Established in 1977, the goal of the Margaret Mangel Lecture is “to bring an outstanding scholar or statesman whose contributions address national concerns which is also the concern the College (HES), and whose recognized stature adds to the growing luster of the lectureship”. This year’s guest, Mindy Scheier, is a respected advocate in the disabilities community who has also impacted the fashion industry. Here topic was “Breaking Down Barriers for People With Disabilities: The Role of Clothing.” Mindy is the founder and president of Runway of Dreams Foundation. Before founding Runway of Dreams Foundation (RoDF) in 2014, Mindy Scheier spent 20 years working in fashion on the design team for the INC collection and as a stylist for Saks Fifth Avenue.
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Mindy was inspired to start RoDF after her son Oliver, who has Muscular Dystrophy, dreamed of wearing jeans like everyone else. After using her design skills to adapt a pair that met his needs and increased his confidence, she went on to conduct extensive research to develop modifications — including alternate closures, adjustability of waistbands, pant and sleeve lengths and alternative ways to get in and out of the clothing. Following launch, RoDF collaborated with Tommy Hilfiger on the first mainstream adaptive clothing line for kids in 2016.

Mindy’s work with RoDF expands beyond adaptive clothing. Founded on the basis that clothing is a basic human need, the Runway of Dreams Foundation develops, delivers and supports initiatives to broaden the reach of mainstream adaptive clothing and promote the differently-abled community in the fashion industry. Through adaptive clothing donations, employment opportunity initiatives, adaptive design workshops, awareness building campaigns and scholarships programs, RoDF is empowering people with disabilities with opportunity, confidence, independence and style. Envisioning a world where fashion is mainstream and accessible for all, Mindy continues to break down barriers and challenge industry norms.

Mindy engaging listeners after her talk.
TAM Student Wins Grand Prize at This Year’s Visual Arts & Design Showcase

Jingyi Wu and Dr. Morris in the apparel lab celebration of the Blue Peony Collection.

The Visual Art & Design Showcase is an annual event where Mizzou undergraduate students are encouraged to display and discuss their scholarly work in an exhibition setting. Forms of artistic expression include: photojournalism, architectural design, & textile and apparel design as well as other categories. This year’s recipient for the grand prize for Applied Design goes to Jingyi Wu, a design student in the department of Textile and Apparel Management. Her series entitled ‘The Blue Peony Collection’ took first place in the design showcase. Pictured with Jingyi is Dr. Kristen Morris, who served as Jingyi’s mentor and design instructor. The Applied Design award comes with a cash prize of $2000. Other students who participated in the exhibition were: Rylie Bryant, Lovell Cox, Marisa Gannon, Stephanie Graviett, Alana Jacobson, Darien Lee, Andrea Radicic, and Evan Scherder.

Blue Peony Collection
Visual Arts & Design Showcase Participants

Evan Scherder, Why Bee Bothered?

Lovell Cox, Elegant Spikes

Alana Jacobson, Mountain Tops.

Rylie Bryant, Caught in Between

Marisa Gannon & Stephanie Graviett, Pretty in Punk.

Durien Lee & Andrea Radicic, MomzOnTheGo

VAD Lecture and TAM Tour

Travis Fitch, owner of Fitchwork in New York, visited MU as a Juror for MU’s fourth annual Undergraduate Visual Art and Design Showcase. During his visit to MU, Travis presented his design research to students in TAM, Theatre, Art, and Journalism. Travis and VAD Keynote Speaker Brandan Odums also toured TAM’s historic clothing collection and design labs, Architectural Studies’ Immersive Visualization Lab, and the College of Engineering’s 3D Print Club digital printing lab.
End of the Year Design Showcase

Students in the textile and Apparel Management Product Development program had their semester projects on display in Gwynn Hall. The show featured a range of creative and technical designs from students at all levels.

Backpack designed by Rylie Bryant.

Dr. Morris and Hope sharing a laugh.

Student designs from showcase.
TAM Students included in Mizzou 1839 Induction

Each year, the Mizzou Alumni Association Student Board presents the Mizzou ’39 Award to 39 outstanding seniors each year who’ve shown exceptional aptitude. Chosen for their academic achievement, leadership and service to Mizzou and the community, the honorees represent a variety of majors, activities and organizations from across campus. This year, two students from the department of Textile and Apparel Management were selected among the honorees.

The first TAM student, Teanna Bass is the founder and CEO of Sweet Tea Cosmetics, LLC. As a student entrepreneur, Teanna has been featured in several prominent publications such as VOX and the MANEATER. Teanna is the daughter of Tiffany Nicole Polk and Will Bass Jr., with Dr. Jaime Mestres as her mentor.

The second TAM student, Rachel Grayson was Sigma Alpha Iota Vice President of Ritual and Fraternity Education, as well as a 2018 TAM Advisory Board Student Showcase participant. Among other contributions, Rachel was Marching Mizzou Trumpet Section Leader, 2018 Summer Welcome Leader, and Textile and Apparel Management Student Ambassador. Rachel is the daughter of Scott and Barb Grayson.
Sweet Tea Cosmetics Founder Wins Seed Money!

Teanna Bass, a senior TAM major on the Apparel Marketing and Merchandising track, and founder of Sweet Tea Cosmetics was recently awarded funding to facilitate her entrepreneurial goals. Teanna placed second at the first Entrepreneur Quest Student Accelerator with a pitch competition, in similar fashion to the Shark Tank television show. Bass, from St. Louis, first had an idea for a cosmetics store. When Bass realized this market was limited she expanded the services her store offers to include haircuts and other services.

