



Spring Commencement will Feature Graduation Gowns Made from Repreve®

Herff Jones helps universities and colleges go green

Greensboro, North Carolina – Date TBD – Unifi, Inc. (NYSE: UFI) has graduated REPPEVE® to the next level. This year, students from more than 160 colleges and universities can feel even better about their commencement ceremonies wearing REPPEVE® based graduation gowns made by Herff Jones, an educational product distributor.

REPPEVE is a fiber made from recycled materials, including post-consumer plastic bottles. REPPEVE is the essential ingredient that makes fabrics sustainable, helping to reduce the environmental impact of everyday life. Each Herff Jones graduation gown made with REPPEVE uses about 29 post-consumer plastic bottles. This results in nearly 30,000 bottles being saved from landfills per 1,000 graduates.

"At Herff Jones, we believe it's our responsibility to provide authentic and sustainable solutions," says CEO of Herff Jones. "We offer the highest quality graduation garments in the industry, while minimizing our environmental impact. Commencement can now become a college or university's latest effort in going green."

According to NAPCOR, the United States recycling rate is only 29%, about half the rate of Europe. The REPPEVE brand hopes to increase the low recycling rate through consumer education and through partnerships with like-minded textile manufacturers of consumer goods.

"After decades of education, the United States PET bottle recycling rate is only at 29 percent, about half the rate of Europe," said Roger Berrier, president and COO of Unifi. "We hope to raise visibility of the importance of recycling by teaming up with Herff Jones, as well as colleges and universities."

According to the National Center for Education there are an estimated 1,781,000 undergraduates this year alone that are expected to cross the stage. After commencement, graduates can donate their gowns to be recycled back into REPPEVE.

Herff Jones also makes class rings, yearbooks, diplomas and educational resources with environmentally friendly ingredients like recycled gold and FCS certified wood.

About Unifi:

Unifi, Inc. (NYSE: UFI) is a diversified producer and processor of multi-filament polyester and nylon textured yarns and related raw materials. The Company adds value to the supply chain and enhances consumer demand for its products through the development and introduction of branded yarns that provide unique performance, comfort and aesthetic advantages. Key Unifi brands include, but are not limited to: AIO® - all-in-one performance yarns, SORBTEK®, A.M.Y.®, MYNX® UV, REPPEVE®, REFLEXX®, MICROVISTA® and SATURA®. Unifi's yarns and brands are readily found in home furnishings, apparel, legwear, and sewing thread, as well as industrial, automotive, military, and medical applications. For more information about Unifi, visit www.unifi.com, or to learn more about REPPEVE®, visit www.repreve.com.

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