

NC State Student Chapter Report

Graduate School and Undergraduate Research Discussion

Tova Williams, a third year graduate student in TPACC, spoke on her experience as a grad student at the College of Textiles. She advised the AATCC student members on what to expect and how to best prepare for grad school. This includes preparing for the GRE and understanding the amount of time, hard work, and determination needed and expected as a graduate student. Dr. Ormond also spoke briefly about undergraduate research and how to get involved in it within the College of Textiles. Overall, even though both Tova and Dr. Ormond admitted graduate school was mentally exhausting, they emphasized that the experience helps you discover better questions rather than answers, and gives you a sense of accomplishment after completing a huge project!

Megan Walsh, Fabric and Color Quality Manager at Patagonia

Chapter members listened to Megan Walsh, a 2006 PCC graduate, detail her experience as an undergraduate at the College of Textiles and how it led her to her current job at Patagonia. She first discovered her passion for color science in PCC 350, and from that moment on she wanted to be involved in the field of color and dyeing. This led her to multiple jobs that she loved, but never felt truly fulfilled. Last year, by chance, she found out about Patagonia and ended up getting a job there. She detailed to us how the technical knowledge she learned as a polymer chemist she gets to use everyday, and encouraged us to use our time as undergraduates wisely, because the things we learn in school may very well become a central part of the career that we choose.

Other Activities

We have toured the national headquarters of AATCC (Spring 2016) and have had two tie dye events (Spring/Fall 2016).



The image above was taken at one of our tie dyeing events (Spring 2016).

Future Activities

- Activity using and becoming familiar with different AATCC standard methods, how they work and when they are used.
- Graduate Student Presentations: Give graduate students the opportunity to test run presentations on research and let undergraduate students learn what is going on research-wise in the college. Additional question and answer about attending graduate school.
- Traveling to future AATCC Conferences and touring facilities of companies in the area (Unifi, Cotton Inc.)