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## **Student Union Activities opens Project Runway competition for student designers**

LAWRENCE, Kan.— Student Union Activities of the University of Kansas Project Runway Challenge began Sept. 2 when SUA announced the preliminary challenge, which is currently open to all KU students. For the preliminary round, student designers must create garments out of brown paper bags. The deadline for submissions is Sept. 29 at 5 p.m., and finalists will be announced Oct. 1 at 5 p.m. in the Kansas Union Gallery located next to the SUA Office, where all the garments will be displayed.

The Project Runway event will culminate in a runway show on Nov. 11 featuring guest judge and speaker Christian Siriano, winner and fan favorite of the fourth season of the “Project Runway” television show. The top five finalists will present their work in front of judges to determine an overall winner who will receive a \$500 prize.

In the preliminary round, the contestants must create garments entirely out of brown paper shopping bags. The garments may be sewn, painted or stapled, but the use of glue, tape and embellishments not of brown paper is prohibited. Contestants may work in pairs or alone, and designs will be judged based on execution, difficulty, creativity and aesthetic design.

“We are excited to highlight a group of students who don’t often receive recognition for their talents on campus. SUA is pleased to be able to bring an event of such unique nature,” Grace Sha, SUA Cultural Arts Coordinator, said.

The competition is open to all KU students, and anyone interested in participating is encouraged to pick up supplies and registration forms at the Union Programs Box Office Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information about this and other events, call the Union Programs Box Office at 785-864-SHOW or visit the SUA Web site at

[www.suaevents.com](http://www.suaevents.com).

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