PRESS STATEMENT

NCTO Announces Winner of the
2019 Paul T. O'Day Memorial Scholarship

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WASHINGTON, DC - The National Council of Textile Organization's (NCTO) Fiber Council announces Ms. Reagan Dunnam, of Florence, SC as the recipient of the 2019 Paul T. O'Day Scholarship Award. She is the daughter of Jennifer Dunnam, who works for Fiber Industries LLC, and Robert Dunnam.

Ms. Dunnam graduated in June with high honors from West Florence High School. She will pursue a major in Fashion and Textile Management at NC State University this fall.

NCTO Fiber Council Chairman David Poston, President of Palmetto Synthetics LLC, commented, "We are pleased to recognize Ms. Dunnam's exceptional record of academic achievements with her selection as the 2019 recipient of the Paul T. O'Day Memorial Scholarship. All of us on the Fiber Council congratulate Ms. Dunnam and wish her continued success in her academic career."

The scholarship program was created in 2014 in honor of Paul T. O'Day who served as President of the American Fiber Manufacturers Association (AFMA) for more than three decades. The Association merged with the National Council of Textile Organizations (NCTO) in April 2018, and NCTO's Fiber Council now administers the scholarship program. Recipients receive a $5,000 award each year, totaling $20,000 for four years of study. Sons or daughters of NCTO's Fiber Council member company employees are eligible to apply.

NCTO is a Washington, DC-based trade association that represents domestic textile manufacturers, including artificial and synthetic filament and fiber producers.

- U.S. employment in the textile supply chain was 594,147 in 2018.
- The value of shipments for U.S. textiles and apparel was $76.8 billion in 2018.
- U.S. exports of fiber, textiles and apparel were $30.1 billion in 2018.
- Capital expenditures for textile and apparel production totaled $2.0 billion in 2017, the last year for which data is available.

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