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## **Student designers face off in KU Project Runway fashion show featuring designer Mychael Knight**

Lawrence, KS— After a competitive preliminary challenge, five University of Kansas students have been named finalists in the KU edition of the hit Bravo reality show, Project Runway. These students will be featured at the Project Runway Finale, held Tuesday, November 13 in the Ballroom of the Kansas Union. The event begins at 7 pm with a special appearance and lecture by Project Runway Season 3 Audience Favorite Mychael Knight. Knight will then serve as a guest judge for the finale runway show featuring the student designers.

After preliminary rounds, the KU student finalists are Betsy Hatch (Kansas City, KS), Gianna Short (Edmond, OK), Katie Hunt (Memphis, TN), Jessica Staton (Kansas City, KS), and Bonnie Croisant (Humboldt, KS). Upon being named finalists, each competitor was given three unique design challenges, which they will show in addition to their preliminary designs at the Finale runway show. One winner will receive a prize package including a window display at Epic Apparel,

Finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place during the third season of the hit Bravo reality show, Knight was chosen by more than 10 million viewers to be the “Viewers’ Favorite Designer.” His popularity led to the creation of his own independent fashion line, clothing celebrities such as Ciara and Queen Latifah. With a signature fragrance and a new line in the

works, Knight has parlayed his television success into continued notoriety amongst the fashion set.

The finale show is a free event and is open to the general public. Doors open at 6:30. For more information about this and other great events, call 785-864-SHOW or visit us on the web at [www.suaevents.com](http://www.suaevents.com).

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