

MEET THE ITT FELLOWS CLASS OF 2006



First Row: Stephannia Williams and Lisa Hartman
Second Row: Reece Allen, Belen Perez, Chris Lauer, and David Eskew
Third Row: Beth Anderson, Paige Kennerly, William Barnes, Riley Jo Carrigg, and
Melinda Satcher

Ronald 'Reece' Allen is from Bladenboro, North Carolina, which is a small town southeast of Raleigh. At the age of 16, he moved to Durham to attend the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM). He briefly attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill after graduation from NCSSM. Prior to attending North Carolina State University, Reece worked as a store manager for Foster's Market, a small gourmet shop in Durham. He graduated Cum Laude from NC State University in 2003 with a B.S. in Textile and Apparel Management and a minor in German. Reece entered the M.S. program at the College of Textiles in January, prior to entering the ITT Fellows Program in August. His research interests include management and marketing of medical textiles, as well as new product development and mass customization.



Beth Anderson was born and raised in Wilson, North Carolina. She graduated from NC State University in 2004 with a B.S. in Textile Technology with a concentration in design. She studied abroad at the University of Manchester in England during spring semester of her junior year. This gave her the opportunity to study textiles in a different environment and to travel to new and interesting places such as France, Spain, and Greece. After graduation, Beth hopes to further her interests in design and seamless knitting.

William Barnes was born in Hampton VA, into a military family. He grew up in North Las Vegas then moved to Garner, NC for high school. William graduated in June 2004 from NC State with a B.S. in Textile Technology and a B.S. in Textile and Apparel Management. William has postponed his pursuit of an Associate Degree in Culinary Technology at Wake Technical Community College in Raleigh until he graduates. He enjoys being a professional student. After graduation, William wishes to pursue career interests in Nonwovens. He volunteers for the Science Olympiad at regional and state levels. William enjoys cooking and riding motorcycles.





Riley Jo Carrigg, originally from Orangeburg, SC and the oldest of three children, earned her Bachelor's degree in Economics from Clemson University. She was a member of the Calhoun Honors College and her Economic academic fraternity. While at Clemson, she was active on campus as an Athletic Department Tutor in Mathematical Statistics and the Chairman of the College Bowl for the Union Programs and Activities Council. During her last summer at Clemson, Riley Jo served as a Supply Chain intern at the Pendleton Finishing Plant as a part of the 2002 Summer Challenge Program with Milliken & Company. She extended this internship into a co-op, working through her last semester. Upon graduation, Riley Jo continued with Milliken & Company where she

moved to the Sharon Plant and began work as a Process Improvement Specialist over the Automotive Product Line. After eight months, Riley Jo was promoted to Advanced Production Leader at Sharon. Riley Jo entered the ITT Fellowship Program with the intention of furthering her technical knowledge of textiles at NC State; she then plans to return to Milliken & Company where she will further her experience and become a leader within the textile manufacturing industry.

David Eskew was born and raised in Greenville, SC. He graduated from the Calhoun Honors College at Clemson University with a BS in Textile Management. While attending Clemson, he was very involved in the IPTAY Collegiate Club, an athletic booster organization. He served on the Board of Directors and was Vice President of the IPTAY Student Advisory Board. Prior to the ITT Fellowship, David was working for Milliken and Company as a Process and Product Improvement Specialist and as an Advanced Production Leader.



Lisa Hartman is from Seneca, South Carolina. She received her undergraduate degree from Georgia Southern University where she earned a B.S. in Fashion Merchandising and Apparel Design. She graduated in May of 2003 with honors. While attending Georgia Southern, she was on the Dean's List five times, and was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa and Phi Upsilon Omicron Honor Societies. She also served as President of LDSSA for a year and a half. Lisa interned at Walt-Disney World where she was a

Costuming Hostess. Before entering the ITT Fellows Program, she worked at B.C. Moore and Sons, Inc. Lisa's research interest includes how color affects people's moods and personalities. When she graduates she wants to use her knowledge of Textiles and Apparel Design to design maternity or women's size clothing.

Paige Kennerly was born and raised in Fayetteville, NC. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from North Carolina State University with a B.S. degree in Textile and Apparel Management, minoring in Business Administration in May 2002. She completed an internship with Dan River in Danville, VA prior to her senior year of college. Upon graduation, Paige worked for Milliken & Company for two years, first as a Process Improvement Specialist, and then as an Advanced Production Leader. Paige recently received the "Jaycee of the Year" award from the Spartanburg, SC chapter for her active involvement in community service projects and fundraising activities for local charities.



Christopher Lauer is from Kernersville, North Carolina which is west of Raleigh. He graduated from North Carolina State University in 2002 with a B.S. degree in Textile Management with a Concentration in Business. Chris gained work experience in the Textile industry by interning at the Highland Industry Finishing Plant while attending college. After graduation, Chris then accepted a Product/Process Improvement Specialist position at Milliken & Company, where he gained experience in the Weaving and Slashing processes.

Belen Perez was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Belen received her B.S. in Chemistry with a Concentration in Marine Science in May, 2004 from NC State University. Upon graduation, she entered the ITT Fellows Program pursuing an M.S. in Textile Chemistry. Belen hopes to use her knowledge of textile chemistry in a leadership position which allows her to travel. Belen has one younger sister and enjoys athletics, especially volleyball.





Melinda Renee Satcher was born in November of 1979 in the city of Macon, GA to Larry and Barbara Satcher. Melinda is the youngest of three children; she has an older brother and sister. After graduating from Southwest High School, Melinda enrolled in the Regent's Engineering Transfer program between Georgia Southern University and the Georgia Institute of Technology. She completed two years at GSU, before transferring to Georgia Tech pursuing a B.S. in Chemical Engineering. While in college, Melinda completed undergraduate research for the Polymer Manufacturing Research Center, focusing on post-consumer carpet recycling and polypropylene nano-composites. After graduating in December 2002, Melinda began a position as a Product/Process Improvement Engineer for Milliken & Co. in the Automotive Division. At the Elm City Plant she has held two positions, the dyeing manager for Decorative Fabrics and the dyeing manager for Automotive Fabrics. Outside of work and school, Melinda enjoys watching football and basketball, bowling, and skiing in her free time.

Stephannia Williams was born in New Orleans, Louisiana. She graduated from Southern Polytechnic State University in Atlanta, Georgia in 2002 with a B.S. in Industrial Engineering. She also attended business classes at Georgia State University with a concentration in Marketing. Stephannia gained professional experience from United Parcel Service as a Manager and Industrial Engineer. Stephannia later accepted a Product/Process Improvement Engineering position at Milliken & Co. Before attending the ITT program at NC State University, Stephannia was working as an Industrial Engineer, and plans on continuing her career at Milliken & Co. in a Sales Leadership position.

