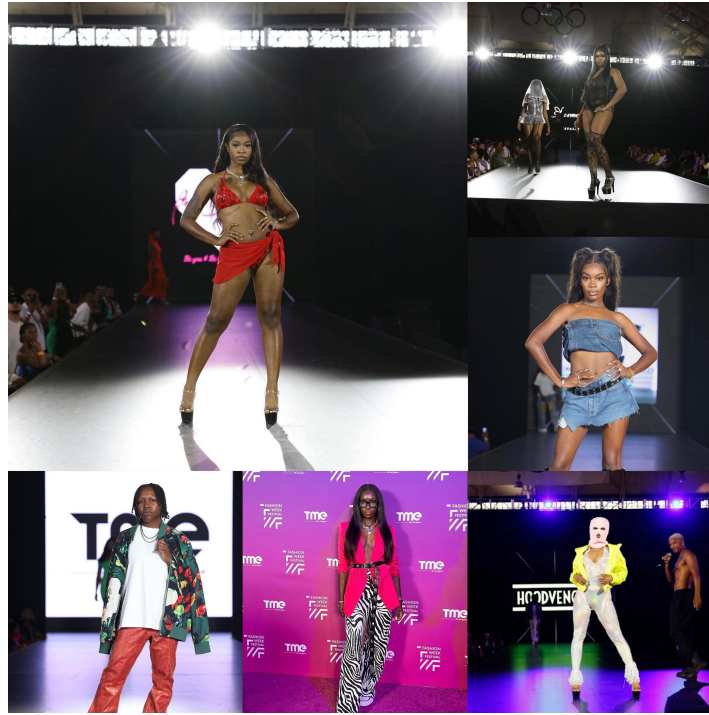


Ziana taking their talents to New York Fashion Week



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Ziana is the Oldest Non-Greek org on Lincoln University campus known as the original runway destroyers. They are one of the hottest orgs on campus and they wear the best fits. Some members from Ziana were invited to join the New York Fashion Week event. They had to sell eight tickets to be able to walk on the runway. Once they completed that task, they were given the opportunity to model designers' clothes and brands.

Jayla Etheridge is a runway director for Ziana fashion modeling org. She has been a part of Ziana for three years. Last year at their banquet she got her Ziana name which is Zattitude and this past summer she got elected to be a fashion consultant for Ziana. She had the opportunity to be a part of NYFW. She talks about how the experience was unforgettable. Etheridge says, “Although I liked my designer , I wish I was able to either pick or sign up for different

designers.” Everyone that walked was randomly assigned to different people. They had to model with whatever outfit they gave them. Etheridge got an opportunity to walk at another show in Philadelphia because someone from the crowd enjoyed her runway performance.

Aviannah Mitchell is the President of Ziana fashion modeling Org. Prior to that Mitchell was on the board last year for Ziana as well. She has been climbing her way up in Ziana. Mitchell’s Zamia name is High Voltage. Mitchell goes into detail about her time in New York. “My favorite thing was seeing people’s outfits. I am a fashion girl so I love to see different outfits and ideas put together.” As stated before Ziana is known for always having the most fashionable outfits. “Networking was one of the things I loved the most about NYFW.” A lot of people talked about how meeting new people gave them a lot of opportunities.

Nadia Thompson is one of the runway directors for Ziana. She has been a part of Ziana since her freshman year of college and she is now a junior. Thompson is the head runway director and she was also on the board last year as well. In Ziana her name is known as “Dezire.” She had the opportunity to walk the runway early in the fashion show. Thompson had to actually wear a ski mask because that is what her designer wanted her to model. “I liked it but I didn’t at the same time just because you couldn’t see my face on the runway. However, if you are a model that means you have to put on whatever and kill it every time.” Thompson explains you have to be confident in everything you do.

Nesh Kanehsa Bowden and Eryca Winder are also a part of Ziana. Bowden and Winder have been a part of Ziana for two years. They both are extraordinary when they walk the runway. They both walked at different times. Winder says, “You never know who is in the crowd. I saw some people that I would’ve never expected to see. It was a humbling experience.” After the show Winder explains how she got networking opportunities from other experienced models.

Bowden says she learned a lot while she was there. “I learned to get real comfortable with the outfits they are telling me to wear. It helps build your confidence.” Walking in big fashions can be really challenging but once you get comfortable and enjoy the experience it will be good.

New York Fashion Week was a great experience for Ziana members; they represented Lincoln University well. A lot of them got networking and other opportunities to further their talents at other shows. They’ve modeled for big brand companies and so many of them got offers to walk in other fashion shows. On campus they are very involved and are planning a big show soon! This show is going to consist of not only them walking the runway but them dancing in their heels as well. It takes real talent to dance in 6 inch heels. It’s a great opportunity to be apart of this wonderful program Ziana where everyday is a runway.