Now Bass operates a retail store on campus at 911 E. Rollins. Bass plans to pivot again and offer her private-label cosmetics brand through a subscription service. The Entrepreneur Quest Accelerator is backed by the UM System as well President Mun Choi for $250,000 as of this year.

You can support Teanna by visiting The Sweet Tea Cosmetics website at www.sweetteacosmetics.com and following the company on Instagram (@sweeetteacosmetics).

TAM Students in the Workforce!

Hadas Cohen, a senior earning her bachelor’s degree in textile and apparel management, recently sat down with Chancellor Cartwright and another student to discuss life after college. Hadas, who will be working as a merchandising analyst at Walmart’s corporate headquarters spoke on the transitions involved with getting into the workforce, as well as challenges and opportunities that young people have to navigate in this phase of life.

“Staying determined and persistent for seniors is something that is super helpful — and especially now that people are looking for jobs.”

Hadas Cohen while on a trip to NYC.
TAM Students Debut Collection at Omaha Fashion Week

Lovell Cox, a graduating senior from the TAM department, was hand selected from among a group of participants to produce a mini collection for Omaha Fashion Week in Nebraska. After actively seeking fashion competitions, Lovell submitted several technical designs. These technical designs were later turned into full scale garments and debuted at the fashion shows over the course of one week.

After graduation, Lovell intends to pursue a career in Fashion Design and Product Development.
TAM Students Attend the YMA Fashion Scholarship Gala in NYC!

The above photos shows Rylie Bryant, Hannah Farley and Dr. Ha-Brookshire as they attended the annual dinner put on by YMAFSF. Regarded as one of the most prominent scholarships serving the fashion industry, the competitive fund creates opportunities for students to pursue their career aspirations. In addition to the scholarships, guests speakers are invited such as Martha Stewart, who attended this year’s event.

TAM Graduate Students Volunteer at MU Hospital

Graduate students from the TAM department volunteered at the gift shop located inside the University hospital. While there, they toured the facility, and served by cutting excess fabric and folding lab coats in preparation to be sold. Doctoral student Shuyi Huang is pictured cutting fabric.
TAM Student Shadows at Target

Each year, Target invites students from the top-echelon Textile and Apparel programs to tour their headquarters. This year, Allison Phaup was among those selected to participate. Aside from networking, Allison described her trip as very welcoming from those who worked there. Opportunities to watch live fit sessions, sit in on meetings, and get a sneak peak into Target’s upcoming innovations placed students in a position to be inspired about going into the job market. Undoubtedly, Allison has learned a great deal and intends to leverage these experiences to her benefit.

“All overall it was a truly invaluable experience and I got to meet a lot of people.”

2019 TAM Advisory Board Symposium

The TAM Department has an Advisory Board composed of high-level industry leaders representing many segments of the textile, apparel, and retailing field. The TAM Advisory Board benefits the Department of Textile and Apparel Management by way of serving as role models for students, providing examples of career opportunities, and providing internships for students as well as other means. The 37th Annual TAM Advisory Board kicked off the first day of the meeting with a symposium entitled “Beyond the Textbook”. Following the symposium, the Student Showcase highlighted work of our undergraduate and graduate students. The second day featured the always popular “Round Robin” sessions. The afternoon wrap-up session, “Industry Updates”, gave the board members the opportunity to share what is new in the industry from their perspectives.
ART (and FASHION) IN BLOOM

Over 1,500 guests browsed this year’s Art in Bloom event at MU’s Museum of Art and Archaeology! Displays included floral-themed garments from the Missouri Historic Costume and Textile Collection used to inspire floral accessories by students in MU’s Wedding Floral Design course in the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources. Students previewed floral garments from the MHCTC in early February which inspired eight one-of-a-kind floral designs of jewelry and accessories for the event at MU’s Museum of Art and Archaeology. More images of this year’s display will soon be online: http://www.tam.missouri.edu/MHCTC/collection.html

Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievements Forum

The Office of Undergraduate Research offers undergraduates the opportunity to present their student research and scholarly achievements to the Mizzou community multiple times each year. This year, three TAM students presented their research at the forum. These students from left to right are: Hadas Cohen, Jingyi Wu Melissa Riggle.

Langsam Award Winners—Dr. Ha-Brookshire & Dr. Morris

Dr. Jung Ha-Brookshire & Dr. Kristen Morris were selected by a committee of undergraduate students to receive the Langsam Faculty appreciation award. The award, which includes a $500 prize, was started by the Langsam family to recognize faculty efforts to help students prepare for, and especially to find, promising career opportunities.
Congratulations May 2019 TAM Candidates for Degrees

The Department of Textiles and Apparel Management graduated 74 undergraduate students this semester. These new TAM alums are ready to make an impact in the fashion industry. We wish them the best as they move forward with their exciting new careers! We are also saying goodbye to three of our graduate students.

Kelsey Anderson
Amina Basalic
Teanna Bass*
Miranda Baylor
Hanna Benoski
Sydnie Besterfeldt
Maria Bickford
Andrea Bilgrien*
Jasmine Birt
Hayley Bock
Taylor Bratton
Monica Browne
Rylie Bryant*
Sarah Bukich
Peyton Burkholder
Rodnesha Butts
Taylor Caldrone
Hadas Cohen*
Emory Corso
Lovell Cox*
Megan Dawkins
Kristen Dillard
Alison Eigsti *
Jessica Engel
Abigail Floyd*
Lawrend Fulbright
Marisa Gannon
Austin Greene King
Rachel Grayson*
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Carly Mitchell
Paige Montgomery
Broanna Moore
Anna Moritz
Emily Mullendore
Shuang Ni
Francis Pham
Trina Quach
Kelsey Anderson
Amina Basalic
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HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!!!