

# Models of Marion

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A large number of people in high school get jobs, but not many work a job that hires you based on looks. Modeling seems almost like a fantasy job, but for senior Nihya Henderson, modeling has been her reality for about a year now.

Henderson started modeling when she was 17 for Seattle Talent. Now 18 years old, she recently was brought to California to model with the company. Henderson started her modeling career working hard and hasn't slowed down since she began. "I started with Facebook and signed up to do classes and then auditions for them (Seattle Talent) and if they like you they like you and if they don't they don't," said Henderson. The auditioning process can be cruel. According to Henderson, they aren't just judging you for your looks. It's more than that, and once they choose you it's not straight to the runway. "It's a lot of learning before you actually do stuff. It's not just modeling, it's acting too," said Henderson.

Once Henderson did finally get to walk the runway, she loved it, but not every part was so easy. One of the hardest things for her was the number of people and just how exposed you are. "Being comfortable in front of the camera or in front of thou-



Nihya Henderson, senior, strikes a pose at the end of the catwalk during a show in California this past year.

sands of people on the runway in a swimsuit. It's pretty scary at first," said Henderson.

One of the many backlashes that modeling, especially with young girls, gets is the strictness of looks. Most advertisements show impossibly skinny girls, that were underweight before, and then were photoshopped to look even more "perfect." Henderson says this is one of the things

she would change about the industry. "I think everybody's bodies are unique. I like it when people post themselves on Instagram because it makes them feel confident," says Henderson.

This harsh modeling world is what made senior, Summer Forsblom's mom put a pause on her daughter's modeling career. Forsblom modeled professionally when she was young, starting at just four years old. Forsblom was the face of a photography business, but then things started getting more extreme. "I got offered to go to California and model with Barbie but that's when my mom said we were done till I was 18," said Forsblom. Now she's weeks away from turning eighteen and she can't wait to get back into it, but it's not her only plan. "I definitely wanna do it as part of my career. I am going to school for teaching so I'm just deciding what one to focus on," said Forsblom. She hopes to sign with Select Model Management in Chicago, where her cousin used to model, after her birthday in April. It's been a while since she's modeled professionally, but she also wishes the industry was different. She thinks "the way society thinks people should look" needs to change.

The industry is changing more every day, hopefully in a positive direction, and these ladies will continue to change with it. No matter where their modeling takes them, they should always know that no matter what other models may look like. We are proud of our beautiful Marion models.

# Anonymously Ask

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Do you need some advice, but you don't want people to know it's you? "Anonymously Ask," the new addition to The Vox. Email us questions and ask us for advice at **anonymouslyaskmhs@gmail.com**.

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## How do I ask out my crush?

Asking out a crush is always intimidating. But it doesn't have to be impossible. The best thing you can do is simply ask them if they feel the same way they feel about you, or ask them if they want to go out on a date sometime. Try to keep it casual at first. Go out for ice cream, get to know them.

If you're already friends with this person tell them how you feel. It may mean more face to face, but if you are like me and are so awkward that you'll turn into a tomato send them a text. Know that the person you ask out has a very small chance of becoming the person you marry, but that doesn't mean you can't enjoy your time in high school with them.

Just remember, you're great! You can do this! Who knows, maybe your crush is reading this thinking about asking you out.

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POSE #1 – HOW TO PRETEND TO BE TALL



POSE #2 – CAN YOU FEEL MY HEARTBEAT?



POSE #3 – "THE TALKING STAGE"



POSE #4 – NO PREMARITAL HAND-HOLDING



POSE #5 – AWKWARD FAMILY PHOTO



POSE #6 – WHEN THE GUY IS SHORTER



POSE #7 – THE THIRD WHEEL



POSE #8 – SISTERS BEFORE MISTERS