



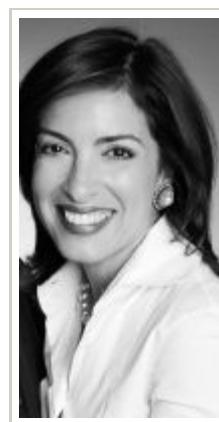
## ON THE MOVE

# The Fashion Group International® of Charleston, Inc. Receives Prestigious International Award

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Fashion Group International® Inc. presented Charleston with the 2011 Special Recognition Merit Award

CHARLESTON, SC - May 11, 2011 - The Fashion Group International® of Charleston, Inc. received high honors on May 6th at the annual FGI Innovation & Entrepreneurship = The New Business Platform 2011 Regional Directors' Conference with 36 regions from around the world being represented. The prestigious Special Recognition Merit Award was presented at the Cosmopolitan Club in New York City to FGI of Charleston regional director, Rosanna Krekel. In attendance was FGI president Margaret Hayes, fashion designer Norma Kamali, editor of the International Fashion Syndicate Mary Lou Luther, group luxury director of integrated media at Hearst James D'Adamo, board members of FGI corporate and over 80 industry professionals.



Rosanna Krekel

"We were given this award for exemplifying what the FGI organization stands for. They are very proud of all of our regions achievements to-date and have very high expectations for what we continue to do as part of this international business organization," says FGI of Charleston regional director, Rosanna Krekel.

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The region has already achieved its first year membership goal and will be recognized in the worldwide FGI directory which goes to 36 regions around the world this summer. There have been three unique programs in our area which have run through May of this year including a 2011 Spring/Summer Ready-To-Wear event, a Members Only Networking event and an Accessories event. Speakers for these events were both local, national and international experts from: Louis Vuitton, Laura Mercier, Rhett Ramsay, Mary Norton and Leigh Magar. Future events will include a Retail State-Of-The-Industry Panel for Fall of this year, a Beauty Event and more member events. Additionally, Ms. Krekel will be hosting a mentoring session for students from the Art Institute Of Charleston.

For more information about the organization, go to [www.charleston.fgi.org](http://www.charleston.fgi.org).

### **About Fashion Group International® Inc.**

*The Fashion Group International® Inc., founded in 1930, is a global, non-profit organization of dynamic professionals in all areas of the fashion and design-related industries of apparel, accessories, beauty and home. FGI's mission is to be the pre-eminent authority on the business of fashion and design and to help members become more effective in their professional lives.*