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# LACE & DAY

This is your home for the great fit, for the fun shopping experience. This is where there are women to make you look and feel fabulous and find you the perfect bra, the one that will make you stand up straight, throw your shoulders back, and take on the world. This is your home for the warm, cozy pajamas, for the flirty little nighty, for the deliciously soft robe. This is the place of the problem-solving panty and the cheeky little hipster. You will find the perfect swimsuit that makes you feel like a million bucks, whether you are at your backyard pool or exotic shores afar.

Lace & Day is owned and operated by sisters Emily Constantine Doren and Holly Constantine Ortman. They're two down-to-earth Buffalonians who traded serious careers for the chance to get more girls feeling great in their skivvies!

## Meet the Models for Lace & Day:

Model: Jack Wrafter

Jack is a somatic facilitator, rock collector, and storyteller. Visit jackwrafter.com to learn more.





**Model: Sarah Pratt** 

Sarah is a junior at Buffalo State University and is currently working towards an early childhood and elementary education degree, as well as a micro-credential in American Sign Language. She is a student representative for PDS and also vice president of the Bengals Passionate about Education. Outside of school, Sarah loves to hang out with friends and family while spending time in nature and watching bills football games. She's so grateful for this opportunity and looks forward to more exciting opportunities like this one.



#### **Model: Avery Crocker**

Avery is an aspiring dental hygienist who is currently attending ECC. She is a member of the air force and a proud self-driven woman. She's an artist at heart who loves all things that spark her creative mind.

#### Model: Kylie Priscilla

Kylie is a Buffalo native and is about all things fashion from photography to styling. She has her own clothing line and sells vintage. She's truly an aspiring fashion icon. With her artistic vision, she strives to be her own creative muse and embodies that through her platforms. Artistic, bold, and innovative. She is a woman of many creative outlets!





#### **Model: Alexa Wajed**

Alexa Joan Wajed is co-founder of Eat Off Art, a creative agency focusing on changing the narrative from "a starving artist" to "a thriving artist". She is a born entrepreneur, artist, trained chef, jewelry designer, and curator. Alexa received her bachelor's degree in Hospitality Management and an associate's in Culinary Arts and has studied in Switzerland and Positano, Italy.

Alexa enjoys helping people understand and adopt healthy eating habits, mentoring the youth, and creating abstract art along with unique hand-painted jewelry which is sold online and in a few

local gift shops and galleries. She is regularly socially engaged through several non-profit organizations including her own, Cultrue, Inc. which is an art-based non-profit focused on making art accessible to diverse communities and sharing the importance of art as a creative healing practice.



#### **Model: Diana Donnarumma**

Diana Donnarumma is a multi-organ transplant recipient, model, patient advocate, inspirational speaker, and the Founder & CEO of Resilience Medical.

Resilience Medical is a minority women-owned business that creates adaptable medical apparel and accessories that allow patients to express their unique and beautiful personalities and styles. This company was formed from a hospital bed and now has international sales.

Resilience Medical is successfully bridging the gap between fashion and medicine around the world. Its products are ultimately creating a better quality of life and increasing patient compliance. Customers are changing their narrative and taking control of their lives by being provided the option to express themselves and represent who they are at their core.

At the end of the day, Resilence Medical knows, "If you feel better, you can heal better!" Learn more about this movement at ResilienceMedical.com

#### Styled by Amber Synder and Massa Keita

Amber is a personal stylist and is passionate about helping the community find confidence and success in their style. She is currently studying at Buffalo State University, and her focus group imagined the spring fashion show theme, True Delusion. @ambersnydz

Massa is a Fashion Design and Textile major who has been in love with fashion her whole life. From artistic views, certain feminine silhouettes, luxury, colors and so much more. From being given the opportunity to both experience and help with NY Fashion Week to creating her own designs and aspiring. She is a proud woman of African heritage and exudes this through her personality and character with a seemingly quiet demeanor. She's loud, funny, and content and loves nature, food, and fashion, she lives for the experiences meant for her and continues to strive through chaotic and exhilarating experiences. @brwnskinwinnng\_



RuthAnn Boutique, a woman-owned upscale women's clothing store in Williamsville, New York, offers a diverse range of chic and sophisticated styles for customers in Western New York and beyond. The boutique features a wide variety of sizes, price points, and brands, including popular names like Good American and Steve Madden. Their mission is to empower women through fashion, ensuring every guest leaves feeling confident and beautiful.

## **Meet the Models for Ruth Ann:**



#### Model: Mackenzie Snekser

Mackenzie is a marketing major at ECC. A dancer by passion, she not only practices the art form but also teaches. She also loves photography, and shopping, and has an appreciation for art.

