Falcon Fashion: How to Show School Spirit and Still Be Fashionable

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College athletic events are typically about the sport, competition and school pride, yet part of school pride is the fans representing their team. Many times, fans don a T-shirt with their team's logo on it and call it a day, but why can't one be trendy and fashionable yet still represent for their team? That's right, they can! A group of Saint Augustine's College student leaders were recently commissioned to put together some Falcon inspired ensembles and this is what they created.

The guys:

Alejandro Crisostomo, senior in Biology and Engineering Mathematics of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, is wearing long sleeved, cotton, Saint Augustine's College "145 Years of Excellence" T-shirt, dark-washed denim and Nike sneakers. This look may seem simple, yet with this kind of ensemble you can accessorize, as Alejandro did with a fierce pair of shades and eye-catching watch.

Frank James, senior in Human Performance and Wellness of Hampton, Va., put together an interesting combination. He layered a 2011 St. Aug Homecoming T-shirt with a plaid button up shirt and completed the look with navy cargo pants. Frank incorporated the College's school colors by pairing navy, white gray. Frank is a prime example of layering the right way. He layered a seemingly dressy shirt with a casual cotton T-shirt to produce a look of effortless style. In addition, Frank complemented his look with accessories; he wore his 2011 Saint Augustine's College Pioneer Bowl championship ring and a Mohawk.

The ladies:

Diamon Brooks, freshman in Sociology of Charlotte, N.C., took an unconventional approach to showing school spirit and being fashionable. Diamon wore a pair of dressy trouser shorts in black, a warm-colored cotton camisole, a navy cropped blazer and black combat boots. Diamon infused her inner Falcon by wearing a Saint Augustine's College lapel pin on the lapel of her cropped blazer. Additionally, Diamon accessorized by carrying a St. Aug umbrella in preparation of a rainy day.

Taya Tokarski, senior in Liberal Studies of Watson, Saskatchewan, Canada, displayed her sweet and subdued sense of style by pairing a gray fly away cardigan with a white Saint Augustine's College polo shirt and dark-washed skinny jeans, but added flair by doing gold embellished thong sandals. Taya also finished her look with a St. Aug "145 Years of Excellence" lapel pin and a Falcon fan for when the games are so intense they raise the

temperature in Emery gymnasium!

Tips to Remember:

Accessorize: Accessories have the ability to take an outfit from mediocre to incredibly fashionable. Accessories, such as scarves and jewelry can serve as bold, statement pieces. Ladies, you could do a simple, v neck white t, dark washed denim and brown boots with a St. Aug scarf. Completely trendy and comfortable while simultaneously showing support for St. Aug. Furthermore, some times less is more but some times less is boring… a plain white t, jeans and boots is cute for running errands but not so much when attending a social event such as a basketball or volleyball game.

Layer: Layers add dimension to any ensemble and can serve as a way to incorporate color into every outfit. For example, a guy can do a white collared dress shirt under a cashmere sweater embroidered with the Falcon logo. Never fear adding volume to your outfit, for females it could be as simple as a integrating a bold color to your outfit.

In summation, fashion and school spirit can and do go hand and hand… your style is just that, yours, so make it personal but don't forget to accessorize and layer. See you at the games!

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