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Wagner College's Kathrine Ivins keeps summer alive with a short denim skirt from American Eagle. Her boots are from TJ Maxx.



Lisa Comdemi, a Wagner College student, says she loves everything about fashion and putting it all together.



Wagner College student Taylor Parks loves her Doc Martins and cover-up blouse from Mystique Boutique.

Street Styles

# STUDENTS ROCKIN' IT

Students dress with a relaxed fit and style around Staten Island campuses. From high school to college, they are sporting casual duds, from jeans and tees to hats and sneakers.

They shop online, in the Mall and thrift shops. They prove that affordability and style can go hand in hand.

Here are just some of the young adults we saw out and about with a flair for fashion.

— Photos and story by Jan Somma-Hammel



Tottenville High School student Cameron Deane is a rapper called King Louis. We love his hat and glasses.



Susan Wagner High School senior Erick Bryant likes to shop at H&M and Hollister at the Staten Island Mall.



Antonio Smith, a student at the College of Staten Island, threw on his favorite authentic Army camo pants and a Wu-Tang tee.



Supporters of arts advocate Gena Mimozo plan to write in her name when voting in the congressional election. (KRISTOPHER JOHNSON)

## Don't want Grimm or Recchia? Pick Gena

Tongue-in-cheek idea to write in Ms. Mimozo's name gains momentum

By Lauren Steussy

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She's the unofficial ambassador of the Staten Island arts community. So why not the official congressional one?

A tongue-in-cheek suggestion to write in Staten Island Arts Grants Director Gena Mimozo surfaced last week after the Advance's reluctant endorsement of 11th New York Congressional District candidate Michael Grimm.

Mimozo is a filmmaker and artist who lives on the North Shore and has connections to just about every other borough artist.

The growing number of social media comments from friends and supporters suggest that Mimozo actually may get a (relatively) significant amount of write-in votes — maybe even more than "Mickey Mouse" and "Your Mom."

Plea to vote

"Dear Staten Islanders: please write my friend Gena Mimozo's name in the ballot tomorrow — show the rest of the island you don't want those other two goombahs!" friend Danielle Beeber wrote on Facebook.

"Wonder if we could muster one volunteer at each polling station with a sign endorsing you," friend Michael Cruz chimed in.

"There is no reason why we can't collectively get Gena Mimozo a government job she probably doesn't want but will do a better job than any of these fools," Rory Merola commented. "Lets make history. Don't know who to pick... VOTE GENA MIMOZO."

Memes also have surfaced touting support for Mimozo's write-in candidacy. The images are making the rounds on friends' and supporters' Facebook pages.

Mimozo, a proud Staten Island native and Wagner College grad, has embraced the endorsement with good humor.

She wrote that she does "believe in voting and participating in the system but I'm not gonna vote for someone just because they are my only choices."

Mimozo continued: "The fact Grimm has a four-point lead over Recchia says a lot about the state of things. I think I'm way too liberal and gay for Staten Island, but it would be nice to grab enough write-in votes to make those two scratch their heads a bit."