#### Model: Tina Eftekharinia

Tina, a business major with minors in legal studies, political science, and criminal justice at Buffalo State, actively engages in student government, Moot Court, and SUNY MEU, while also participating in ballet and cheerleading. She has aspirations to become a diplomat and also has a passion for modeling.





#### Model: Emilie Puzzella

Emilie is in her final year at Canisius University, where she's not only a dedicated student but also steps into the role of a student teacher. She will be graduating this Spring and will have certifications in Special Education and English.



**Model: Kailah Kraus** 

Kailah was born and raised in Buffalo, she's 21 years old and studies psychology at Buffalo State balancing her academic pursuits with her role as a part-time server. Her free time is a vibrant tapestry of modeling, and creating art, and loves the world of music and festivals.



Emilee is a 2nd-degree black belt and loves the complexities of the human mind. She is currently studying psychology and health with a minor in counseling.





**Model: Carly Nolan** 

Carly, a 20-year-old Buffalo native, who studies fashion merchandising at Buffalo State University. She teaches dance at the studio where she started her dancing career, and when she's not instructing, she is immersed in fashion, and music, and lends her talents to volunteering at runway shows and productions.

Styled by Lillian Skubis & Hailie Puzzella



Velvet Clothing Boutique was founded by Buffalo Native, Carla Michele Sirianni, a visionary leader with nearly 15 years of corporate leadership experience. This online boutique retails women's apparel with striking patterns and vivacious colors, designed to make a statement and turn heads. Their apparel is not just clothing, but wearable art that embodies a stylish and chic aesthetic, perfect to be worn at social events, work, and home. They believe in fashion that dares to be different, unique, and dynamic from the women who wear them. With Velvet Clothing Boutique, you're not just dressing up, you're standing out amongst the crowd. So, visit their website at velvetclothingboutique.com and elevate your style.

## **Meet the Models for Velvet Boutique:**



#### Model: Jennifer Dethlefsen

Jennifer is a fashion merchandising major at Buffalo State, she has a keen eye for luxury fashion. She's currently interning at Bureau Veritas in Textile Testing, which is a coveted paid internship opportunity through the FTT department. She spends her free time with her Sigma Delta Tau

Model: Isabella "Bella" DiGesare

Bella works as a bartender, a cook, and a waitress between two different restaurants and absolutely loves it. When she's not working she likes to spend time with her family or doing anything creative.



### **Model: Joniya Goldsmith**

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Joniya is an 18-year-old honor student attending Villa Maria College, majoring in Music. She's been working on her craft since she was a little girl. Her goal is to be able to write, sing, and produce her own music. Training under award-winning recording artists, has sharpened her skills and has put her on the road to achieving her goals. Along with pursuing a music career, Joniya has had a passion for the fashion industry and modeling. She has done many modeling campaigns, including Jokele Beauty, an established makeup and hair company, which Joniya is the face of. Joniya has always had her own sense of style and fashion that makes everyone stop and stare. She's not the type to follow the trends. Joniya is truly a trendsetter and a future mogul!



#### **Model: Lori Panero**

Lori holds a BFA in Theatre from Niagara University, an MS in Education from D'Youville University, and an advanced certificate in Educational Administration from UB. Lori is a middle school English teacher and an adjunct professor at Niagara University. When she is not teaching, Lori is an actor. Some of her favorite roles include Mae Pollitt in CAT ON A CAT TIN ROOF with HARP Productions; Blanche in BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS and Cecily Pigeon in THE ODD COUPLE with Rocking Horse Production; Mrs. Erlynne in Lady Windermere's

Fan, Nurse Kelly in HARVEY and Joanna Lyppiatt in PRESENT LAUGHTER with the Niagara Regional Theatre Guild; Claire Ganz in RUMORS at the Lancaster Opera House; Tiger in HELL-oween with First Buffalo Theatre; and an insurance executive in a Cellino Law commercial.

#### **Model: Lindsey Carey**

Lindsey is a credentialed alcohol substance use counselor, born and raised in Buffalo, NY. Lindsey has a strong passion for the human services field and helping those in greatest need. Her passion continues off the clock and out of the office by volunteering at community events involving mental health and substance use awareness. Lindsey carries the proud title of Mom. She is actively involved in playing sports and assisting local youth sports teams. Go Bills!





**Model: Nyela Jacinthe** 

Nyela is a psychology major hoping to one day work in the FBI behavioral analysis unit. She enjoys knitting & crocheting, doing hair & makeup and of course, anything fashion-related.

