



Apparel Merchandising and Interior Design Student Wins 2014 Kate Hevner Mueller Outstanding Senior Award.

The Kate Hevner Mueller Outstanding Senior Awards were established this year to honor IU seniors who have proven leadership on campus both inside and outside of the classroom. Dr. Mueller's belief was that a university should promote the intellect, develop the personality, and teach citizenship as well as leadership to

all students; this, she said, is accomplished through excellence in scholarship, research, and the milieu of co-curricular activities.

The Kate Hevner Mueller Outstanding Senior Award recognizes students who have left the campus better than they found it by helping other students: learn more about themselves, each other and the world outside of the classroom so they could be successful inside the classroom.

Kelsey Pepmeier represents these qualities. She is an outstanding student both academically, and as a contributor to enriching the education of many Indiana University students through her leadership and mentoring. When Kelsey graduates after four years at IUB, she will have completed two majors and two minors, while having been inducted to Phi Beta Kappa as a junior, serving as President of one of the largest student organizations on the Bloomington campus, receiving special recognition as a National Retail Federation Ray Greenly Scholarship recipient for leadership and scholarship, and having led the largest chapter of the National Retail Federation student organization.

Kelsey has been a strong ambassador for the Department of Apparel Merchandising and Interior Design outside of campus. She helped recruit new companies to come to Indiana University to interview and engage with our students, thus providing additional internship and career opportunities. She wrote a grant to receive funding from Kohl's Department Stores providing \$5000 support for several new extracurricular programs. While attending the National Retail Federation conference last January, Kelsey made professional contacts with the President of Macy's, the President of Home Shopping Network and other industry principals to help give Indiana University and the Apparel Merchandising program much credibility.

In addition to the lasting impact Kelsey has had on students in the Retail Studies Organization and the Department of Apparel Merchandising and Interior Design at Indiana University-Bloomington, she is a bright and articulate young woman who cares for others. She is dedicated to her role as a Big Sister for the Big Brothers Big Sisters community program in which she has served for 4 years.

While at Indiana University, Kelsey demonstrated her leadership and scholarly acumen through two internships at Kohl's. Kohl's offered her a career position after graduation and with the work ethic and ethos she has demonstrated while at IU, there are no doubts she will have a bright future there in product development and merchandising.

The faculty of the AMID department congratulate Kelsey in receiving this prestigious award and wish her the best of luck and continued success with her future endeavors.

For more information about IU's Department of Apparel Merchandising and Interior Design, see <http://www.design.iub.edu/>, [facebook.com/iuamid](https://www.facebook.com/iuamid), or on twitter at @IUAMID

IMAGE CAPTION: Kelsey Pepmeier speaks with Terry Lundgren, CEO of Macy's at the National Retail Federation Big Show, 2013.