

# News Release

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## Winners Announcement 2019 “Fashion for All” Student Design Competition

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, NC, USA, April 29, 2019— AATCC is delighted to announce the winners of the [2019 AATCC and Runway of Dreams Foundation Fashion for All Student Design Competition!](#)

The 2019 theme challenges students to design a prom look (male or female) that reimagines fashion and function for a person within the disability spectrum who has ONE of the below conditions:

- non-ambulatory
- limb difference
- cognitive disability
- ambulatory with fine motor challenges
- dwarfism

### Finalists

8 of the 24 entries qualified as finalists. The finalists’ entries for both phase I and II of the competition are linked below:

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| • Sunset Chic             | <a href="#">Phase I</a> | <a href="#">Phase II</a> |
| • Chrysalis Gown          | <a href="#">Phase I</a> | <a href="#">Phase II</a> |
| • Unbound Elegance        | <a href="#">Phase I</a> | <a href="#">Phase II</a> |
| • Sparkling Yourself      | <a href="#">Phase I</a> | <a href="#">Phase II</a> |
| • <b>Wrapped in Roses</b> | <a href="#">Phase I</a> | <a href="#">Phase II</a> |
| • Sialia                  | <a href="#">Phase I</a> | <a href="#">Phase II</a> |
| • Royal Rose              | <a href="#">Phase I</a> | <a href="#">Phase II</a> |
| • Dream Dress             | <a href="#">Phase I</a> | <a href="#">Phase II</a> |

### Winners and Awards:

Based on the quality and merit of each finalist’s entry, the [Runway of Dreams Foundation](#) will award scholarships to the following entries:

- **1st Place**—[Runway of Dreams Foundation](#) will award *Wrapped in Roses* by **April Davenport** from Oregon State University a **\$5,000** scholarship. The award will be presented at the Runway of Dreams Foundation Gala in September in NYC (with up to \$1,000 travel and lodging stipend).
- **2nd Place**—[Runway of Dreams Foundation](#) will award *Royal Rose* by **Lauren Bouvier** from University of Arkansas. She will be awarded a **\$2,500** scholarship for second place.
- **3rd Place**—[Runway of Dreams Foundation](#) will award the entry *Chrysalis Gown* by **Katherine Absher** from North Carolina State University, Wilson College of Textiles a **\$1,000** scholarship.

- **Honorable Mentions-** [Runway of Dreams Foundation](#) will present the following entries a certificate and congratulatory letter:
  - *Dream Dress* by MollyKate Cline from Columbus College of Art & Design
  - *Sialia* by Sterling LeBlanc from Oklahoma State University
  - *Sparkling Yourself* by Uikyung Jung from North Carolina State University, Wilson College of Textiles
  - *Sunset Chic* by Laurette Lisena from University of Delaware
  - *Unbound Elegance* by Chance Zacheis from University of Missouri

**Developers:**

- **Mindy Scheier**, Founder and CEO, [Runway of Dreams Foundation](#)
- **Rebecca Baeurle**, Executive Director, [Runway of Dreams Foundation](#)
- **Kerry King**, Vice President, R&D at [Spoonflower, Inc.](#)
- **Martha Carper**, Retired, Dupont Company

**Judges:**

- **Mindy Scheier**, Founder and CEO, [Runway of Dreams Foundation](#)
- **Zulu Williams**, VP design, Men's Sportswear, [Macy's, Inc.](#)
- **Martha Carper**, Retired, Dupont Company
- **Tina Beauvais**, President at [EmBraced in Comfort](#)
- **Vanessa Sanchez**, Summer Program Mentor at [Open Style Lab](#) and Research Fellow at [Harvard University](#)
- **Julie Katzenberger**, Director, QA Management LLC

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**About Runway of Dreams Foundation:** Runway of Dreams Foundation is a nonprofit organization that works toward a future of inclusion, acceptance and opportunity in the fashion industry for people with disabilities. Through adaptive clothing donations and wardrobe grants, employment initiatives, and modeling opportunities, adaptive design awareness campaigns and scholarships programs, the Runway of Dreams Foundation is empowering people with disabilities with opportunity, confidence, independence, and style.

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