Styled by Leah Cray, Jason Dolegowski, and Naylani Stokes



## HALF&HALF BOUTIQUE

## WOMEN | MEN | HOME

## **Meet the Models for Half & Half Boutique:**



#### **Model: Susan Viscuso**

Susan is a chemist, a musician, and an engineering manager in the aviation sector. Outside the lab, she's always looking through the camera lens and loves weight training.

#### **Model: Natalie Padilla**

Natalie is a 19-year-old college student, hoping to be a forensic scientist, which comes from her passion for math and science.



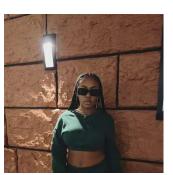
#### Model: Dana Ristovski

Dana is a sophomore at UB majoring in international business. She's always loved fashion, dressing up, and producing photo shoots with her friends. She was recently a spokesmodel for a local photographer, and is very excited to participate in this

event!

#### **Model: Synia Morrison**

Synia is a 19-year-old sophomore student at Buffalo State



University. She wants to become a social worker to help create change.

#### **Model: Quiorie Johnson**

Quiorie is a college student and aspires to become a child psychologist, a career choice blossoming from a profound passion for aiding children.



**Model: Lily Young** 

Lily is from Lockport and doubles as a content creator and works full-time for Playboy. With a passion for music, she aspires to be a music producer someday.

Styled by Frankie Giammarinaro, Megan DeGlopper, and Sadie Pratt-Filker



Ms Eye Candy is Buffalo's premier destination for the fashion-forward woman where contemporary trends meet handpicked vintage gems. This boutique is a treasure trove of unique finds, offering an array of women's clothing and accessories that capture the essence of style and individuality. Step into their Allentown shop and immerse yourself in a curated collection that's as distinctive and spirited as the women they dress. For those who consider their wardrobe a canvas for self-expression, Ms. Eye Candy is not just a boutique—it's a statement.

## **Meet the Models for MS Eye Candy:**



#### **Model: Coralie Theogene**

Coralie hails from Haiti and delves into the depths of the human mind as a psychology major. She is deeply passionate about all forms of creative expression, finding a particular resonance with fashion, which she views as an art form that empowers selfexpression through clothing.



Originating from Long Island, Aaliyah is pursuing a major in fashion design, driven by a love for the way fashion showcases creativity and individuality. With aspirations aimed high, she envisions herself as the future owner of a fashion company.





#### Model: Vanessa Reumx

Vanessa "Vem" is a model and creative in Buffalo with 9 years of experience in both print & runway. Fashion is at the forefront of her life, both professionally and personally. The expression of self through fashion & art combined has changed my life for the better. The creative community in Buffalo has transformed her vision of not only her future but of her past. She looks forward to being a key player in the fashion industry, locally & globally, for many years to come.

#### **Model: Leeanie Cruz**

Leeanie is currently a student at Buffalo State majoring in Fashion with a minor in Pre-Law. Her passion for fashion began when she was young and realized "Fashion is your everyday life and you can control what creativity flows into it." Fashion is a rabbit hole with many adventures one day she aspires to fulfill this dream.



Styled by Gabrielle Williams and Dominique Dinkins



Nicole Davis is the CEO and designer of Franci Jewelry. Following in the footsteps of her mother, she has an affinity for designing and creating unique and beautifully captivating jewelry, using materials to be worn for the most elegant of occasions to every day.

Nicole's pieces have been featured in New York, Los Angeles, and Paris fashion weeks and also published in national and international magazines including Vogue and Vogue Italia.

## **Meet the Models for Franci Jewelry:**



#### **Model: Ariana Hooks**

Ariana is a business major & soon to be fashion minor at Buffalo State. She is also the Ceo of her own clothing line that was started in 2020. She enjoys painting, yoga, and spending time with family and friends.

#### **Model: Jade Hayslett**

Jade is from Mount Vernon NY & A Newley fashion merchandising major at buffalo state. She's been in 2 fashion shows and she enjoys working out and film and Art.



#### Model: Grace Modi

Grace Modi is a Sudanese-born community activist, event host, runway, editorial & print model in Buffalo NY. She founded a nonprofit called Buffalo New Generations where she mentors young people to achieve their dreams. She did London Fashion Week, and African Fashion Week in Toronto and she also attended the 65th annual Grammys this year.

#### **Model: Karisma Taylor**

A creative and first-time mom, navigating the beautiful intersection of motherhood and the world of glamour. She is an example of how one can gracefully embrace both the nurturing role of a mother and achieve your goals, which serves as an inspiring reminder that with determination and passion, one can indeed have it all.

