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**NOTTINGHAM TRENT STUDENTS IN CATWALK
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A Nottingham Trent University student has won the top prize at the 2008 Fashion Awareness Direct (FAD) Competition.

Alicia Stone's design was praised as "wearable, buyable and covetable" by judge Melanie Rickey, fashion features and news editor for Grazia, and won unanimously.

Alicia won £2,000 and a work-placement in Madrid with prestigious brand Hoss Intropia.

Alicia, 21, a final year fashion design student, said: "I am so, so happy and grateful to FAD for giving me this opportunity.

"FAD put me in touch with many people who offered me even more opportunities - I had a fantastic night."

Fashion design course leader Gilly Staples, said: "This is a fantastic achievement for Alicia and we are all extremely proud, she certainly has a really bright future ahead of her.

"The university performed exceptionally in this competition, with two other students, Terri Dewhurst and Bonnie Yau, among the 12 finalists."

Finalists saw their work showcased in a catwalk show and exhibition in London on Thursday night.