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Young Folks

Design students, Zac Posen, Mindy Grossman, and Les Steiger honored at FSF Geoffrey Beene Fashion Scholarship Fund dinner

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(NEW YORK) The FSF Geoffrey Beene Fashion Scholarship was established to award money to talented young design students, but even the big guns came out last night for the award ceremony and dinner at the Marriott Marquis Hotel. **Zac Posen**, Home Shopping Network's **Mindy Grossman**, and **Les Steiger** of Macy's were honored with awards. The night, emceed by **Tim Gunn**, brought out the likes of **Iman** and **Patricia Field** (who both presented awards) and supporters like **Francisco Costa**, **Molly Sims**, **Mary Alice Stephenson**, and **Richie Rich**.

"It's a really exciting time to be honored," said Posen, "It's been a hell of a seven years of my life. I'm 28, and I started when I was 21. Well, I started when I was *born*, but I trademarked it when I was 21." Posen's parents, **Susan** and **Stephen**, came out to support their son; Posen's dad even

wore a studded jacket designed by his Zac "for **Naomi Campbell** back when he was a student at St. Martins." How he got his hands on such a historic piece? "I'm his dad!" he laughed.

Stephenson and Sims arrived *ensemble*. "We're having a girl's night out!" the former said. "We're partners in crime." Sims' date definitely had her perks: "It's great to travel with a stylist!" she laughed. "She hems, she does your hair a million different ways..." The model paid homage to the students being honored (with \$25,000 scholarships) by wearing a jumpsuit by a relative unknown, Lithuanian designer Josef Statkus. "It's always great to support the young ones, because the young ones are our future ones," she said. Stephenson agreed. "I've done so much work supporting young designers, and Molly loves to wear young designers, so we're here not only for Zac and Mindy and Les, but for the scholarship winners."

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