

MC ALUMNI PROFILE:

Victoria Kakuktiniaq



*"I learned about the traditional designs first, and I incorporate the curves of the Amauti style into my designs. I'm an Inuk and I want to promote Inuit culture and continue to use the traditional materials that Inuit used a long time ago."*

Victoria is a graduate from MC College's Fashion Design program in Winnipeg. Born in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut, she learned how to sew traditional garments and beading from a young age. She was inspired to start a career in Fashion after designing and creating a parka as part of the Ilitaqsiniq-Nunavut Literacy Council's Miqqut Program, which teaches traditional Inuit sewing and design.

Inspired by her grandmother and her Nunavut background, she incorporates Inuit culture & tradition with modern touches into her designs. Beading, embroidery, seal skin, fur and large hoods are prevalent in her collections. For Victoria, her love for fashion extends beyond creating unique pieces, it's about embracing and promoting Inuit culture. *"I just incorporate tradition into my pieces, but I also bring a more modern style...A lot of the embroidery I do is just floral, but I'd like to eventually incorporate other Inuit symbols...it's really a way to keep our culture alive"*.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- Showcased in Paris Fashion Week 2019
- Featured in Elle Canada, Flare, Nipiit Magazine, Up Here Magazine
- Winner - Business of the Year, Nunavut Trade Show

