

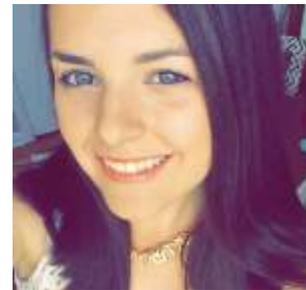


## **METRO SCHOLARSHIP**



**Heather Stamp:** I am a rising senior in the Textile, Fashion Merchandising and Design program at the University of Rhode Island. Growing up in a large family of eight kids I was always the child that loved the hands on aspects of crafting and creating things. This love grew when I stumbled into sewing and working with textiles to create clothing. By studying at URI I have been able to increase my love of the industry and my level of experience exponentially. This summer I am blessed with an internship at Hasbro Inc. as a Soft Product Engineer. I will be going to London this upcoming fall to study abroad with an internship in an overseas textile company. Through receiving this scholarship I will have less financial strain this year as I finish my undergraduate degree. I am so thankful to the AATCC Foundation Metro Scholarship Committee for choosing me to receive this award.

My name is **Taylor Hall** and I am a rising senior at the University of Rhode Island. My major is Textile Merchandising and Design with a minor in Public Relations. Throughout college, I have worked at J.Crew, interned for HATCH Collection, CollegeFashionista and Eff.y.bee Jewelry. I have learned many different aspects of the fashion industry through my experiences. On campus, I am involved in many organizations and just started my own organization this past semester, The Fashion Blogging Club. I am extremely passionate about the textile and fashion industry and I am participating in an internship program in London, England next fall. Receiving the Metro AATCC Foundation Scholarship is a tremendous blessing to help me pursue my dreams and I couldn't be more grateful! Thank you to AATCC Foundation; being one of the recipients of this scholarship is an honor and I can't thank you enough.



**Eleni Toubanos** is a rising senior studying Fiber Science at Cornell University. She enjoys studying Fiber Science because it allows her to merge her interests in science and fashion. Eleni is enthusiastic to learn as much as possible about her field of study through relevant coursework, research, and extracurricular activities. In addition to being a member of Cornell's student AATCC chapter, she conducts research with her professors and has recently been elected as President of the Cornell Fashion Collective. In the past, Eleni has interned at Maggy London International and the Good Housekeeping Research Institute. The AATCC Foundation Metro Scholarship will allow her to continue to study what she is passionate about to prepare her for a career in the textile industry.



## Charles H. Stone Scholarship



**Jane Gragg:** In the fall, I will continue my education with the assistance of the AATCC Foundation Charles H. Stone scholarship. I hope to eventually earn my Masters degree in materials or chemical engineering, and continue to work in the industry after my graduation. This scholarship allows me to continue my education without having to place more financial burden on my family. I am very grateful and feel blessed to be given this opportunity to further my career. It will truly make a difference in my life, and I cannot express my gratitude enough. Growing up on a farm in Lattimore, North Carolina (near Shelby), I have always been surrounded by machinery and intrigued by different projects. I am majoring in polymeric materials engineering at Clemson University, with chemistry as a minor. I enjoy this major because I love how it combines both chemical and mechanical engineering aspects. This summer, I am working as a chemical engineering Co-Op with Parker-Hannifin Corporation in the Tech Seal division. I am a member of several organizations at Clemson including: Clemson Biofuels Team, Creative Inquiries in Chemical and Bimolecular Engineering, CRU, FSAE, and Kappa Delta Sorority.

**Heather Johnson:** Thank you for selecting me as a recipient of the AATCC Foundation Charles H Stone scholarship. When I am not in Raleigh attending classes at NC State, I live in Kings Mountain, NC with my parents and two sisters. I am a rising senior majoring in Polymer and Color Chemistry with a passion for color. This summer, I am interning at American & Efird in Mt Holly, NC and I also work at a dye house in Raleigh when school is in session. In my free time, I enjoy horseback riding and going to the lake with my family. It's hard to believe that next year will be my last in undergraduate studies, but as I reflect on my college experience, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for those who have helped me along the way. Professors, fellow students, co-workers and now, AATCC have been instrumental in my success at NC State. Your generosity through the Charles H Stone scholarship inspires me to work harder to prove myself a worthy recipient. I consider this scholarship to be the greatest honor of my time at NC State. I look forward to continuing my knowledge in textile chemistry, as well as the growth of NC State's AATCC student chapter as serving as the Vice-President.



