

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.



J.W. Weaver Paper of the Year

Enqi Jin, Zhiyong Qiao, Hong Zhu, Zaixing Zhang, and Yonglan Li are the 2014 recipients of the **J.W. Weaver Paper of the Year Award**. Their paper entitled, "Effect of Acrylate Constituent Units on the COD Removal Rates of Acrylate Copolymers for Warp Sizing," was published in the *AATCC Journal of Research*, in the March/April 2014 issue (AJR 105).

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The Weaver Award

In February 1979, AATCC established an award for the best peer reviewed paper published annually in the *Textile Chemist and Colorist* (now in the *AATCC Journal of Research*). In 1990, the award was named for J. William Weaver (1916-1990), who was chair of AATCC's Editorial Board at the time of his death.

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