

University of Delaware Student Chapter Report

The University of Delaware's student chapter of AATCC has been keeping active this semester. We began our fall semester with a meeting to speak to all of our new and interested group members, including some engineers, which was exciting! Most of our activities this year have been focused on hands-on events including our annual indigo scarf dyeing, a marbling paper event, and an arts & crafts night.

The indigo scarf dyeing event is one our annual and most successful events. The club learns about the process for preparing indigo dye and then each student gets to prepare their own tie-dyed silk scarf. We are already in the process of ordering more scarves for next year.

We also held a marbling paper event where students learned how to create marbled paper using acrylic paints and shaving cream. They used the paper to make holiday cards. Our arts & crafts night included painting and decorating wooden letters. Our executive board also attended AATCC's Delaware Valley Chapter meeting at WL Gore Company and had the opportunity to tour their innovation center.

Our first event for the spring semester will include teaching the club members how to knit. We are also planning an event to learn how to customize and distress jeans and another event to learn how to upcycle old t-shirts by making tote bags, pillow cases, and rugs. Next year we are hoping to take club members to the Fabric Workshop Museum in Philadelphia, PA to tour the museum and to attend a silkscreen printing workshop. Unfortunately, we were unable to schedule it for the spring semester.



University of Delaware's AATCC student executive board visiting WL Gore and Company while at the Delaware Valley Chapter meeting.

Indigo Scarf Dyeing

Chapter members as well as other fashion students learned to dye silk scarves using indigo and learned about shibori dyeing techniques.

Knitting Night

Chapter members, fashion students, and many of their friends came to learn how to knit. We taught students the basics of knitting with some students creating scarves.

Other Activities

- 3D Printing Night-March 2017
- Wooden Letter Painting Event-October 2017
- Holiday Card Marbled Paper Event-December 2017

Future Activities

For this semester, we will also be holding a t-shirt upcycling event and DIY distressing denim event in collaboration with a student who has a small business for upcycling denim. Next year, we hope to visit the Fabric Workshop and Museum in Philadelphia, PA for a tour and screenprinting workshop. We will also likely hold our indigo scarf dyeing and knitting nights again.