**William Wham:** To me, the AATCC Foundation Charles H. Stone Scholarship allows me to have full financial freedom during my last year of college. As a student and residential assistant with numerous other commitments, this freedom allows me to fully pursue my major without interruptions. I hope to enter into the Edison program for General Electric following graduation. I am truly thankful for the opportunity and to know that there are other people that support my endeavors.



## Charles E. Gavin, III Family Scholarship



My name is **Justin Gilmer**, I am a rising senior at Clemson University, and I have been selected as the recipient of the Charles E. Gavin III Family Scholarship offered by AATCC Foundation. I am majoring in Material Science Engineering, with a focus on Polymeric Materials. I am also minoring in Chemistry and Computer Science. I am the first in my immediate family to attend college, and this has led to many challenges I have been required to overcome during my short time at Clemson. I am a tutor for freshman engineers in one of the largest Living Learning Communities on campus, I am also a peer mentor for those students who are also first generation college students or other minorities. I recently was elected as Historian of the Iota Chapter of Phi Psi, helping earn first place for our chapter in the photographic archive project for the 108th national convention. I have overcome challenges during my stay at Clemson, and have enjoyed these successes. This scholarship will assist me in continuing my education as I plan for graduate school. I want to thank everyone who has had a hand in shaping me into the person I am today; they have all been monumental in my success and for this, I am grateful. Thanks to AATCC Foundation and the Gavin Family Scholarship Committee for recognizing the character traits in me that helped me earn this scholarship. Finally, I want to extend my gratitude to the Gavin Family, who made this scholarship possible. I am honored to be selected as the recipient of this scholarship, and will use this to further my success.

## Color Solutions International Textile and Apparel Design Scholarship

**Carter Jones:** I want to take this time to thank you for selecting me as a recipient of the AATCC Foundation/Color Solutions International Textile and Apparel Design Scholarship for 2015-2016. Receiving this scholarship is a blessing to my family and me. Money is often tight and having some extra help is truly amazing. I will be a senior in the 2015-2016 academic year at [NC State University], majoring in Fashion Textile Design, where I plan on graduating in May of 2016. Last semester, I studied abroad in Shanghai, China at Donghua University, and delved deeper into international textile marketing and merchandising. Through this experience, I gained key cultural knowledge that has helped me understand what field I am truly interested in pursuing. I want to thank you, again, for your generosity, and reiterate how much I appreciate receiving this scholarship. With the help of this scholarship, some of the financial burden of my last semester will be eased and help me focus on my last year in my undergraduate degree.





**Davis C. Derrico:** As an individual who has always been faced with the difficult decision of choosing between exploring my creative passions or cultivating my analytical nature, I have found great relief in the ability to have an intertwined experience of both elements of study within the community of fashion and textile research and development. Finding my way to the College of Textiles at North Carolina State University has been like discovering a home where I can truly experience all the aspects of learning which I have long desired to incorporate into my education. I am excited about entering my last year at NC State as a senior because I will be participating in a Senior Studio course where I will design a collection of garments to show in the Threads Senior Collection Fashion Show at the end of the semester. The AATCC Foundation Color Solutions International Scholarship gives me great flexibility and joy to experiment with materials and methods of fabrication and construction that may otherwise be impossible without sufficient funding. I have been

fortunate to study abroad in Florence, Italy during the spring 2015 semester; this scholarship will retroactively fund my study abroad experience. Knowing the AATCC community endorses the work I do as a student at NC State motivates me with such an inspirational and innovative drive to pursue my educational goals and aspirations. There is no amount of gratitude I could show for the generosity this organization has shown me through believing in me enough to allow me to follow my dreams and achieve success. I am beyond humbled and blessed by this experience.