The Textile and Apparel program at the University of Northern Iowa will be hosting a virtual fashion show, called Catwalk 28, going live on Facebook (@unicatwalk28), Instagram (@unicatwalk), and YouTube (unitappprogram) on Saturday, April 25th at 7pm.

The fashion show put on by the Textiles and Apparel program is always a great opportunity for students to show their creativity. While many events held on UNI’s campus were canceled due to concerns related to Covid-19, this one was moved online. This is important because it grants these students the opportunity to still showcase their creativity in a time when it is difficult to do so.

“Additionally, an online event gives us a chance to reach more viewers than ever before as well as provide a very personal experience for the audience since they will get to hear all our designers talk about their work personally,” Lillian Teater, UNI senior and TAPP major, explained. “This is very different than a traditional runway show where you see the garments walk down the stage and that’s it. You will actually get to hear the stories and inspiration behind all the pieces this year.”

Lillian is a senior at UNI in the Textiles and Apparel program. She is the executive director of Catwalk 28 and has been working very hard to make the virtual fashion show happen. She is also Co-President and Editorial Director of Uprising Magazine, a student-run magazine with the purpose of bringing fashion trends and events in the fashion industry to University of Northern Iowa students. She is also a STEM Ambassador. Stem Ambassadors each represent one of the UNI STEM departments and the University at state, regional, and on-campus events.

“It’s super cool how STEM and fashion mix because obviously a lot of people don’t realize the overlap. Some areas where this overlap occurs is with technology. For TAPP, we learn computer aided design and print skills. We utilize programs such as Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, Kaledo, and more,” Lillian explained. “Another overlap occurs with science. In the TAPP program, we have a huge focus on Textile Science which includes fabric structure, fiber content, color, and fabric testing. We have lots of great equipment in Latham that can help us simulate fabric going through the wash or being stretched and pulled. We follow lab manuals as well as standardized conditions to perform all this testing similar to what you would find in a biology or chemistry lab.”

Don’t miss out on this great online event!

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