

Hi Char,

How are you? It's been a long time since I last said hello, and I just wanted to check in with you and the society as a fresh graduate out of the Maryland Institute College of Art! I graduated with a BFA in Fiber with a concentration in Experimental Fashion. I have done 3 MICA fashion shows within these past 2 years, participated in MICA's Artwalk event with my senior thesis work, and have found a passion in garment making/patterning and sewing!

These four years have gone by so fast! I can't thank the society enough for their support from the beginning! I've been able to find my artistic voice and engage with such an amazing, creative community of peers. Thank you for recognizing my potential.

Attached are some pictures of my thesis body of work at ArtWalk! ArtWalk is the opening of MICA's campus-wide gallery show that displays all the work of the current graduating class. I created a collection of garment-sculptures using cotton rope that has been coiled on the industrial sewing machine and hand-dyed by myself. I've adapted this basketry technique to create large-scaled "ideas" or "caricatures" of articles of clothing. These objects were part of a performance during an experimental fashion event that was produced, directed, and organized by my Multia Media Event class (I can send over a video file in a separate email due to its size).

It's been such a fulfilling experience to check back in with everyone and have such a supportive group of people interested in my artistic growth. Thank you again!

Sincerely,  
Courtney Banh

