, Eclat Textiles



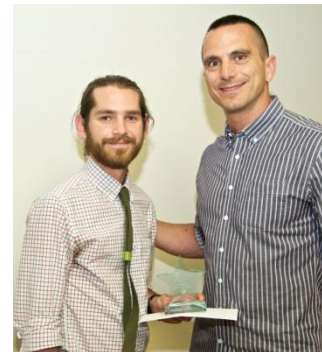
Jessica Ramirez, Fineman West &
Co; **Kate Jones**, LATTTC



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Ram Sareen, Tukatech, Inc.



Abbir Malik, Mt. San Antonio College;
Brittney Carr, California Market Center



Colin Ryan, Cal State-Los Angeles; ,
Paul Minestrella, STC-QST



Nikkia Sipes, Santa Monica College;
Ashleigh Kaspszak, The New Mart



Lidia Mendoza, Cal State Polytechnic-
Pomona; **Henry Cherner**, AIMS360



Mark Rabkin, Moss Adams LLP;
Sadaf Foroutani, OTIS College
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Ann Davis, Eclat Textile Co. Ltd



Abbir Malik, Mt. San Antonio College;
Moshe Tsabag, Velvet Heart



Raquel Valencia, UPS;
Karen Snare, Washington State
University



Kara Richins, Pasadena City College



Mona Sangkala, Cooper Design Space,
Hannah Rock, Fashion Institute of Design
& Merchandising



Karen Snare, **Dr. Joan Ellis**;
Washington State University



Carole Lung, **Colin Ryan**, **Mika Cho**;
Cal State-Los Angeles



Abbir Malik, Mt. San Antonio College



Analidia Lopez, Long Beach City
College; **Ann Davis**,
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