**Model: Jetaun Louie** 

**Styled by Cianna Boone and Kennedy Hernandez** 



Our mission at Made by Anatomy is creating and perfecting wedding gowns and custom attire for women around their unique personalities and bodies. You do not need to be a certain size to be beautiful - you already are. When you're wearing a garment that fits you perfectly - you look and feel your best.

We are all about those happy tears - so that's what we strive for.

A Buffalo native, Ali came back to establish her brand in 2010 after graduating from FIT and designing for Abercrombie and Fitch. The dream was always to start her own brand, and after 2 years in a boutique on Elmwood Avenue - they honed in on their bridal services and moved into the Hotel Lafavette.

Made by Anatomy creates custom wedding gowns and veils, restores and redesigns vintage heirloom pieces, and comes up with creative solutions for alterations and customizations.

## **Meet the Models for Made by Anatomy:**



#### LinLin

LinLin's passionate exploration of the fashion and textiles domain has ignited an exciting self-discovery journey. She wholeheartedly devotes herself to manifesting her love for art through styling and creative pursuits, continuously unraveling the vast potential of the fashion world.



Eileen is an advocate of Canadian Geese rights. As a history major at Buffalo State, she channels her passion for justice into her studies with a clear goal in sight: to become an immigration attorney dedicated to the plight of asylum seekers, ensuring a voice for those in pursuit of safety and a new beginning.





#### **Skittles**

Skittles moves through life as an ethereal presence, embracing each day as a chance to venture into a new dimension of experience. With their head held high, Skittles navigates life with a perspective that leaves no room for the view of the ground, a testament to their commitment to rise above and inspire their younger self with every step.



#### **Chaun Tzu**

This is Chuan's first year here in Buffalo. She came from Taiwan to study Creativity and Change Leadership. She enjoys the American experience so far and wants to discover something new through this modeling opportunity.

#### **Piggy**

Piggy is a fashion merchandising major who wants a focus on fashion photography, styling, and creative directing.

#### **Lisa Siemer Harvey**

Lisa was born and raised in Buffalo has been married for 32 years and her favorite job is being a grandma!

Styled by Piggy, LinLin Lu, and Preston Ligonde

# **Buffalo State University – Fashion and Textile Technology**

#### **Designer: Alyssa Arena**

Alyssa is a fashion design student ready to infuse her style with Italian culture during her upcoming semester abroad in Florence, Italy. Known for her innovative designs that weave together textures and fluidity, she is set to embrace the artistic journey of Florence and elevate her fashion narrative.

## **Meet the Models for Alyssa Arena:**





**Designer: Lisa Siemer Harvey** 



**Kennedy Hernandez** 



Cianna Boone

## **Meet the Models for Lisa Siemer Harvey:**



**Moderl: Rue Tomilo** 



**Rue's Grandmother** 

Rue is a first grader and enjoys cutting Barbie's hair and doing her makeup with magic markers.

#### **Designer: Ashley Fidler**

The rebelliousness of textile work is what attracts Ashley to the process. Historically, textile traditions have been linked to "women's work" and not necessarily regarded as fine art. Across the globe, many women are still largely beholden to gendered expectations. She wishes to explore those expectations in her work. To create her pieces, Ashley recycles clothing and bed sheets. These materials represent, the factory work and gendered activities in the home, performed mainly by women who are expected to produce, supply, and maintain these needs. These women serve as the home's backbone, simultaneously reproducing social norms while pushing for equality.

## **Meet the Models for Ashley Fidler:**



#### Sabine Glennie

While living as a maximalist, Sabine is striving toward independence and self-reliance. Some see her as contradiction in a bottle. While relishing the balance of structured organization and direct communication she openly embraces any opportunity to let go and emotionally connect with people, music, nature, and ideas.

#### **Emily Constantin**

Emily is a small business owner, an artist, and craftsperson with various mediums. She specializes in ceramics, textile and fiber arts, painting, sculpture, and photography. She uses modeling as another form of self-expression.

**Designer: Hollie Roberts** 

## **Meet the Model for Hollie Roberts:**



#### **Katryna Rock**

Katryna is a BSU student studying fine arts. She enjoys being in front of the camera as much as she loves being behind it and being creative to see what kind of art she can make in all forms! Katryna has been modeling since she was 5 years old and her first runway show was for David's Bridal. Modeling has given her the confidence to concur anything she sets her mind to. The world is her runway!

Styled by Jake Frothingham and Anthony McKeon

#### Designer: Dr. Shantell Reid

Assistant Professor in the Fashion and Textile Technology at Buffalo State University

Dr. Shantell M. Reid is an accomplished Assistant Professor with a passion for advancing the field of plus-size clothing design and fashion studies. With a strong background in fashion design, textiles, and patternmaking, she is dedicated to reshaping the fashion industry to be more inclusive and diverse.

