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## schoolshopping

When it comes to back-to-school shopping, from pre-K all the way to college, students are focused on two things: comfort and style. We found top spots to **find on-trend basics** that work for every grade.



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LORI DOWNING

**BEFORE**

Lori Downing, was looking for a makeover to get her out of clothes that looked "schoolmarmish."

## Lori Downing

TEACHES READING AT LEO F. GIBLYN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, FREEPORT

Downing's husband, Tom, requested a makeover for his "beautiful" wife. She was diagnosed with cervical cancer in 2014 and, after undergoing treatments, is healthy and well. Despite being a devoted and beloved teacher, her look has sometimes been called "schoolmarmish." Her husband wrote, "she would look so amazing in something other than worn cords . . . and a comfortable, broken-in pair of Clarks." Downing, 56, saw the need for change. "I'm not the worst dresser in the school, but I'm probably in the lower 15 percent. The school librarian calls me a 'granola bar,' and, being among the oldest teachers in the school, even though I don't feel old, I'm feeling kind of left out."

**LESSON PLAN** Add warmth and style to Downing's overgrown 'do, and contemporize her fashion sensibilities to underscore her joyous, youthful attitude.

**CRASH COURSE** Downing's hair was too long and too brassy, so, first up, the Red Door's Patti Forest Depinto lopped off five inches and cut it into a "sleek, chic, graduated bob." Colorist Danielle McCormack warmed up the brassy tones with a wheat shade closer to her natural color, repaired split ends with a special treatment and worked the balayage technique into her hair, hand-painting beachy blonde highlights. Makeup artist Arti Kakar added a smoky eye in matte finish and used raisin liner and raspberry lipstick to produce a fuller-looking lip. Finally, the mumsy duds were replaced by body-flattering, modern silhouettes that will have all those younger teachers asking, "Where'd you get that?"

**FINAL EXAM** "I feel that this was a confidence-booster, and I feel more empowered," said Downing, who, after the shoot, immediately went home to shop online. "I'm definitely aware that I have to put more energy and effort in. I want to give myself this new level and not slide back into this comfortable, lazy Lori."

**OUR THIRD TEACHER MAKEOVER, B8**



BRUCE GILBERT

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School

A flattering, fit-and-flare dress could end up being a wardrobe workhorse for Lori Downing: Dress (Reiss, \$320), Vince Camuto shoes (\$149.99, at select Camuto stores and [vincecamuto.com](http://vincecamuto.com)), bag (Reiss, \$495). All jewelry by the Jewelry Baroness (bracelets \$52, \$55; necklace \$42); stockings, DKNY.

# extra HELP

## ON THE COVER



**PATRICIA CASTILLO-LOVAGLIO** in a Donna Morgan dress (\$138, donna-morgan.com, worn with stylist's own blazer); necklace (DiAmer Jewelry, \$45, diamerjewelry.com), ring (\$35) and bracelet (\$38, both by the Jewelry Baronessa, thejewelrybaronessa.com).

**STEPHEN CHAN** wore a Reiss blazer (\$465, reiss.com); button-down shirt (\$195), plaid skinny tie (\$135, shirt and tie both by Thomas Pink); Vineyard Vines pant (\$98.50, vineyardvines.com) — and check out the Batman tie bar (Kohl's, \$34) and the Oliver Green superhero belt (\$35, olivergreenonline.com).

**LORI DOWNING** in a blouse (\$248) and pants (\$198, both by Kobi Halperin, sold at select Neiman Marcus and Lord & Taylor stores); Soft Joie sweater (\$238 at Entrée Boutique, Port Washington).

## Three teachers get schooled in making top fashion grades

BY ANNE BRATSKER  
Special to Newsday

**B**am! Before you know it, summer is over and back-to-school looms. And virtually e-v-e-r-y-b-o-d-y wants to start the year looking their best.

That includes teachers, explaining why hundreds of them wrote in to take part in Newsday's annual teacher makeover. There were nervous newbies just starting their careers, seasoned veterans and everyone in between, all hoping for a crash course in fashion and a back-to-school refresh. We're sad to say we could choose only three from this deserving pool of candidates.

