April 2009, after 14 months in development, Oak Hall Cap and Gown proudly introduced a new concept in the collegiate market, regalia made entirely from recycled plastic. GreenWeaver, made from 100% post-consumer plastic bottle pellets, has been embraced by colleges and universities.

As of July, 2012, 12 million plastic bottles have been reclaimed from landfills to produce GreenWeaver®

Some important features of GreenWeaver are:

- An average of 23 plastic bottles are removed from landfills for each gown made.
- CO2 gas emissions are reduced by 54.5% in the process of manufacturing fabric from plastic verses virgin polyester.
- Using thermal recycled energy (like used to produce GreenWeaver fabric) saves energy use by 52.6% over petroleum.
- Softer to the touch and more breathable than traditional polyester fabric.
- “Tag less” size labels stamped with soy ink.
- GreenWeaver passed the color fastness test with a 4.5 in both wet and dry testing. A passing score is between 3 and 5, with 5 being the best. The fabric also exceeds all requirements for flammability.
- Plastic bags used to store the caps and gowns are made from recycled plastic.
- Shipping cartons are produced from recycled cardboard.
- Used regalia can be turned in after commencement and it will be recycled into new fabric.
- For every gown purchased, Oak Hall will make a donation to an on campus sustainability program of the college/universities choice.

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Oak Hall goes green “again” with the addition of NuHorizon™, a new fabric made from plastic bottles. Now, Satin or Matte, We’ve Got You Covered!
Green Weaver
Good For The Environment
Great For Your School

Oak Hall, a leading manufacturer of academic apparel, is proud to introduce a new line of eco-friendly caps and gowns made from 100 percent, post-consumer recycled plastic bottles. Colleges and Universities are making the commitment to turn their campuses green. Now this movement can be carried forward to graduation.

Graduation Gowns
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Oak Hall Sustainability

Sustainably:
Oak Hall is proud to have been the pioneer that introduced sustainable caps and gowns to higher education in 2009. When we realized that less than 30% of all plastic bottles in the US get recycled, we knew this was the right thing to do. Little did we realize that in such a short time GreenWeaver, made from 100% post-consumer plastic bottles and woven with a matte finish, would become the next generation of academic attire.

The Process

- Recycled plastic bottles are processed to remove impurities such as labels and caps
- The bottles are then chopped into fragments called “flakes”
- Flakes are melted and then solidified into uniform pellets called “chips”
- Chips are melted again and extruded into continuous filament yarn
- The yarn is woven, dyed, and finished

Over 300,000 students are wearing GreenWeaver regalia at their commencement, resulting in millions of plastic bottles being removed from landfills.

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We are excited and proud to introduce NuHorizon, our newest eco-friendly regalia line. NuHorizon is made using the same process as GreenWeaver, but with a knit satin finish. Learn more about NuHorizon here.>>

Environmental Advantages

- Yarn is produced using 100% post-consumer plastic bottles
- CO2 gas emissions are reduced by 54.6% in the process of manufacturing fabric from plastic versus virgin polyester
- Petroleum usage is reduced by over 52% by utilizing thermal recycled energy

Oak Hall’s take back program:
After commencement, students have the option of keeping their regalia as a souvenir of their accomplishment or placing it in recycling bins that we provide at commencement. Regalia that is recycled will be reprocessed into new product.

Other ways Oak Hall is working to reduce our carbon footprint:

- Our rebate program funds other sustainability projects on campus
- All our waste material is bundled and sent in for recycling
- We have converted to carbon based dry cleaning systems
- We use only recycled bags for storing regalia
- All shipping cartons are of recycled cardboard
- We’ve reduced our printing by over 50%