

News Release

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Future Leaders Award Presented to Krystle Moody Wood at International Conference

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C., USA, April 22, 2019—The AATCC Future Leaders Award was presented to **Krystle Moody Wood** on April 11, 2019 at the International Conference held in Fort Worth, TX, USA. The Future Leaders Award recognizes promising young professionals in the fields of textiles, apparel, and related material sciences. These young professionals are the future of our industry and the future leaders of AATCC. Award recipients are determined by each AATCC Interest Group.

Wood is founder of materEVOLVE LLC, a woman-led consulting firm. Wood received a BS in Textiles and Clothing Sciences from the University of California, Davis in 2007. After graduating, Wood worked as a materials coordinator for Vans before moving to The Northface in 2010, where she grew from Materials Coordinator-Performance and Baselayer to Advanced Materials Research. In 2014, she moved to VF Corp., where she was a Materials Researcher. In November 2015, she began working as an independent consultant, and during this time, also joined Fibershed as a Materials Manager. She continued to work as an independent consultant in sustainable textiles before starting materEVOLVE in 2018.

Wood joined AATCC in 2017 and is very active in the AATCC California Section. She is one of a group of AATCC members who resurrected the California Chapter in 2016. She serves as the Chapter Sustainability Pillar Chair, organizing efforts to engage members in sustainable textiles. She has facilitated chapter tours and field trips and is currently working with members of the AATCC California Section, organizing a two-day sustainable textiles conference in October of this year. She is also a co-chair of the AATCC Young Professionals Committee.

The Future Leaders Award

Nominees for the AATCC Future Leaders Award must be AATCC members who are 39 years old or younger and actively engaged in the greater textile or related industries. They must display leadership skills and have a history of service to AATCC or the greater textile and related industries. A key quality of successful candidates is a desire to become more involved with the objectives of AATCC: to increase expertise, encourage research, and establish channels for the interchange of professional knowledge. Nominees must agree to join the AATCC Young Professionals Committee and must participate, as their professional commitments allow, in the work of the committee. The award includes a framed certificate signed by the AATCC president and the Interest Group (IG) chairs and a special pin.

About AATCC: AATCC is the world's leading not-for-profit association serving textile professionals since 1921. AATCC, headquartered in Research Triangle Park, N.C., USA, provides test method development, quality control materials, and professional networking for members in about 50 countries throughout the world.

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