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Introduced in 2013, the NKBA Thirty Under 30 program continues to capture the voice of the next generation of kitchen and bath professionals.

The National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) will recognize the Thirty Under 30 class of 2019 at the Kitchen & Bath Industry Show (KBIS®) in Las Vegas, Feb. 19-21, 2019. The group will make its debut on the KBISNeXT Stage at 11 a.m. on Feb. 19.

“We’re proud to introduce another outstanding class of accomplished young professionals,” said Bill Darcy, NKBA Chief Executive Officer. “We believe in a vibrant and robust future for this industry, and these talented individuals are standard-bearers and examples for their peers. Our aim is that this honor helps them in their continuing professional development, as they grow into their roles as the next generation of industry leaders.”

The newly inducted honorees will be split into 10 teams of three and are tasked with walking the KBIS show floor to seek the best products and innovations in several categories. The teams will present the “30’s Choice Awards” on the KBISNeXT stage on Feb. 21 at 11 a.m. It’s sure to be an eye-opening presentation to see what these rising young professionals view as important developments in the space.

Jack Bernstein; Kurrent Kitchen and Bath, Brooklyn, NY

Jack Bernstein is a flourishing entrepreneur who began his passion young, receiving his education and inspiration from his father’s plumbing shop. In 2011, Jack launched his career by selling his favorite fixtures and supplies on Amazon. By 2017, annual net sales had skyrocketed to more than $5 million, with thousands of five-star reviews. Besides his aptitude for sales, Jack is an innovator and trendsetter. In May 2017, he fulfilled his dream of opening a state-of-the-art, concept-driven showroom in Brooklyn, Kurrent Kitchen and Bath. Ahead of the curve, Kurrent is distinctive and dauntless, making bold moves in unchartered directions, with striking, exquisite results.

NKBA Chapter: Metro New York

Brittany Capozzi, AKBD; Cabinet Gallery LTD, Woonsocket, RI

Brittany Capozzi is a designer at Cabinet Gallery Ltd., a 30 year old, family owned and operated business specializing in kitchen design and installation. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Interior Architecture & Design in 2012, and subsequently, NKBA's Associate Kitchen and Bath Designer (AKBD) designation. She’s knowledgeable in product selection, space planning, materials and finishes, and excels at analyzing client needs, presenting her ideas clearly, and developing functional, beautiful designs. Brittany believes that kitchens are the heart of the home and that bathrooms should be a client’s spa-like haven.

NKBA Chapter: Northern New England

Dylan Cloyd; Spokane Carpet One, Spokane, WA

Dylan Cloyd started his career in 2009 as a flooring apprentice, and two years later, he became a flooring contractor before joining Spokane Carpet One. Dylan started in sales and project management, where he helped create the company’s Builder Design Division. In 2017, Dylan became a partner in Spokane Carpet One and has been instrumental in developing the company’s cabinet division. He created a one-stop shop for every home interior need. In 2018, he generated $3 million in individual sales. Dylan has helped design several hundred custom homes in the greater Spokane area, and his designs have been recognized with multiple awards.

NKBA Chapter: Palouse
Joseph Clymer; Amiano and Son Construction, Tabernacale, NJ

Joseph Clymer started working at age 15 in his family’s business, Amiano and Son Construction. He is a design/build specialist working with remodeling projects including kitchens, bathrooms and full-home renovations. Joseph’s client-centered process combines his professional expertise with the client’s wants, needs and budgets to make a dream become reality. He sets himself apart with his attention to detail, personable character and dedication. Joseph was recently featured in House & Home Magazine, discussing the latest kitchen trends. In 2017, he generated $2.2 million in sales and aims to surpass that with 2018 sales of at least $2.5 million.

Mary Lauda Corwin, AKBD; Toulmin Cabinetry & Design, Tuscaloosa, AL

Mary Lauda Corwin joined the Toulmin Cabinetry & Design team in 2015 following a career in the home furnishings industry. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Interior Design from the University of Alabama in 2013 and earned her AKBD designation from the NKBA in 2017. She is working toward earning her CKBD certification. She has been recognized for her work in Birmingham Style Blueprint as a monthly “Interior Designer Crush.” Mary Lauda is a member of her local NKBA chapter, and president of the Tuscaloosa Young Democrats, where she coordinates other service projects in the community.

