

# Activities Report

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## **Introduction**

The Oregon State University Student Chapter of the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists was just officially recognized as of this month. During this Winter term, we have held three meetings, a few of our members traveled to New York City for the NRF Big Show Student Program, and we have formed a committee to put on the school's annual Spring Fashion Show.

## **Fashion Show Committee**

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The OSU Student Chapter of AATCC has been working closely with the National Retail Federation Student Association (NRFSA) to put together the Spring Fashion Show. In years past, Oregon State has had a class that put on the fashion show, however this year was different. Instead of having a class organize the event, we have been doing it ourselves between these two student organizations.

Our Vice Chair, Irina Sergeyeva is the fashion show committee head and has been meeting with members of both the AATCC Student Chapter as well as the NRFSA.

### **NRF Big Show Student Program**

A few of our AATCC Student Chapter members were able to attend the National Retail Federation Big Show Student Program where they participated in professional networking in the retail and apparel design industry, resume workshops, and mentorship opportunities. They were also able to hear from a number of successful and inspiring individuals with careers in the retail and apparel industry. This was an amazing opportunity for our members and we hope to send more next year.

### **Winter Term Meetings**



This term, we have held three meetings. Our first two were a series of upcycle workshops organized by our Vice Chair Irina Sergeyeva with help from our faculty advisor Ann Vong, Chair Kathryn Alston, Secretary Kirklynn Russell, and Treasurer Meryl Muckenthaler. Irina demonstrated how to turn a simple button down t-shirt dress into a trendy overall dress. We decided to hold these workshops because a portion of the Spring Fashion Show will be

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upcycled garments and we want members of our Student Chapter to enter the show with their own designs, regardless of their sewing experience levels.

We are also having a meeting on Wednesday, February 21 where we will be sewing simple zipper pouches in order to teach some basic sewing techniques.

### **Future Meeting Plans**

We are currently in contact with several textiles and apparel design professors here at Oregon State University to organize some educational workshops on textile design, textile chemistry, and the like. We are also working to bring industry professionals into our meetings to educate our members on various careers in the industry, and broaden their views of what they might be doing after graduation.

Our organization is also beginning to plan a trip to Portland, Oregon to visit and tour Pendleton Woolen Mill.