NC State University
Student Delegation

Export Ready Program
on Location in
Mexico City, Mexico
March 14-20, 2010

The Delegation will learn about the culture and
global textile business opportunities in Mexico
through first-hand interaction with business
and industry leaders.

Individual research projects will allow students
to explore international business dynamics and
understand the most important factors
influencing the success of companies in
today's global economy.

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The Itinerary will feature:

International Trade Meetings:
- U.S. Consulate
- U.S. Foreign Commercial Services
- American Chamber of Commerce
  in Mexico (AMCHAM)
- N.C. Department of Commerce
  Mexican Trade Representative
- Mexican Business, Economic and
  Government Representatives

Tours of Business Facilities:
- Nestle Plant
- Textile and Local Businesses
- Parkdale Mills

Cultural and Historic Visits:
- Tec de Monterrey University
- Mayan Pyramid Excursion
- Mexican Ballet Folklórico

Mission Statement

"The College of Textiles is dedicated to
the development of new knowledge
through research and the subsequent
transfer of this knowledge to both the
textile complex and society. The
College is recognized internationally as
a major center for research and
education in the academic discipline of
Textile and Apparel Technology and
Management."

Student Delegation Supporters

- Wake Technical Community
  College- Small Business Center
- N.C. Department of Commerce
  International Trade Division
- U.S. Department of Commerce
  Commercial Service
- N.C Community College System
  Small Business Center Network
- N.C. State Ports Authority
- N.C. World Trade Association

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Allison DeCarlo is a senior at NC State University, pursuing undergraduate degrees in Textile and Apparel Management and Spanish. She is a current member of Kappa Tau Beta Leadership Fraternity, Phi Psi Professional Textile Fraternity, and Golden Key International Honor Society. She served four years on the Tompkins Textile Student Council with one year as President, and served as President of Phi Psi Professional Textile Fraternity last year. She has studied abroad in Barcelona, Spain and has visited several other Spanish-speaking countries. She hopes to one day combine her two loves of the Spanish language and the field of textiles in an international career.

Meredith Chambers is a senior at North Carolina State University, earning her Bachelor’s of Science degree in the College of Textiles. She is studying Textile Technology with a concentration in Medical Textiles, majoring in Textile Technology with a concentration in Global Supply Chain Management. Andrew’s interests include globalization and its impact on value networks, as well as the dynamics of trade in the textile and apparel industry. He has interned in Atlanta, Georgia at the world’s largest nylon reprocessing company where his focus included process redesign and improvement, as well as project management. He is currently working as Teaching Assistant in a course entitled, “Global Trade and Sourcing in Textiles and Apparel”. After graduation, Andrew will pursue a Master of Textiles degree.

Andrew Hicks is a Senior at the North Carolina State University College of Textiles, majoring in Textile Technology with a concentration in Global Supply Chain Management. Andrew’s interests include globalization and its impact on value networks, as well as the dynamics of trade in the textile and apparel industry. He has interned in Atlanta, Georgia at the world’s largest nylon reprocessing company where his focus included process redesign and improvement, as well as project management. He is currently working as Teaching Assistant in a course entitled, “Global Trade and Sourcing in Textiles and Apparel”. After graduation, Andrew will pursue a Master of Textiles degree.

Madison Owen is continuing her education in the College of Textiles at N.C. State University by pursuing her Master of Science in Textiles. She will be concentrating on market research and trend forecasting in her thesis. Madison is passionate about traveling and learning new cultures; she studied abroad in Paris and London and considers it the best learning experience of her undergraduate career. Madison has written for the News & Observer, Independent Weekly, and Hosiery Association. Upon graduation in May 2011, she plans on acquiring a career in a textile or fashion company that allows her to learn more about consumers. In her spare time, Madison loves to cook, teach Zumba fitness classes and nutritional classes, and spend time at church.

William D. Harazin, Student Delegation Leader is a principal in the law firm of William D. Harazin, PLLC and an Adjunct Associate Professor in the College of Textiles at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina. He practices in the areas of Business, Corporate and International Law providing legal services to businesses, large and small. His international involvement includes being the former Chairman of the Board for the World Trade Center North Carolina and past President of the North Carolina World Trade Association. He is a law graduate of Southern Illinois University School of Law and a graduate of Illinois State University.

Ivy Hill is first year graduate student at North Carolina State University. She is pursuing a Master of Science in Textiles specializing in Medical Textiles. Her undergraduate degree was completed in 2004 at North Carolina State University. After graduating, she worked 5 years at Hanesbrands Inc. in Winston Salem, North Carolina. Her area of expertise was in Women’s Outerwear Technical Design. During her time there, her team was able to triple the retail space of the UMS brand. In her free time, she volunteers at the Red Cross and enjoys photography.

Ken Dillo joined Wake Technical Community College in June 2001. He has over 35 years of executive management experience. He was recognized as U.S. Small Business Administration Small Business Center of the year in North Carolina in 2005, and as a NC Community College Central Region Small Business Center of the year in 2006. He was the Kauffman Foundation Platinum Award winner for 2006 for entrepreneurship education and awarded the North Carolina Small Business Partner of the Year by the US Small Business Administration for 2009. He was European Operations Manager for IBM covering maintenance operations for all US Armed Forces sites in the European Theatre. He was Director of Human Resources and Operations at Sapiens Americas. Major marketing concentration in Canada, Israel and the US. He was the former President of People Consulting, Inc. Ken received his Bachelor’s Degree at West Virginia University Institute of Technology and his Masters Degree at American University in Washington DC.