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RadiciSpandex corp. honors designer Tadashi Shoji and announces the winners of the 2011 “Stretch to the Future” design competition with the Fashion School of Kent State University.



RadiciSpandex Marketing Manager Kim Hall with “Stretch to the Future” Grand Prize winner Sarah Ineson and honoree judge Tadashi.

RadiciSpandex Corp., maker of RadElast brand spandex, revealed on April 21 the winners of the eleventh annual Stretch to the Future design competition held with the junior class at the Fashion School of Kent State University. Serving as the event’s honoree designer judge was celebrated eveningwear designer Tadashi Shoji, who accepted the Stretch to the Future Award from RadiciSpandex Marketing Manager Kim Hall during the judging session held at the Fashion School’s New York City design studio.

Tadashi led a diverse judging panel of apparel industry experts, including members of the charitable organization The Underfashion Club, which sponsored the contest’s lingerie award. The panel included Kristy Chen, the competition’s Grand Prize winner in 2005 who is now an assistant designer at the contemporary label Doo.Ri. Scholarship winners were selected in the categories of eveningwear, activewear, swimwear, lingerie and a Grand Prize overall.

Sarah Ineson, a 20-year-old native of West Hartford, CT, emerged as the Grand Prize and Eveningwear Winner for her one-shouldered gown created in black stretch fabric donated by Darlington Fabrics. Amanda Heslinga, of Stow, OH, won the activewear prize with her two-piece design featuring a black bandeau top embellished with pink bands and matching pant made of fabrics from Darlington and Guilford Performance Textiles. Alexandria Petrus, of Hartville, OH, took the honors in lingerie for a bra-and-panty set made of fabrics from Darlington, McMurray, Hornwood and Ames Textiles. Finally, Madelyn Winfield, a native of Zelienople, PA, earned the swimwear prize for a one-piece suit made of fabrics donated by Darlington and Sextet Fabrics and a cover-up constructed in Polartec fabric.



This year's winners were selected from a field of 53 students who competed with garments designed in stretch fabrics containing RadiciSpandex RadElast® spandex donated by Ames Textiles, Cyberknit Fabrics, Darlington Fabrics, Eagle Fabrics, Guilford Performance Textiles, Markbilt Technical Fabrics, McMurray Fabrics, Polartec, Prescott Finishing, Rentex, Royal Lace, Sextet Fabrics, Swisstex, TDB Tecidos and Tweave LLC.

In addition to Tadashi and Chen, the judging panelists included Kim Hall, RadiciSpandex Corp. Marketing Manager, Camille Block, Intimate Apparel Specialist, Virginia Borland, New York Correspondent, *Textile World*, Linda Corby, Sales Representative, Darlington Fabrics, Jacky Clyman, Executive Vice President, Cockpit U.S.A., Marie Dekens, Account Manager, Sourcing Solutions, Angela Farina, Women's Apparel Designer, Under Armour, Ruth Finley, Publisher, Fashion Calendar, Britt Meadows, Specialty Products Sales Representative, Guilford Performance Textiles, and Norman Szychter, Director of Fabric Development and Compliance, Aeropostale, Inc.

Created in 1999, the "Stretch to the Future" Design Scholarship Competition inspires the creative development of design students while educating them about the technical aspects of garment construction using fashion fabrics containing a highly technical fiber such as RadElast® by RadiciSpandex. Each year, RadiciSpandex invites a well-known designer to head up the Stretch to the Future judging panel of apparel industry experts. Previous recipients of this honor include Betsey Johnson, Dana Buchman, Nicole Miller, Nanette Lepore, Carmen Marc Valvo and Marc Bouwer, among others.

About Tadashi Shoji

Tadashi Shoji is the founder and chief designer of Los Angeles-based Tadashi Shoji. Tadashi Shoji has been widely recognized for his original designs and innovative collections. The Tadashi label is carried in more than 4,000 major department and specialty stores world-wide including Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom, Saks Fifth Avenue, Bloomingdales and Macy's. Internationally, the brand is available at high end retailers such as Isetan, Epoca the Shops, and Anniversaire Omotesaando. The Tadashi Shoji brand also maintains its own retail operations with two signature boutiques in the United States— one in South Coast Plaza, CA and the other in Forum Shops at Caesars in Las Vegas.

About Kent State University

Since its founding as a teacher-training school in 1910, Kent State has become an engine for economic, cultural and workforce development in the region and beyond as one of the premiere Ohio colleges. The university also has earned acclaim for applying new knowledge to address the needs of the communities it serves and society as a whole through a vast array of continuing education courses and much more. In addition to its campus in Kent, OH, Kent State University's fashion school, which was founded in 1983, has two outpost studios --- one in Florence, Italy, and the recently opened New York City garment district location. Fashion students have the opportunity to study abroad or in New York City for one semester in either studio.

About The Underfashion Club

A not-for-profit 501 (c) (3) charitable organization, the Underfashion Club was established in 1958 to provide intimate apparel industry leaders with a forum to exchange information and ideas, a platform to discuss industry needs and problems, and a way of establishing the intimate apparel market as a vital aspect of the fashion industry.



About RadiciSpandex Corp. and RadiciGroup

Based in Gastonia, NC, RadiciSpandex Corp., maker of RadElast® spandex fiber, is a U.S. subsidiary of RadiciGroup, one of Italy's leading chemicals multinationals, a diversified group specializing in chemicals, plastics and synthetic fibres. Among the Group's key strengths is the synergistic vertical integration of its nylon production. RadiciGroup has total control over its production, from chemical intermediates, such as adipic acid, to polyamides 6 and 66, engineering plastics and synthetic yarn. The Group's production and sales units are located in Italy and the rest of Europe, as well as across the globe in Asia, North America and South America. 2010 consolidated sales revenue was EUR 1,162 million. RadiciGroup products are exported worldwide and are used in the apparel, sports, furnishings, automotive, electrical/electronics and household appliances sectors.

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