

PEACH CARR, '80

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One of Peach Carr's favorite speaking topics is second chances—something the Chicago fashion designer and mentor knows a lot about. Best known for her appearances on the hit series *Project Runway* (Season 8 and All-Stars), Carr began her fashion career at age 50 with no formal training beyond the sewing skills she learned as a child in 4-H. She started her own company, Peach Carr Designs, producing clothing and handbags made in Chicago and employing women who are sole earners for their families.

Carr worked for 15 years as a radiology technician after earning her associate degree from COD. While a technician, she continued to follow her passion and made clothes in her free time. After *Project Runway*, Carr focused full time on designing clothes.

Carr turned her attention to charity fundraising, supporting a variety of great causes, including St. Jude Children's Research Hospital's Chicago Women's Fashion Show Committee and Hospice of the North Shore Women's Board. An advisory board member for COD's Fashion Studies Program, Carr returned to the classroom this past year to share advice, tips and encouragement with students hoping to spin their own fashion careers. She travels all over the country showing her collections.