Youth Fashion Program

# History

AFI-Preparatory Academy, a subsidiary of Agee Fashion Institute provides an instruction free fashion industry program in support of Career Technical Education. The program started in a small church classroom in North Highlands CA in 2007 and evolved into the strong program today located in Rancho Cordova CA. Students from the ages of 12 to 19 are eligible to participate in the community program which runs from October to July each year. Students end the year participating in an annual fashion show production at the California State Fair. Stilettos’ on the Runway “Youth Explosion” made its debut in 2016 and has been invited to participate in two shows for 2017 at the Fair.

# Program Goal

The goal of the program is to prepare and encourage students from diverse backgrounds interested in a career in the fashion industry to pursue post-secondary education with Agee Fashion Institute that leads to a guaranteed internship with Agee Apparel Group LLC located in Rancho Cordova. Although the apparel group does not guarantee employee to every intern, students that demonstrate the ability to execute and can adhere to company standards are sought first to fill entry-level positions based on company need.

# Sustainable Pathway

The pathway curriculum used in the community program mirrors the currently successful program delivered to John Still Middle schoolers and The MET Sacramento High School students. This piloted pathway (ADAM) takes a student from discovery to concentrated application giving students a better understanding of career options.

# Student Community

Although the program focus is primarily on aspiring designers, the program is strengthened by the additional training curriculums provided to our supporting career fields related to the fashion industry. These students consist of models, cosmetologist, makeup artist and more.

# Education to Employment

Although the program focus is on designers, the program is supported also by students interested in all fields related to the industry. We currently have a student community of designers, models, and makeup artist.