Among our goals this year: Amp up the teachers' professional looks, arm them with swagger and style while still allowing their very distinctive personalities to shine through. And we do mean shine.

The transformation for our three brave candidates began early one August morning at the Red Door Spa at The Garden City Hotel. This year's trio of teachers thought the makeover process was going to be a breeze after they slipped into cushy robes and slippers and were whisked into the spa's serene lounge, where they got a few minutes to chill. But then the makeover action ensued — haircuts, conditioning, color processes and even a skin treatment — the spa's Oxygen Blast for hydration and a natural glow.

Next stop was Newsday's studio, where a team of fashion stylists, makeup artists and hairstylists descended upon our teachers to complete the lesson. The results? If we were grading them, we'd say 100 percent fabulous.

## Stephen Chan

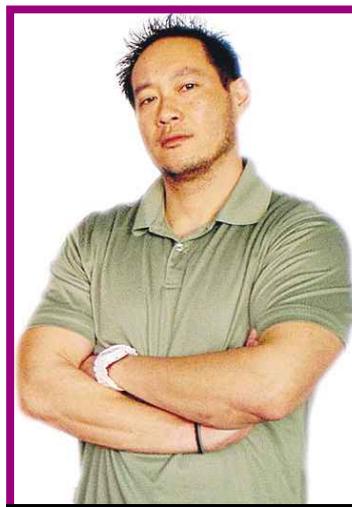
TEACHES SIXTH GRADE AT HAROLD D. FAYETTE SCHOOL, NORTH MERRICK

**T**he district's deputy superintendent Beth Friedman nominated Chan, calling him "a gifted sixth-grade teacher, absolutely adored by his students." Chan's only weakness was in the fashion department. "He is a very strong role model for the boys and girls in his class," wrote Friedman. But, she added, the way he dresses, save for those important test days when he dons "an overly conservative suit and tie," is more akin to "dress like a kid day." For his part, Chan, 39, admits he wears "whatever's at the top of the clean laundry pile. The way I dress sort of follows a fresh-out-of-college mentality." That includes superhero T-shirts — his fave. But, he says, "I do teach the older elementary grades, so it would be nice to maintain some kind of hip factor in the way I dress."

**LESSON PLAN** Show Chan a sophisticated, versatile way to dress up and dress down while still remaining professional — and without putting a damper on his spirit and youthful vibe.

**CRASH COURSE** Chan's already short hair was tightened up on the sides by the Red Door's master stylist Patti Forest Depinto, who left the top longer so it could be either conservative or cool. "I know that Stephen likes to be a little funky, so, combed one way, this haircut is almost a faux hawk, and the other, it's a more reserved 'Mad Men' look," said Depinto of the fade cut. His wardrobe went from dull to dapper without being dandyish and offered up more than one subtle wink to his love of comic book heroes.

**FINAL EXAM** "I felt like Zoolander!" exclaimed Chan of his experience. "And I learned to be more open-minded. I'm usually very monochromatic, and it never would have dawned on me to have a little fun or wear a different color pants with a conservative outfit." He's given himself an assignment. "I'm going to shop outside my comfort zone."



BEFORE

STEPHEN CHAN

Stephen Chan described his pre-makeover look as following "a fresh-out-of-college mentality."



BRUCE GILBERT

Stephen Chan loved his preppy-cool ensemble, and was amazed that he could wear this button-down denim shirt as a topper (American Eagle, \$49.50); V-neck tee (American Eagle, \$19.95); dark jeans \$168, dl1961.com and superhero belt (olivergreenonline.com, \$35).



# Back-to-school cool

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BEFORE

Patricia Castillo-Lovaglio wanted a makeover to help her look "more professional."

