The Piedmont Section is pleased to award annual scholarships to deserving college students. These scholarships are in the form of the Piedmont Section Scholarship or through the Charles H. Stone Scholarship of the AATCC Foundation. It is the Piedmont Section’s intention to award four $3,000 Piedmont Section Scholarships and four $5,000 Charles H. Stone Scholarships—through AATCC Foundation—for the 2007-2008 academic year. It is hoped that these scholarship funds be used for the worthwhile purpose of strengthening our textile industry by investing in tomorrow’s leaders.

Charles H. Stone—Piedmont Section—AATCC Foundation Scholarship Recipients

Ashley Elizabeth Bradham
Ashley, a rising junior in Polymer and Textile Chemistry at North Carolina State University (NCSU), was a recipient of a Piedmont Section Scholarship in 2006. She is from Dunn, a small rural community in Southeast N.C. This community once thrived on the textile industry, but suffered as the local plant closed, leaving hundreds of residents without jobs and other small businesses without an economic basis for survival. As a student at NCSU, College of Textiles, her home-town people questioned Ashley about her decision to study a field that they believe is a dead end. It has been her mission to inform and educate the community about textiles and the current and future opportunities it provides. She has returned to her high school, and her science club there, to talk to students interested in chemistry about the exciting field of color and textiles.

Currently, she is working as a lab assistant, creating and testing dyes in the chemistry laboratory at Tumbling Colors, Raleigh, N.C. She is enjoying the opportunity to use the knowledge that she has acquired through her studies in a real-world application.

As the secretary of the Phi Psi Professional Textile Fraternity and treasurer of the Sigma Tau Sigma Honorary Textile Fraternity, Ashley has been afforded a chance to develop her leadership skills and to build relationships with the textile community. She has volunteered at the textile job forum, university open house, 2005 Science Olympiad Teachers Conference, Adopt-a-Highway program, and for the Boy Scouts of America. She has participated in Gulfport, Mississippi mission trips. In her spare time she plays intramural volleyball.

Ashley says she is very grateful for this scholarship that allows her “to focus on the course of study that interests me greatly. I would like to thank the AATCC and the Charles H. Stone Scholarship for all that your organization does to promote education and the textile industry.”

Jessica Lynne Brancato
Jessi is a rising junior at NCSU majoring in Polymer and Color Chemistry. She was born in Syosset, New York and moved to Raleigh when she was eight years old. She has been on the Dean’s list for four consecutive semesters and recently received an undergraduate research award to work alongside a professor researching self-crimped PET bicomponent fibers. Over the summer, she did research and worked as a plant assistant at Tumbling Colors alongside a former AATCC Technical Director, Amy Hammonds.

Jessi is very grateful to have been awarded a Charles H. Stone Scholarship; she says it has made her want to work even harder at achieving her goals for the future: either performing research, or seeking a career in Medical Textiles upon graduating with her degree.

Chip Salvador Few
Chip is a rising junior majoring in Polymer and Textile Chemistry at Clemson University. He hopes to continue his studies in graduate school, eventually earning a PhD. His main interest is high performance/high-tech textile applications. Chip plans to pursue a career in Research & Development.

Chip worked several years in the construction trade before entering university. He is married and supporting himself...
throughout his education. His wife plans to
begin studying early childhood development
this fall.

Last summer, Chip worked with
Milliken and Company in Union, S.C. as an
Engineering Services Co-op.

Chip is a member of Phi Psi Textile
Honorary Fraternity, Calhoun Honors College,
and the National Society of Collegiate
Scholars. In his spare time he participates in
a weekly bible study group, loves Clemson
football, and is designing a landscape for his
family’s home. He says, “If I had money or
time, I’d play golf!”

Cameron
Jacob
White
Cameron is a
rising junior in
Color and
Polymer
Chemistry
at NCSU.
He found a
passion for
chemistry after attending the STEP program.
Associate Professor David Hinks, Textile
Engineering, Chemistry & Science, NCSU
got him interested in the textile chemistry
program. Cameron plans to attend graduate
school and then hopes to pursue a career in
forensics, particularly with the SBI crime lab
in Raleigh. He will try for an internship in this
field next summer.

Cameron has volunteered with Special
Olympics and with his church. In his spare
time he enjoys baseball, basketball and
bowling. This past summer, he took the
first session of summer school and worked at
Rainbow Lanes (a bowling alley, which
has employed him since 2002). He is also
helping to coach a baseball team for children
ages 15-17.

Piedmont Section
Scholarship Recipients

Joshua Andrew Bruner
Josh is a rising junior in Color and Polymer
Chemistry at NCSU. He has made Dean’s
List for three semesters. As a university
housing resident advisor, he has developed
both leadership and interpersonal skills.