NKBA Chapter: Alabama

Courtney Doss-Lomas, AKBD; Greymark Construction, Houston, TX

Houston native Courtney Doss-Lomas studied architecture at Texas A&M University. Known for thinking outside the shaker-style box, Courtney is a project manager/designer at Greymark Construction, a residential design-build firm. She takes pride in being heavily involved on the construction side of her projects as well as the design. Her projects have won multiple awards, including the GHBA Prism and ASID Ruby Awards. Her work has been featured in print and online publications, including the cover of the 2018 Houston Remodeling Guide. Courtney turned her passion into purpose after Hurricane Harvey hit, and now spends her energy and expertise rebuilding Houston, one house at a time.

NKBA Chapter: Texas Gulf Coast

Aly Glavin; Pure Design Works, Charlotte, NC

Aly Glavin is co-owner of Pure Design Works, a Charlotte-based boutique kitchen and bath design/remodeling company. She graduated with a degree in Interior Design, minoring in entrepreneurship, from Queens University of Charlotte. Aly is a Licensed General Contractor and Business Manager, playing a key role in the design scheme of each project. The fast-growing remodeling firm caters to small, design-driven projects while focusing on clients’ needs, wants and budget. Aly works to refine the customer experience by providing transparency, accuracy and dedicated client communication. In her free time, Aly continues her passion: renovating fixer-uppers and traveling to new places for inspiration.

NKBA Chapter: Carolina

Courtney Glidden, AKBD; Craftsman Design & Renovation, Portland, OR

After completing a four-year degree in interior design and a nine-month internship with a medical design group, Courtney Glidden began her career at a custom cabinetry company. Working in the cabinet showroom introduced her to the residential construction process. She took these skills to her next position as a design assistant for a design-build firm, and within a year, rose to become a designer. She earned her AKBD certification, and now shares her love of kitchen and bath design and passion for learning by leading the AKBD study group for her local NKBA chapter.

NKBA Chapter: Columbia River
Katie Golec, CAPS; ACM Designs, Haliburton, Ontario

While most Canadian designers reside along the U.S. border, Katie Golec chose to practice in the Canadian north, where she studied and ran her own decor business. While completing studies in interior decoration at Algonquin College, Katie won DDA Canada’s student ambassador position. She operated a decor business specializing in textiles before joining a millworker, where she learned the art of cabinetry making. She joined ACM Designs and earned her NAHB Certified Aging in Place Specialist designation. In 2018, she won silver for “best design with a challenging budget” from DDA Canada. Katie plays a pivotal role in project success and in the robust growth of ACM.

NKBA Chapter: Ottawa

Lena Grasso; Dellon Sales, Albertson, NY

Lena Grasso recently joined Dellon Sales in the metro New York/Long Island area, where she is increasing her presence in luxury fixtures via the Grohe brand. Lena started her career in the kitchen and bath industry at age 19 in a small, family-owned Manhattan showroom. She graduated from The Fashion Institute of Technology with a degree in Fashion Business Merchandising while working full-time. Lena’s merchandising degree is advantageous, because it taught her to stay on top of trends and merchandise in product lines in an ever-changing market.

NKBA Chapter: Metro New York

Melissa Haas, AKBD; Case Design & Remodeling, Charlotte, NC

Melissa Haas is a project designer at Case Design & Remodeling in Charlotte, N.C. She grew up around construction, learning from her father, grandfather and uncle — all skilled tradesmen — and her mother, who always had an eye for design. She earned her B.S. in Residential Environments and Design from Virginia Tech’s NKBA-accredited kitchen and bath program in 2015. Within six months of beginning her career, Haas earned her AKBD certification. As a designer at Case, she works with clients throughout the design-build process, overseeing project design and reviewing critical parts of construction and installation. Melissa is currently studying for her CKBD certification.

