



As The Leaves Turn Brown



By: Sadie Lankford

Rockwall ISD/ GBCCA Fashion student, Sadie Lankford, awarded a scholarship for the 2022 FIDM Fashion Club Junior Scholarship Competition

On June 27, 2022, Sadie Lankford was the sole winner of a scholarship worth \$40,000, to attend The Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising (FIDM) in Los Angeles, California. The scholarship will cover the first year tuition.

Those who applied for the scholarship were required to submit an original collection, consisting of four ready-to-wear and two formal garments that had a cohesive theme amongst the six designs. They also had to write a 500 word essay about their collection and a separate 500 word essay about themselves and how this scholarship would help them. Sadie made a stunning, fall inspired, collection and worked very hard on her essays and digital sketches of her own original designs. She is the first student from GBCCA and the first student, in the state of Texas, to achieve this accomplishment.

Sadie has been extremely involved in the RISD Fashion Design program her entire high school career. She has always been an amazing leader, as well as a mentor to other students, and was one of our Fashion Show Directors for our annual 2021-2022 RISD Fashion Show. This year, Sadie is serving as the Fashion Design 1 teaching assistant. She is the President of the FCCLA Fashion Design organization, as well as a member of our 2022-2023 FCCLA competition team. Sadie has competed in her last 3 years of competition where she has been awarded 1st and 2nd honors at the Regional, State and National Levels. She is also a member of NHS, Mu Alpha Theta, FIDM Fashion Club, and was the Head event coordinator for the RHS special needs program in 2022. Sadie is graduating in 2023 in the top 15% of her class. She volunteers at Cornerstone Rockwall Church and is part of the serve team, and the President of the Awaken Christian Bible Club at RHS. Sadie will be attending The Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising (FIDM) in Los Angeles, CA. We look forward to her journey as she becomes an emerging Fashion Designer in the Fashion Design industry.