

**JAMES W. CHESNUTT
RECEIVES CHAPMAN AWARD
MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2016**

Myrtle Beach, SC, June 20 – James W. Chesnutt, National Spinning Co., Inc., has been awarded the Chapman Award, named in honor of James A. Chapman, Sr., James A. Chapman, Jr. and Joseph W. Chapman of Inman Mills. The Chapman Award was established by the Southern Textile Association to recognize individuals for exemplary service to the textile industry. By vote of the Board of Governors, James W. Chesnutt, president, CEO of National Spinning Co., Inc. received the Award during the STA Business Breakfast Session of the Joint Meeting of the STA and Fiber Buyer Groups at The Marriott Resort & Spa at Grande Dunes in Myrtle Beach, SC. The Award was presented by Leib Oehmig, President and CEO of Glen Raven, Inc.

James W. (Jim) Chesnutt is president and CEO of National Spinning Company, Inc. located in Washington, NC. Chesnutt graduated from East Carolina University in 1963. He began his career with the Bank of America in Charlotte, NC where he spent 10 years. He then joined Harriet and Henderson Yarns, Inc. in Henderson, NC as a vice president and remained with that company until 1997. In September of that year, Mr. Chesnutt joined National Spinning Company, Inc. as president, was later named CEO and currently serves as chairman/CEO.

Chesnutt currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Medical and Health Sciences Foundation of East Carolina University (ECU), the ECU College of Business Advisory Council, the NC Chamber of Commerce, the Vidant Medical Center, is chairman of the Beaufort County Committee of 100, and is on the Board of Trustees of Beaufort County Community College.

In addition to his current professional and community service, he is past chairman of both the National Cotton Council (NCC) and the National Council of Textile Organizations (NCTO); past president of both the American Yarn Spinners Association and the North Carolina Manufacturers Association; and a past Board member of the New York Cotton Exchange, the Washington/Beaufort County Chamber of Commerce and NCTO.

Chesnutt is married and has two sons and four grandchildren. He and his wife, Judy, reside in Washington, NC.

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