Josh has already begun
undergraduate research,
studying the masking of
vinyl sulfone fiber reactive
dyes. Because of this work, he
has decided to pursue at least a Master’s degree
in textile chemistry.

In his spare time, Josh enjoys playing
the guitar and jazz trombone, and playing
soccer, basketball, golf, and ultimate Frisbee.
Over the summer, he worked at Hanes
Industries in Newton, N.C., doing market
research and quality control testing to create
a new “standards” database.

He appreciates the generosity of
the Piedmont Section for supporting
his education.

Eric M.
Dudley
Eric is a rising
sophomore
in Polymer
and Textile
Chemistry
at Clemson
University. He
is also working
as a resident
assistant with
Clemson Housing. Upon graduation, he plans
to pursue a career in research. During his
junior and senior years, he will seek out
internships to help direct his choice
of a specialty.

Eric has worked as an intern and CAD
draftsman for Engineering Resources Corp,
Chapin, S.C. since 2004. Eric spent the past
summer working full-time as a CAD techno-
cian. In his spare time Eric enjoys Hapkido,
wrestling, climbing, working out, and music.

Kelly Anne Higgins
Kelly is a rising senior with a double major in
Polymer and Color Chemistry and Chemistry
at NCSU. She was introduced to the College
of Textiles through the STEP program. She
has made Dean’s list for five semesters. Last
fall, Kelly did undergraduate research testing
undergraduate textile students, as an
orthodontist assistant, and also tutors one or
two students per semester in math, physics
or chemistry.

Kelly was a member of the NCSU varsity
volleyball team for two years and team
captain in 2006. She still plays volleyball
with the NCSU club team (as captain and
floor captain). In her spare time, Kelly
volunteers for a number of charitable organi-
zations and has been treasurer of the NCSU
AATCC student chapter since last fall.

John Cody Vinci
Cody is a rising senior with a double major in
Polymer and Color Chemistry and Chemistry,
with a minor in Technical and Scientific
Communication at NCSU. He was introduced
to the College of Textiles through the STEP
program. Cody has made Dean’s list all
semesters at NCSU. He worked over the
summer on his third textiles-related research
project and plans to submit a paper for
publication. Graduate school is in his
future plans.

Cody is a
member of
Phi Kappa
Phi Honor
Society,
the Golden
Key Honor
Society, and
both AATCC
and the
NCSU student
chapter. He is
active in golf, tennis, basketball, running, and
weight lifting. As well as tutoring elementary
and high school students, Cody volunteers
for several charitable groups.

He appreciates being recognized for his
hard work in school by being awarded the
Piedmont Section Scholarship. This summer Cody studied abroad at Oxford University. Cody is a past recipient of the Luther B. Arnold scholarship.

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Letters from the Scholarship Winners

Dear Mr. Daniels:

...thank you and your organization for the AATCC Foundation Piedmont Section Charles H. Stone Scholarship. I am from a small rural community in Southeast North Carolina. This community once thrived on the textile industry, but suffered as the local plant closed, leaving hundreds without jobs... As a student at NCSU, majoring in Polymer and Color Chemistry at the College of Textiles, people from home have questioned my decision to study a field they believe is a dead end. It has been my mission to inform and educate the community about textiles and the opportunities it will provide.

I am very grateful for this scholarship that allows me to focus on the course of study that interests me greatly. With a sister who will enter college in one year, the financial burden on my parents who are employed by the public school system is enormous. The support you offer will make it possible for them to provide both of us with a higher education and an opportunity to better our lives...

Sincerely,
Ashley Bradham

Dear Mr. Daniels:

...I have always had a dream of going to college and becoming the first one in my family to graduate. I think my decision of majoring in Polymer and Color Chemistry was right for me. After attending the STEP program at the College of Textiles, I knew where I wanted to go to school and what I wanted to major in.

This scholarship is one of the best things that has ever happened to me. I truly do not have enough time or words to completely describe to you how much of a financial help this is to my family and me. A scholarship of any size would have been wonderful but for this much to be given to me, is truly a prayer answered. My parents have been giving up so much so I could have the opportunity to go to college and now with this scholarship I finally feel I am able to start paying them back. Thank you so much for awarding this to me, I will never be able to thank you enough...

Sincerely,
Cameron White

Dear Mr. Daniels:

...I am writing to thank you for the wonderful opportunity you have given me for a better future in the textile industry. With the help of the scholarship that I have received, I can be more at ease financially not only now, but when I graduate. It has increased my determination to learn more and made me look toward the future to find my place in the textile world. Thank you for the extra push to work even harder at achieving my goals at the College of Textiles...

Sincerely,
Jessica Brancato

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