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Wardrobe Credits:
Shirt and Pants-Roderick Gilchrist
Glasses-Wisdom ATL
Hat: Kevin Goolsby
Shoes: Addias x Jeremy Scott

Dr. Courtney A. Hammonds

“The Dean of Fashion”

Q1: How did you first become involved in the fashion industry?

A1: I began my venture into the fashion industry by joining URUP Designs Boutique as an advisory support member.

Q2: Could you tell us about your role at Neiman Marcus and what responsibilities you had there?

A2: I took on the role of Assistant Human Resource Manager at Neiman Marcus, where I was responsible for all training in the store, as well as the interviewing and hiring process.

Q3: What were some of your accomplishments and contributions during your time as the Department Chair for the Fashion Program at the Art Institutes?

A3: During my tenure from 2010 to 2018, I successfully developed new academic programs such as the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Fashion Design (BFA). I also implemented initiatives like collaborative design competitions, internship opportunities, and secured a showcase at NYFW for the annual BFA collections.

Q4: How did you influence Hers Magazine and what changes did you bring about during your time as the Fashion Editor?

A4: When I was selected by Hers Magazine in 2018 to serve as the Fashion Editor, I introduced a more daring and cutting-edge aesthetic. I conducted interviews with influential figures in the fashion industry, such as Nicolas Ghesquière, Claire Wright Keller, Christian Siriano, and more.

Q5: What is your current role and focus in the fashion industry?

A5: Currently, I hold the position of Senior Fashion Editor at Upscale Magazine, where I explore the boundless realm of fashion and design with an academic approach. Additionally, I contribute to Sheen Magazine and run my consultancy, CAH & Co., providing guidance to brands, institutions, fashion weeks, and governments worldwide.

Q6: How have you been recognized for your contributions to the fashion and academic sectors?

A6: I am widely recognized as an authority in the fashion and academic sectors, with media outlets such as InStyle, NPR, and Reader's Digest acknowledging my expertise. I have received accolades, including being named in Modern Luxury Men of Style and Alabama State University 50 Under 50, as well as receiving the Volunteer Service Award from President Joe Biden.

Q7: Could you share more about your philanthropic efforts and collaborations?

A7: Certainly. Driven by a desire for positive change and compassion, I have dedicated myself to philanthropy. I have collaborated extensively with Easter Seals as a Goodwill Ambassador and co-chaired Fashion Uncorked, a design competition that raises funds for Easter Seals' initiatives in assisting individuals with disabilities.

Q8: What is your educational background?

A8: I hold a Doctorate in Business Administration from Argosy University, an MBA from Keller Graduate School of Management, and a Bachelor's degree in Education from Alabama State University.

Q9: Where are you based, and who do you serve through your consultancy?

A9: I operate out of Atlanta, Georgia, and serve clients globally, with a specific emphasis on the Americas, Caribbean, and Europe.

**For interviews or appearances,
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