

# AATCC NEWS

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## AATCC Student Chapter Award Winners

By Manisha Patel

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### Philadelphia University

**Victoria Dalessandro**, the Student Chapter Award winner for Philadelphia University, majoring in Textile Design with a concentration in Weave, exemplifies the curious, self-motivated student. While excelling in all her courses and participating in many industry-sponsored collaborative projects, Delessandro is working with a Fashion Design student to design and create an ensemble for the international conference Convergence 2014. She is not only an excellent student and mentor to other students, she has industry experience as an intern for Johnson and Johnson and Secant Medical, exploring the world of biomedical textiles.



### Georgia Institute of Technology

Georgia Institute of Technology's Student Chapter Award winner is **Katherine Copenhaver**, who is majoring in Polymer and Fiber Engineering. While maintaining her position on the Dean's List, Copenhaver is also the Tech Beautification Day Director of Logistics and Communications, an upperclassman mentor for Women in Engineering, First LEGO League Robotics Competition Referee, Colleges of Cancer general member, and Student Center Programs Council committee member. She has also received numerous scholarships and academic awards such as the Georgia Tech Honors Program, Dean's List, PTFE Prestige Scholarship, Women in Engineering Scholarship via Alcoa Inc., Georgia Power Company Scholarship, J&J Industries Prestige Scholarship, GT Textile and Fiber Engineering Faculty Scholarship, and is the Academic Common Market Recipient.



### Advanced Academy for Development of Textile Technologists (AADTT)

The Student Chapter Award winner for AADTT is **Preet Kamal**, a Textile Wet Processing/ Value Added Sports Textiles major. Kamal, a sincere and hard-working student, has a passion for learning. Academically, Kamal has an excellent capability to understand technical papers and journals while being able to summarize concepts. He is an active participant in all co-curricular activities of the AADTT AATCC Student Chapter while being an outstanding team player and being enthusiastic about new endeavors. He coordinated many of the events for the chapter.



### Fashion Institute of Technology

Fashion Institute of Technology's Textile Development and Marketing major **Amber Lee Harkonen** is this year's Student Chapter award winner. As VP of the FIT AATCC club, Harkonen took great care in planning the club's annual adventure in visiting and learning about domestic textile mills, garment manufacturers, military textile testing facilities, quality control laboratories, museums, and schools in the Baltimore and Washington, DC, USA area. She has received the FIT Arthur Price Memorial Scholarship and will graduate with honors, and was awarded a medal for completing her AAS degree with the highest GPA in the class. She is also an active member in FIT's Sustainability club and Corporate Social Responsibility club.



### University of Nebraska-Lincoln

**Lisa Temme** is the winner of the Student Chapter award for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), majoring in Textile Science with a minor in Chemistry. She has maintained a GPA of 3.8 during her academic career, was honored as a High Scholar three years in a row, named the College of Education and Human Sciences Dean's list, and has taken seven honors courses. While working at the UNL Costume Shop, she constructed and repaired costumes for student productions. Since 2013, Temme has been a tour guide for the University to prospective high school students. As an undergraduate Research Assistant, she conducted research on sorghum distillers, dried grains, and their applications in composite and medical use, and presented at the American Chemical Society National Meeting in September 2013.



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### University of California-Davis

The University of California-Davis' Student Chapter award winner is **Iryna Lazarevich**, a Textiles and Clothing major. Lazarevich is a returning student who has supported herself working part-time while maintaining high performance in her textile courses. Her industry experience includes retailing at Abercrombie and Fitch, BCBG, and Max Arizona. Lazarevich also has volunteered as an interpreter for the San Francisco Bar Association and helped with immigration cases. She is a member of the Student Fashion Association at UC Davis. Philanthropically, she has foster cared a kitten for an animal shelter and is a member of the Orchid Society.



### NED University of Engineering and Technology

The Student Chapter Award winner for NED University of Engineering and Technology is **Rida Amjad**, a BE Textile Engineering major who has received a distinguished student scholarship for continually securing second position in a class of 54 students. As an editor for the departmental magazine, her responsibilities included assuring professionalism and quality of written content in the magazine, which was highly appraised by many readers. Amjad also was honored with a Gold medal for the Textile Department twice in the University Inter-departmental Sports competition. Two programs were organized with her help, including Textile Plantation Day which she initiated in creating a garden as well as Career Seminar '13 in her

role as the General Secretary of NED's AATCC Student Chapter.



### Virginia Tech

Virginia Tech's Student Chapter Award winner is **Kinsey Hartmann**, an Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management major with a concentration in Apparel Product Development and Merchandising Management. Hartmann is a leader in her sorority, Gamma Phi Beta, and has served as the scholarship chair, gaining valuable experience leading a group towards a common goal, scheduling, delegating tasks, meeting deadlines, collaborating, and creating incentives to increase overall GPA for the sorority. Last year, she participated in the Belk Innovation Challenge, focusing on merchandising appealing to the college-aged consumer. Her team was invited to present their ideas to Belk Corporate in Charlotte, NC, USA, and received 2nd place in the competition.



### Clemson University

**Mary Kathryn Burdette**, a Materials Science and Engineering major with Chemistry minor in polymer chemistry, is the winner of the Student Chapter award for Clemson University. She is one of the top students in her class who has been named to both Dean's and President's list. She has excellent laboratory work. Her undergraduate research was conducted in polymer chemistry for the past three years. Her leadership, intellectual, laboratory, and research skills will allow her to excel as a doctoral student and researcher.



### University of Wisconsin-Madison

The University of Wisconsin-Madison's Student Chapter award winner is **Sadie Laing**, a Design Studies, Textile, and Apparel Design major. Her keen eye for balance, line, and proportion, strong sense of color, talent, and innovative ideas have lead her project 'Black and White' composition to be selected for Design 2013, the annual juried student fashion show, her logo placed runner-up in the 2013 Friends of Pope Farm Conservancy Design Competition, and a stunning fall/winter 'duffle' coat won first place and a \$1000 scholarship in the Lands' End Outerwear Design challenge. She has a 4.0 GPA and a Dean's High Honors. Her extracurricular activities include being a member of Phi Upsilon Omicron, volunteering at Bundles of Love, being a bell ringer for the Salvation Army, and UNICEF volunteer.

