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The NKBA Announces the 2015/2016 Student Design Competition Winners

The Association will award $10,000 in scholarships and prizes at the NKBA Design Competition awards event during KBIS 2017 in Orlando

HACKETTSTOWN, N.J. (OCTOBER 17, 2016) — The National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) announced the 10 winners of the 2015/2016 NKBA Student Design Competition, Schoolhouse Charm, which offers $10,000 in scholarships and prizes. Once again, the students were asked to design a kitchen and a bath for a real-life home. This year’s home was originally a small school.

The following 10 students were selected by a panel of NKBA certified kitchen and bath industry experts as winners in the 2015/2016 NKBA Student Design Competition.

Kitchen design winners:

1st Place: Sydney Melnyk, Lakeland College, Vermillion, AB, Canada
2nd Place: Brittany McQueen, Lakeland College, Vermillion, AB, Canada
3rd Place: Suzy Morris, Front Range Community College, Ft. Collins, CO
Honorable Mention: Sara Downing, Lakeland College, Vermillion, AB, Canada

Bath design winners:

1st Place: Tiffany Murphy, Front Range Community College, Ft. Collins, CO
2nd Place: Tommy Chin, Georgian College, Barrie, ON, Canada

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3rd Place: Rachel Elizabeth McGinley, Front Range Community College, Fort Collins, CO
Honorable Mention: Irina Iseson, Palm Beach State College, Lake Worth, Florida
Honorable Mention: Naomi Mason, Lakeland College, Vermillion, AB, Canada

The winners will attend the NKBA Design Competition awards event on Monday, January 9, 2017, held at the World Showplace in Disney’s Epcot, Orlando, during the Kitchen & Bath Industry Show (KBIS®). This prominent industry event will also recognize the NKBA professional designers who created the best kitchens and baths of the past year.

Sponsored by Waypoint Living Spaces™, a division and trademark of American Woodmark Corporation, the 2015/2016 NKBA Student Design Competition received hundreds of entries from NKBA student members at colleges and universities across North America. The students’ designs offer insight into fresh design trends created by the industry’s next generation of professional designers.

The first place kitchen is currently being built in the clients’ home. The installation is based on the specifications and design that the winning student submitted to the competition. Because they were designing for an actual build, students had to take into consideration restrictions such as space, colors, products, as well as a specified cabinet line. Upon completion of the kitchen, the clients will move forward with the bath installation which will also be based on the winning student’s design.

Mark Kovich, VP Sales and Marketing for Waypoint Living Spaces® and NKBA Student Design Competition sponsor says, “The quality of this year’s student entries was very competitive and sure made it tough for our judges to narrow the winners. The kitchen and bath designs created by students using Waypoint® products were impressive. We take great pride in cultivating young designers who represent the future of our industry. I look forward to presenting the student awards at KBIS in January and jump-starting some careers!”

About the National Kitchen & Bath Association and the Kitchen & Bath Industry Show
The National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) is the not-for-profit trade association that owns the Kitchen & Bath Industry Show® (KBIS), as part of Design and Construction Week ® (DCW). With nearly 14,000 member companies representing tens of thousands of members in all segments of the kitchen and bath industry, the NKBA has educated and led the industry since the association’s founding in 1963. The NKBA envisions a world where everyone enjoys safe, beautiful and functional kitchen and bath spaces. The mission of the NKBA is to inspire, lead and empower the kitchen and bath industry through the creations of certifications, marketplaces and networks. For more information, visit NKBA.org or call 1-800-THE-NKBA (843-6522).

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