

GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL'S STUDENT OF THE WEEK

A series showcasing the talented graduate and professional students at the
University of Missouri

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ORGANIZATIONS:



- Graduate Student Member College of HES Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Task Force
- Scholar Advisory Board Member Deaton Institute for University Leadership in International Development,
- Member, International Relations Committee International Textile and Apparel Association
- Graduate Student Association Textile and Apparel Management,
- Bangladesh Student Association,

VOLUNTEER SERVICE:

- Helper at Swabbing Stations – Undergraduate Arrival COVID-19 Testing program
- Volunteer – Assembling of 50,000 COVID Kits for faculty, staff and students
- Mask making for MU healthcare workers Healthcare
- Workshop Presenter, Volunteer Missouri Youth 4-H Fashion Revue,
- Site Leader, Volunteer Caring for Columbia

More about Md. Rafiqu
on the next page!

HOW DO YOU HOPE TO BETTER THE WORLD?

There is 3M in any business or organization: (Hu)Man, Machine, and Material. My passion is to work with the human aspect of the fashion industry and how to improve the workplace condition, mental health, and psychosocial wellbeing. Through my research and teaching, I would like to be a voice for the working-class people in the fashion industry to help them get a better life and help build a morally and socially sustainable industry.

HIGHLIGHTED HONORS:

- Invited Workshop Speaker, Global Supply Chain Management US Department of Commerce CLDP Program
- Sara Douglas Fellowship for Professional Promise
- International Textile and Apparel Association Valerie J. Goodin Global Tiger Alumni Scholarship

Know a fantastic student who should be highlighted? Fill out this form:

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I would like to nominate myself for this recognition for being a caring and responsible citizen of Mizzou and the Columbia Community. Mizzou and the State of Missouri have given me the opportunity to pursue my dream of higher study with scholarship, and I feel like it is my moral obligation to give something back to this community. One of the examples of my engagements was my active participation in the fight against COVID-19. I have actively worked in multiple capacities to help Mizzou and Columbia community to be safe against this pandemic. My teamwork was also featured in the Mizzou and local news.

WHAT IS ONE THING YOU WISH PEOPLE KNEW ABOUT YOUR FIELD?

The fashion industry is not only about glamor, style, and luxury. There are millions of people relentlessly working to make the clothes, and more often than not, they are being exploited so that we can buy the clothes cheap. As a consumer, it is our moral responsibility to practice sustainable consumption and to hold the fashion brands accountable so that the people and environment are not being hampered for profits.