Dr. Reid holds a Ph.D. in Apparel Merchandising and Design from Iowa State University, where her research focused on sizing inconsistencies of women's pants, based on True Fit® sizing software. Dr. Reid explores how the fashion industry can adapt to meet the needs of individuals of all sizes, advocating for greater representation and diversity in the world of fashion.

In the classroom, Dr. Reid is a dedicated and innovative educator, providing students with the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in the fashion and apparel industry. She teaches courses such as "Garment Construction," "Draping," and "Senior Collection." Just recently, Dr. Reid created a course, titled "Blacks in Fashion," that will examine the challenges black people faced in the fashion industry and celebrate their achievements as they fought against societal norms.

The garments in today's show features size adaptability, whereby garments can easily be adjustable using snaps, hooks, and ties to accommodate fluctuations in body size. The purpose was to create a garment that can grow with you.

Dr. Reid envisions a future where fashion is truly inclusive and celebrates all body types. Her research and advocacy work aim to disrupt stereotypes and drive positive change within the fashion industry, ultimately contributing to a more equitable and diverse world of clothing and style.

## **Meet the Models for Dr. Reid:**



**Model: Alexis Webster** 

Alexis is dedicated to her community as she serves on several boards and committees, she is passionate about making a difference now and for those who shall come after her. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, cooking new recipes, and working on becoming a wine connoisseur.

#### **Model: Maddy McDaniel**

Maddy is a creative and life-long learner. She's a 2nd-year graduate student at Buffalo State University studying a M.S. in Creativity and Change Leadership. She also served as the student director of RUNWAY 2023: Provoking Protopias. She hopes to start a fashion consulting business and clothing brand where she can merge her love for fashion, creativity, technology, and gaming.





Model: Izzy Pitts
Izzy is currently studying fashion design at Buffalo State.

#### Designer: Jayla Kierra

Jayla Collins Faison was born and raised in Niagara Falls NY. She received her B.S. in Fashion Textile Technology with a minor in African studies from SUNY Buffalo State University and is currently working on her M.S. in Public Relations at SUNY Buffalo State. Jayla has been working in customer service and communication positions for over five years in the fashion and retail industry.

She is the lead designer and creative director of Jayla Kierra LLC and founder of A Blk Dose of Reality Public Relations. Jayla has worked hybrid/remotely since the pandemic. She continues to strive for the ultimate customer & communication experience through a variety of social media outlets due to it being a significant source for many corporations and businesses.

## **Meet the Model for Jayla Kierra:**



**Model: Mia Rich** 

Mia is an innovative freelance Model from Buffalo, NY. She is a true student of her craft and is dedicated to remaining versatile within the model industry.

#### **Designer: Marie Specktor**

Marie a 2023 graduate of Buffalo State University's FTT Apparel Design program,

crafted and constructed the Vintage Postcards collection as a tribute to her family's refugee journey from Riga, Latvia, to the United States. Inspired by the postcards that accompanied her family, this collection showcases daring designs and innovative use of eco-friendly materials. Marie's innovative approach has earned her recognition for pushing the boundaries of the fashion industry. Alongside her fashion pursuits, Marie has been a licensed aesthetician in the makeup and wedding industry since 2017. She recently launched her own salon, Masha's Makeover, and combined boutique Via Princessa; in Lockport NY,



seamlessly merging her fashion expertise with beauty transformations all under one location. Marie's entrepreneurial drive, commitment to self-expression, and willingness to embrace her authentic past have positioned her as a powerful force in the fashion world. Book her today at <a href="https://mashas-makeover.square.site">https://mashas-makeover.square.site</a>.

## **Meet the Models for Mari Specktor:**



#### **Model: Faith Howie**

Faith is an entrepreneur from NYC who loves creating & she feels like modeling is a stepping stone for her in terms of moving through obstacles and opening her mind to diminishing limitations.

#### **Model: Caroline Abreu**

Caroline is a trailblazing businesswoman and visionary designer. With her innate sense of

style and strategic mindset, Caroline effortlessly merges her passion for business and design. Her innovative ideas and impeccable taste have shaped captivating designs that leave a lasting impact. As the founder of her own brand Garmentsbynina, Caroline combines her entrepreneurial spirit with her creative flair. Her dedication to excellence and ability to think outside the box makes her a formidable presence in the business and design world.



#### **Jocelyn Coty**

Jocelyn is an art and design student on the road to becoming an Art Director. She enjoys snowboarding and skiing. Along with trying new things, including modeling.

#### **Styled by Trinity Blacks and Matt Villalobos**