TEMIKA WALKER IS THE FIRST ITM MAJOR TO RECEIVE THE CHARLES HERTZIG FOUNDATION ITM 2014 CHINA STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP

ITM is very pleased to announce that the Selection Committee has chosen Temika Walker as the first recipient of the newly established Charles Hertzig Foundation ITM 2014 China Study Abroad scholarship. The Committee included Prof. Lawrence Delson, President of Delson International and arranger of the donation; Prof. Donna Sharp, Co-founder of Sharp Global Partners and ITM advisory board member; and Jade Huang, outstanding ITM alumna and co-founder of StyleSage.

The judges were impressed with Temika’s demonstrated interest in China as immortalized in her application as well as Asian Studies Liberal Arts minor, her robust volunteer experiences, and her tremendous drive to juggle full-time professional responsibilities as well as academic challenges while raising her children, who are equally excelling in school. The committee saw this scholarship as essential to facilitating Temika’s study abroad.

Temika fulfilled five years of administrative and customer relations responsibilities as well as coordinated tabular data and spreadsheet applications, prepared and analyzed business correspondence and reports. She is currently an independent personal stylist at J. Hilburn Menswear and was a sales associate at White House/Black Market. She interned as a buyer and sales representative at the showroom of Garmento Lab in New York.

Temika is especially thrilled to be spending her spring semester in Shanghai because she sees the Asian market as crucial to her career. Upon graduation, she intends to focus primarily on international sourcing of full figure plus size clothing based initially in New York and eventually expanding to the southern states. Temika avers that the ITM program provides an essential foundation and training to run a successful international business and her Asian Studies Liberal Arts minor complements such expertise gained from the major.

Over a span of several years, Temika volunteered as a model for Tad B. clothing line, Willie Mitchell, Junior Designs, Hype Hair magazine, and Mass Camp Carnival, encountering fashion luminaries like Sean John and Roberto Cavalli. She recruited students and volunteered at the Brooklyn Fashion Weekend as a stylist, setting up the run of show, interacting with the designers, and ensuring that all models were superbly styled. More recently, in addition to volunteering at Style 360, Temika steamed menswear garments, styled models, and was taught to form a four-knot Windsor tie by designer, Malan Breton, at Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week.

Please join us in congratulating Temika for being selected to receive this special honor!