Houser shared that he was from a family of educators, and this is where he attributes his love of teaching, and passion for sharing his knowledge and experience. He recognized the Association, its staff and members, for the opportunities for learning and networking that the Association’s meetings and conferences provided to him. He shared that, due to the changes in the textile industry, there is a great need for textile education, but companies today cannot always afford to send their employees to conferences. This is what prompted Houser to focus the creation of webinars, workshops, and symposia with functional areas of interest that will bring different areas of the textile industry together, believing that “if we can’t bring them here, we can take the learning experience to them.”

The Education Award
The AATCC Education Award was created to recognize those members who have contributed extensively to the educational activities of AATCC. Those who receive this award will have made outstanding contributions to education and training activities, initiated new educational programs and content, and generously and repeatedly volunteered their time to educate others. The recipient of this award receives a recognition plaque and US$500.

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