



Jacquelyn Joseph Professional Model Class of 2000

By Amy Busek

The confident walk of a model is what distinguishes her from other women. The effortless grace that carries

her down the catwalk makes a model the envy of her audience. But, as any down-to-earth girl in the business will tell you, behind her poise and elegance is a hardworking professional who must dedicate her life to her job. Jacquelyn Joseph, 2000 graduate of Waiakea High School, brings more to the table than her career as an international fashion model: her academic plans and head for business prove that she's more than just a pretty face.

Jackie wasn't 'in' with the polished and glossy popular crowd. She chose to stand out, wearing her black band tees and dyeing her hair a spectrum of colors. She'd never given a thought to the possibilities of modeling until her eighteenth year. She stumbled upon it, seeing an easy way to make money. Tall and thin after a lifetime of eating right and exercising, (her father is columnist, track coach and runner, 'Big Dog' Wayne Joseph) Jackie was a natural candidate for modeling.

Since September 2008, Jackie has resided in the bustling metropolis of Taipei, Taiwan. Her image has been featured in numerous television commercials, magazines and catalogs. Before moving to Asia, she worked in the industry in Los Angeles. While models are given more respect on American sets, she's able to obtain better and higher paying jobs in Taiwan. "In Asia, they have you on the set for 14 hours, no breaks, no food. They expect you to work very hard for very long hours." Despite the grueling expectations of models in Asia, Jackie's 'look' is highly desired in Taiwan studios. Her pale skin, high cheekbones and tall frame are prized for their rarity in Asian culture.

Jackie's modeling career began on the Big Island, where she won a Miss Steinlager beauty contest, appeared in "LOOK Magazine" and "DISfunkshion" and "HiLuxury" magazines.

Besides modeling, Jackie's other passion is history, especially Egyptian antiquities. She studied with Egyptologist John Anthony West, who is noted for his Emmy award winning documentary, "Message of the Sphinx," which re-dated the Sphinx. She plans to get a master's in history from the National Taiwan University and plans to return to Egypt to continue her own research in Pre-Dynastic Egyptian history. Jackie graduated with a history degree from UH Hilo, but also attended college in Colorado.

Her advice to young girls who want to become professional models is to be prepared to work hard and to be on the lookout for scams, which include paying a modeling agency a fee to represent them. She also said a girl should realize that once they're in the business, they no longer own their bodies. "There are no piercings, no tattoos. You manage your weight every day. It's not fun." Jackie's photos can be viewed at her own website: www.jaclynnjoseph.net and at www.modelmayhem.com/Jaclynn and www.flickr.com/photos/jackie007/sets/72157603855457804. She has just opened her own modeling agency.