PATRICIA CASTILLO-LOVAGLIO

## Patricia Castillo-Lovaglio

TEACHES GED AND TASC (TEST ASSESSING SECONDARY COMPLETION) AT WILSON TECH, DIX HILLS

Castillo-Lovaglio nominated herself for a makeover. "I would love to learn how to dress better," she wrote. "I cannot combine colors, and I don't know how to wear prints. I think I look terrible." Castillo-Lovaglio, 49, said her daughters often challenge her wardrobe: "Mom, what are you wearing?" This year Castillo-Lovaglio, along with her job at Wilson Tech, will teach Spanish to nursing professionals at Adelphi University to help them better communicate with their patients, a role she says makes her feel the need to look more professional. "The way you look is important . . . it's the way people perceive you."

**LESSON PLAN** Teach the teacher how to wear colors and prints that flatter, add volume and depth to her hair and arm her with tips to amplify her facial features. Send her back to school with renewed confidence and eye-catching style.

**CRASH COURSE** Red Door color specialist Danielle McCormack darkened Castillo-Lovaglio's hair to a rich chocolate truffle shade and then, using the balayage technique, hand-painted caramel-colored highlights. Depinto trimmed about an inch off the bottom and cut in volume-building layers for movement and bounce. Makeup artist Arti Kakar used purple and brown tones to pop her deep-set eyes, reshaped her brows and taught her how to enhance them with pencil. Colorful clothes and a clever use of prints worked to make her feel feminine and professional.

**FINAL EXAM** "For the first day of school, I am going to look very, very nice because I learned how to mix prints and solids. And I am going to get a red dress, definitely," said Castillo-Lovaglio. The teacher already has practiced on her eyebrows, and she says, "They taught me how to use a curling iron." Best of all, said this very good student, "I had a wonderful time. I felt like jumping for joy."



BRUCE GILBERT

Patricia Castillo-Lovaglio learned how to mix colors and prints in this smart outfit. Blazer (Skye Gibson, \$290, skygibson.com); fall floral print top (\$59, select J. Jill stores and jjill.com); slim black pant (Skye Gibson, \$125); shoes (\$219, shoesofprey.com); jewelry (necklace, \$125, cuff \$40, bracelet \$59, thejewelrybaronessa.com)

**Clothes** Stylist, Samantha Brown; assistant, James McAlvanah, both from Samantha Brown Style

**Hair** Patti Forest Depinto, Melanie Caughey and Danielle McCormack, Red Door Spa at the Garden City Hotel

**Makeup and skin care** Arti Kakar and Morgan Emery, also from Red Door Spa

## shoptalk

### Through Oct. 31

CHICO'S launches a Stand Up to Cancer fundraiser with a limited-edition scarf designed by artist Sheila Johnson. With each scarf purchased (\$50), Chico's donates \$10, pledging up to \$100,000 in donations to the program's cancer research. The scarf is available at all Chico's stores and at [chicos.com](http://chicos.com)



CHICO'S

### Aug. 27

BLOOMINGDALE'S fashion presentation, 4-6 p.m., at the Roosevelt Field store, will show the latest women's fall collections modeled by patients from the Katz Institute for Women's Health. Shoppers receive a gift with their purchase of \$150 or more in women's apparel during the event (one gift per customer, while supplies last); 516-873-2700.

### Aug. 29

EVERYTHING BUT WATER in East Hampton hosts a Two New York trunk show, noon-4 p.m., with designer Monica Patel-Cohn. Enjoy cocktails while shopping the line's caftans, all made in New York using handwoven textiles and saris from India.

### Aug. 29

EAST END ARTS GALLERY in Riverhead hosts the Lulu LuBouvier trunk show, featuring a large selection of colorful, hand-knit baby clothes with designs for both boys and girls. The show runs from 2 to 4 p.m. at 133 W. Main St.; 631-727-0900.

## samplesales

### NICOLE MILLER

Bridal gowns (starting at \$150) and accessories are up to 75 percent off retail, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Aug. 27-29, at 77 Greene St., Manhattan; 212-219-1825.

### CALYPSO ST. BARTH

Take up to 80 percent off the brand's resort wear, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Aug. 25-27; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Aug. 28; 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Aug. 29 and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 30, at 260 Sample Sale, 260 Fifth Ave., Manhattan; 212-725-5400.

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NICOLE MILLER



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