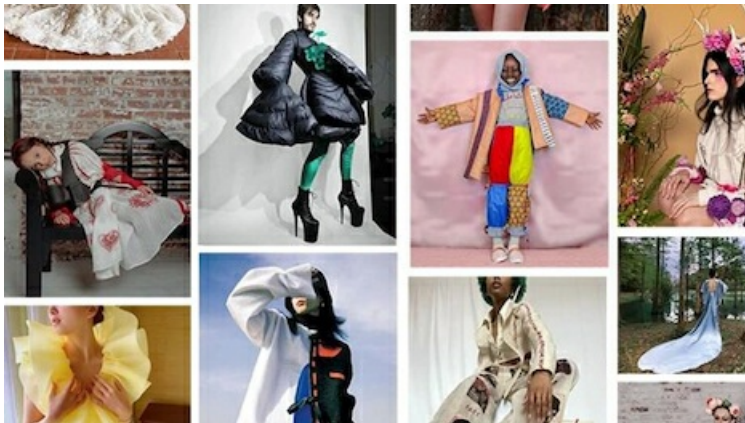


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FIT taps supermodel Ashley Graham for Future of Fashion Celebration

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This year's evening affair will recognize designer and alumnus Victor Glemaud, and supermodel and entrepreneur Karlie Kloss for their respective fashion contributions and industry achievements. Image credit: FIT

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The **Fashion Institute of Technology** (FIT) is kicking off its annual Future of Fashion Celebration and Honors event with the release of host and honoree lineup details.

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This year's evening affair will recognize designer and alumnus Victor Glemaud, as well as supermodel and entrepreneur Karlie Kloss for their respective fashion contributions and industry achievements. Programming slated for May 10 will see current students showcasing their designs as part of the school's Future of Fashion runway show resourcing the next generation of students, event proceeds will benefit the FIT Foundation.

Fashion Forward

New York City's premiere fashion center has revealed that American supermodel Ashley Graham will host the upcoming Future of Fashion Celebration and Honors, during which the Institute's Outstanding Alumni honor will go to Mr. Glemaud, while Ms. Kloss receives the Fashion Icon honor.

Both fashion industry leaders are credited with driving the future of fashion forward on an ongoing basis over the course of their careers.

Notable figures aside, the Institute is tapping longtime partner Macy's to present various student awards at the event.

The U.S. retailer will distribute three Bold Representation Awards, each naming the Best Use of Sustainable Materials, Best Culturally-Inspired Look the award calls for designs inspired by the student's own ethnic heritage ([see story](#)) and Best Gender-Neutral Look.



FIT is promoting the school's Future of Fashion 2023 event. Image credit: FIT

An audience of industry leaders, designers, influencers, media, notable alumni and friends of FIT will gather to witness around 100 total looks from aspiring talents.

Spots were assigned by a panel of industry professionals serving as judges, inclusive of Hollis Daniels, design director, INC RTWc, Macy's; Noah Kozlowski, director, global designer relations and development, IMG; Fern Mallis, president, Fern Mallis LLC; Lilah Ramzi, features editor at Vogue; Catherine Treff, design director, special projects and collaborations, Macy's; and Alex White, fashion director, Elle.

Additionally, 11 FIT Critic Award winners are to be granted distinction during the student presentation, receiving guidance from an expert group inclusive of Georgina Chapman, co-founder and designer, Marchesa; Jonathan Cohen, co-founder and creative director, Jonathan Cohen; Marshall Columbia, founder and designer, Marshall Columbia; Sergio Hudson, creative director and founder, Sergio Hudson; Naeem Khan, founder and designer, Naeem Khan; Sally LaPointe, co-founder and creative director, LaPointe; Nicole Miller, founder and designer, Nicole Miller; Ralph Rucci, founder and designer, Ralph Rucci; Daija Simpson, knitwear designer, Oscar de la Renta; Stacey Tester, senior design director, knitwear and jersey, Coach; and Jennifer Zuccarini, founder and CEO, Fleur du Mal.

This year's creations are guided by knitwear, sportswear, intimate apparel and special occasion categories, and feature garments inspired by personal stories addressing real-world issues such as sustainability, gender fluidity and size inclusivity.

The Midtown campus-based event will be **livestreamed** day-of, from 4 p.m. on.

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