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Do you have "dungarees?"

Discover the Future

Are you interested in a career in fashion or fabric? There are so many to choose from, you may need to pick two!

- Fashion Designer
- Accessory Designer
- Fashion Merchandiser
- Fashion Sales Rep
- Showroom Sales Rep
- Product Manager
- Clothing Patternmaker
- Pattern Grader
- Fashion Buyer
- Fashion Coordinator
- Retail Merchandiser
- Visual Merchandiser
- Retail Store Manager
- Boutique Owner
- Fashion Writer
- Fashion Stylist
- Fashion PR Specialist
- Fashion Editor
- Fashion Illustrator
- Graphic Designer
- Fashion Photographer
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- Personal Stylist
- Model

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Giving, Serving, and Smiling

There's a theme about Geni Mathurin's life: *giving and serving*. "My mom taught me that," she said with a smile. And Geni is spreading it around in several ways, including through FCCLA where she is acting president of Southeast High's chapter of this service-oriented club. She visits Rowlett Elementary every Thursday afternoon with other FCCLA teens, where she helps out at the after-school program. She's volunteered over 300 hours at Manatee Memorial Hospital through



ManaTeens. Someday she wants to become a psychiatrist. "Sometimes parents don't understand how kids feel inside," she said. "I want to help build understanding between people." Geni is active in FCCLA, and won a District

silver medal in the Food Carving competition where she created a tropical beach out of fruits and vegetables. She plans on taking *Principles of Clothing Construction* this year.

Geni also has a new love in her lifereading! "I didn't like reading before," she confessed. "But I took an intensive reading class last year with Mr. Murphy, and now I love to read." Geni likes to write poetry, such as the one written recently for a friend titled, "I'm Sorry." With a smile on her face and giving in her heart, this girl's going far!

School biz

It's not just about the sewing

Elaine Neuenschwander is skilled in sewing and adept at teaching. She's been teaching courses like *Principles of Clothing Construction* and *Fashion Design & Production* for 43 years, 28 at Southeast High School! But she'll tell you that Family and Consumer Science (FACS) classes are about more than the obvious, whether culinary, nutrition, sewing, family, or personal finance.



"It starts with enthusiasm," she said. "Students can tell if you're interested. But we've always taught reading and math. There's measuring, whether it's cutting a pattern or following a recipe. We teach how to follow directions—and that builds on reading. We teach practical things like how to read job applications, or how

to fill out income tax forms. FACS teaches life skills."

As part of a team of advisors for Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), Elaine and her team also promote community service. They've sewn turbans for chemotherapy patients, donated to the American Cancer Society. They created pillows with an American Flag theme, covering pillows donated by American Airlines. The pillows were sent to Army hospitals in the U.S. and Iraq.

"Students enjoy doing for someone else. The key in all we do is to make it fun and interesting, and they catch on to the reading and math."

Fashion, Family and Consumer Science

Your blue jeans have quite a past!

Dungaree: 1. A sturdy, usually blue denim fabric. 2. Overalls or trousers made from this fabric; **blue jeans**. From the Hindi word **dungri**, the section of Bombay where the fabric originated.

Dungarees, or blue jeans, as they're more commonly known, are about the most popular clothing in the world. All sorts of people wear them, from Prince William to the President of the United States and everyone in between. I'll bet you have several pairs in your closet. But did you know that your faded, comfy Levi's were invented by and named after an actual person?

Levi Strauss was born in Bavaria in 1829. In 1847 Levi made the big move to New York, along with his mom and two sisters. His two brothers already lived in New York, where they ran a successful dry goods business. Levi longed to be successful as well.

In 1853, Levi became a U.S. citizen and decided to move to San Francisco to open another dry goods store. He hoped the store would be successful because of the many people heading to California for the gold rush. The store sold things like bolts of cloth, linens, pillows, and clothing.

Levi's strategy proved immensely successful, and he was well respected. Twenty years later, his business still flourishing, Levi was approached by a tailor from Reno, Nevada named Jacob Davis. Jacob had invented men's pants with metal rivets in the pocket corners. The rivets were designed to strengthen the parts of the pants where Jacob's customers—hard working men—kept ripping their pants. Jacob was certain that they could be a huge success, but he lacked the funds to apply for a U.S. Patent. Levi Strauss knew a good thing when he saw it, so he paid the \$68 patent fee.

On May 20, 1873, affectionately known as the "Birthday of Blue Jeans," Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis received a patent for "Improvement in Fastening Pocket Openings." Blue jeans were born, and a whole new era of clothing and fashion began. What began as "waist overalls" worn by California miners soon caught on across the country, and eventually around the world. So the next time you slip on a pair of your favorite dungarees, remember the 132-year history behind them. Your jeans have quite a past!



explore it

You Can Make a Blue Jeans Purse



Stop! Don't throw away those old jeans. It's simple to make a purse out of any pair of blue jeans.

1. First, cut a pair of blue jeans about four inches below the pocket of one leg.
2. Now cut the same leg away from the rest of the jeans, upwards, right next to the zipper. Leave out both the zipper and button at the waistband.
3. With right sides together and the material facing inside out, double-stitch the 'leg' beneath the pocket and up the side, leaving the top waistband open. Turn it right side out. Your purse is nearly finished!
4. Next, make a shoulder strap using material from the rest of the pant leg. Simply cut a 4-inch wide swatch of denim, as long as you want it. With right sides together, fold the material in half lengthwise and sew the long side from top to bottom. You now have a tube—turn this tube right-side-out. Iron it flat. Now sew each end of your 'purse strap' inside the belt-loop top of your purse. (Optional: for a thinner, no-sew strap, cut off the wide, double-sewn outer seam of the remaining long leg of the jeans. Sew on for a strap.)
5. The final step is optional, if you prefer a purse that closes. Sew a band of Velcro on each side of the inside of the belt loop. Your purse will now close securely.

These purses make fun, inexpensive gifts and can be customized by using patches, embroidery, or even fabric paint. Get creative!

One woman's trash is another woman's treasure...
 Donate your extra fabric and notions to the Southeast High School FACS program!
 Call Elaine at (941) 741-3366 x245 for information on where to drop off your fabric.

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