

A PROMENADE OF FASHION MAKES WISH COME TRUE

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Last Thursday, the Howard County Association of Student Councils hosted its first annual student fashion show. Titled "Fashion Meets Philanthropy," the show was a benefit for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which helps to ease the hardships of kids fighting cancer.

When the lights in the gym dimmed at 7:15 pm revealing a runway lined with lights, the music began to play and the first model walked onto the catwalk. She impressed the audience instantly with her professional-looking green skirt and black top.

Meanwhile, Nick Aburn, the designer and coordinator for the show, was rushing to pin and adjust the girls backstage who were next in line to walk.

"It was all a great adrenaline rush," said Aburn. "I could hear the audience clapping; it was a wonderful experience."

Aburn was inspired to host the show in support of the Make-A-Wish foundation by the memory of his close friend Emily Davis, who died of bone cancer last year. "Emily loved Make-A-Wish," Aburn said. "I think she would have been glad to know how successful Fashion Meets Philanthropy was."

Netting almost \$3,500, or half of a "wish," the show was indeed a huge success. Next year, the coordinators hope to raise enough money for a whole wish.

In the end, Aburn got a standing ovation. "His work is incredible, he is such a talented young man," said Bonnie Bernard, whose daughter, Katie (the author of this article) was a model and a co-coordinator for the show. "I can tell he is going to go far."

Many audience members agreed that Aburn is destined to make it in the fashion industry, but for now, he is thankful to have time to relax. "It was a lot of work," Aburn explained, "but now I'm excited to have time to start sewing for next year!"



Katie Bernard congratulates Nick Aburn after a successful evening of fashion which raised money for Make-a-Wish.