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Campo Freshman a Fresh Face on NYC Fashion Runway

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While many of Angelina Louie's peers wore heels to their middle school promotion, she chose Converse sneakers.

Angelina is still two years away from her high school prom and is not yet allowed to wear makeup, so why is she heading to a New York City fashion event? Perhaps because her parents urge her to try new things, she said. Angelina will be one of four "regular girls" on the runway during the (online dress company) PromGirl fashion show Feb. 13 at The Art Beam in New York City's Chelsea neighborhood.

Angelina's mother Raquel Louie said she was surprised her daughter would consider applying for the event but hopes this will teach her that she can have fun in fashion as a natural beauty.

"It's not about the makeup," rather, "it's about the experience," her mother said.

Angelina herself admits she was "very surprised" when she learned in early January that she had been accepted, especially given her age (she's 14). She feels the event

will help her build confidence. The teen's first love is singing; something she said she's done practically since she learned to talk. A choir member at school since sixth grade, Louie sings first soprano this year in the Campolindo High School Chorale choir.

She branched out to acting three years ago, getting involved with Walnut Creek's Young REP Theatre summer workshops. Angelina is currently rehearsing as a cast member of her high school's spring musical, "Beauty and the Beast," where she plays a plate and a villager.

The visit to New York City will be their first mother/daughter event, and the pair is looking forward to seeing the sights of Times Square and attending a Broadway musical.

"If you want something, look for opportunities," Angelia said, adding "remember to have fun." It doesn't hurt to know that after she models, Louie gets to keep her dress. It will look great with sneakers.

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