

AATCC Foundation Supporting Textile Education



*AATCC Foundation and Piedmont Section Partner
to Award Eight Scholarships to Outstanding Textile Students*

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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.

Chares 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 is active in her church and 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

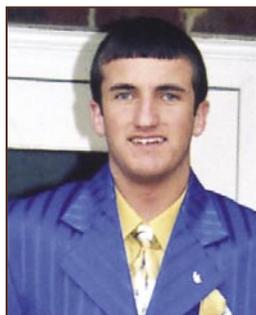
his studies in graduate school, eventually earning a PhD. His main interest is high performance/high-tech textile applications. Chip plans to pursue a career in Research & Development.

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 technician. 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



the effectiveness of flame retardants on synthetic fabrics. She works as a laboratory assistant preparing lab experiments for the

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 organizations 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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