

# Keeping up with Fashion at Monroe Community College

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As students start their week at Monroe Community College, at Brighton campus in Henrietta, they are greeted by an endless number of students walking down the halls. Students from all different backgrounds, expressing themselves through the clothes they decide to wear.

Being at MCC on a day-to day-basis, you see all different types of outfits. The popular brands Nike, Adidas, Victoria Secret, Supreme, Thrasher and even more brands are well represented. Some students have their own unique way of expressing themselves, while others want to join the latest trends.

A current student, Josh Briggs said “At school, the majority of what I see is brand name outfits. Nike, Adidas, Lululemon etc. things that increase status in society.” Briggs further explains “I like to wear clothing that appeals to me. Designs, collectives, or other things that I find visually or inherently appealing. Not necessarily following the crowd”.

Cheyenne Celentano, another MCC student states “I wear the type of outfit I wear because it expresses who I am and how I feel about myself and how I want others to see me”. Cheyenne further explains that she likes to show confidence when coming to school. Being



comfortable in what you are wearing is an important factor when getting ready for school. Feeling confident in what you are wearing is a major factor when leaving the house or dorm room each day.

A sophomore at MCC, Loren Searle says, “I love to make a statement, anything that can enhance a diva attitude but also be professional and forward, I’m absolutely here for.”

An array of different colors and patterns can be seen with accessories to add to the overall look of the outfit. The comfy look is also making a huge comeback, especially with winter on its way. Important information to know when getting ready for the chilly weather and lots of snow in Rochester.

College students already have many items to buy for the school year. Staying warm on a budget is what it’s all about. Layering is a great choice, or adding a classic leather or jean jacket not only for looks but also for an added layer of warmth. A warm winter coat, sweaters, hoodies, boots, athletic clothing and the most famous item of clothing, sweatpants, are all staples in a college students wardrobe.

The importance of staying warm on that long walk from the dorms to class, or the commute to MCC, involves having scarfs and hats available when the temperature drops quickly and snow starts flying. The sweatpants don’t have to be left at home before coming to class though. A sophomore at MCC Bella Lynch said “I like what I wear on a day to day basis because being more comfortable helps me learn.”

Saving money is a major key for any college student and holiday sales are the perfect time to buy. If you don't want to leave the dorms or the house with the comfy sweatpants you're wearing, don't worry online sales are wildly popular. Stores like American Eagle, Hollister, Nike host huge online sales this time of year with deep discounts. Thrifty students who want to shop second-hand and get great deals have options too. Plato's Closet has nice items for half the cost of retail and you can even sell unwanted clothes to make money too!

At MCC, a dress code is nonexistent unlike many high schools, which gives individuals more freedom to express who they are by making those personal clothing choices that make them happy. Dinosaur costumes and cloaks aren't left at home either folks, the clothing choices you make and options you have to wear to school are endless!



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