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## Designer Althea Harper climbing fashion pyramid

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Oakwood designer Althea Harper has been competing with other fashion designers on the popular show Project Runway for the past 12 weeks. Each week another hapless designer fall by the wayside and the pressure to stay on the good side of the judges with fashion-forward designs and taking the occasional chance is truly strutting the razor's edge on this show.

Last Thursday, there were five designers and at the end of the show two were out. Happily, Harper was one of the surviving trio that will be going to Bryant Park in New York City for Fashion Week. She will be exhibiting a dozen of her designs on the runway there. But there is more...

The winning designer will receive a fashion spread in Marie Claire magazine, a vacation to Paris, France and \$100,000 to start their own label.

Harper had a runway show back in September that was attended by fellow OHS classmate Ryan Olavarria and an entourage of Oakwood fashionistas and family. Whether she comes away with the top prize or not, the story will play out in the next two weeks when the show runs on Thursday nights, Nov. 12 and 19 on the Lifetime Channel.



The Althea Harper fashion show "Assimilation" at the exclusive and very popular Greenhouse NYC in September was a great success. Pictured (left to right): Fiona Conte, Althea Harper, Ryan Olavarria, and Chris Harper.

## Heaton appearing in newly-released film *The Box*

Oakwood High School (2005) alumna Danielle Heaton is appearing in the newly-released film "The Box," starring Cameron Diaz, James Marsden and Frank Langella and directed by Richard Kelly.

Danielle is a 2009 graduate of Emerson College, Boston, Massachusetts, with a Bachelor of Fine arts in Musical Theatre. While at OHS, Danielle was actively involved with local theatre productions including: Dayton Playhouse, Human Race Theatre, Vandalia Youth Theatre, Oakwood High School productions and five years with the Muse Machine.

She was cast in many shows at Emerson and has worked the past three summers in Summer Stock Musical Theatre with leading roles in the Nantucket, MA Dreamland Theater and Broadway on the Gulf at Galveston Island, Texas. Danielle has



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recently moved to Manhattan, NY to pursue her career in music and acting. Danielle said that her small role as Estelle in the movie "The Box" was a wonderful experience and getting to attend the movie's premiere and cast party really added to the excitement of her move to New York City.

## Off-duty officer charged in assault at pharmacy

An Oakwood safety officer has been placed on administrative leave after an incident last week where he assaulted a man twice at a Rite Aid drugstore on Wilmington Pike. According to a security camera video inside the store, off-duty Officer John McCalister is seen striking Paul Watts, 48, twice inside the store after Watts asked McCalister for change about 3:30 p.m. Oct. 14 at the Rite Aid store at 1158 Wilmington Ave. The officer pushed Watts to the ground twice during the confrontation before being seen walking back out of the store.

The officer's wife, Oakwood Officer Tiffany McCalister, who was present but not

involved in the incident, was also put on administrative leave pending an internal investigation on the matter that should be completed within the next 30 days. McCalister is scheduled to be arraigned in Dayton court on Nov. 13.

"We are extremely concerned about our officer," said Oakwood City Manager Norbert Klopsch. "The 'use of force' rules are very strict, especially for a police officer. I don't know why or how this happened."

A video of the confrontation is downloadable on the Internet at: <http://link.brightcove.com/services/player/bcpid1418565565?bctid=48550036001>

## Flu clinic at Hara Arena Nov. 12

Dayton & Montgomery County will hold another free H1N1 vaccination clinic for all targeted groups at Hara Arena, 1001 Shiloh Springs Rd., Trotwood, on Thursday, Nov. 12 from 1 - 5 p.m. Both nasal spray and shots will be available.

Targeted groups include:

- Pregnant women
- Persons who live with or provide care for infants under 6 months (e.g., parents, siblings, and daycare providers)
- Healthcare and emergency medical services personnel
- Persons aged 6 months thru 24 years
- Persons aged 25 thru 64 years who have chronic medical conditions such as lung or heart disease, diabetes, or other immuno-compromised conditions.

For additional information, check [phdmc.org](http://phdmc.org) or call the flu information line at 224-8796.

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