NKBA Chapter: Carolina

Hillary Holt; Kitchen Concepts, Tulsa, OK

Hillary Holt graduated Magna Cum Laude from Oklahoma State University, earning a B.S. in Design, Housing and Merchandising with an Interior Design emphasis. As lead designer at Kitchen Concepts, Hillary ensures her clients realize their dream kitchens, baths and living spaces. She provides excellent customer service for clients and local and national vendor partners. Last year, she sold more than $600,000 in custom cabinets. Hillary is an Oklahoma NKBA chapter member and the Communications Director for the Oklahoma ASID chapter. Outside the office, she enjoys serving local nonprofit organizations by offering her space planning and event design expertise pro bono.

NKBA Chapter: Oklahoma

Jessy Johnson; Mary Lynn Creations LLC, Birch Run, MI

Jessy Johnson wanted a career as an interior designer after a middle-school career workshop class listed it as her number-one pathway. She attended Baker College and earned her Associates Degree in Applied Science with a major in Interior Design. Jessy’s passion for working with homeowners on an in-depth level and a desire to build client relationships led her to open her kitchen and bath design business, Mary Lynn Creations LLC, in January 2018 with her sister and business partner, Kristen Ready. They joined the Chamber of Commerce in Frankenmuth, Mich., and Jessy is also a member of the Young Professional Network of the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce.

NKBA Chapter: Michigan State
Charles Kimball; Premier Companies, Winnipeg, Canada

Originally from the island nation of Samoa, Charles Kimball quickly established himself as successful interior designer in Canada after earning a Diploma of Interior Design Technology from Lakeland College in 2014. After working in various positions early in his career, he became lead interior designer at a design/build/renovation firm in Winnipeg specializing in kitchen and bathroom renovations; Premier Companies. He has been the lead designer in over $3 million in kitchen and bathroom renovations, has won numerous awards from organizations including the Manitoba Home Builders Association and the Exhibition Design Shows in Manitoba, and has been instrumental in Premier’s growth and success in its local marketplace.

NKBA Chapter: Prairie Provinces

Ryan Kramanak; Frank Kramanak and Sons Contractors, Uniontown, OH

Ryan Kramanak, a 2017 graduate of the University of Akron with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, is a third-generation member of his family's business. Ryan, now vice president, focused on creating a cabinet manufacturing division. He’s involved in all aspects of the company including website design, catalog publication, cabinet building, interacting with suppliers/vendors, optimizing workflow, and has developed several methods that improve efficiency and quality. Ryan also focuses on non-traditional design trends, providing customers with choices to distinguish their cabinetry as one-of-a-kind. He is an active member of the Stark County Builders Industry Association.

NKBA Chapter: Ohio State

Paige Maurer; Paige Lee Interiors, Traverse City, MI

Paige Maurer holds a Bachelor of Applied Arts, including an Interior Design major and a Business and Art minor, from Central Michigan University. Paige started her design career specializing in kitchens and baths. Now, she provides a range of services to her clients including interior design, interior architecture, space planning and project management. Paige is the programs chair for the Northern Michigan NKBA chapter, and the Hagerty’s Traverse City Business News 40 Under 40 honored her as an influential Northern Michigan up-and-comer.

NKBA Chapter: Northern Michigan; Programs Chair Officer

Peter McClorey, CLR, CAPS; Paulson’s Construction, Howell, MI

Peter McClorey joined Paulson’s Construction in 2012, starting as a laborer and working his way up to lead carpenter. His skills and knowledge and expert installation of cabinetry, trim and accessories are an incredible asset to the Paulson’s team. Peter is a senior at Eastern Michigan University and a candidate for a degree in Construction Management. He hopes to continue his progress with Paulson's to become a superintendent. Peter is also a Certified Lead Renovator and has earned his CAPS (Certified Aging in Place Specialist) designation through the National Association of Home Builders.

NKBA Chapter: Michigan State

Jasmine Morvay; KODAinteriors, Ottawa, Ontario

Jasmine Morvay, an interior decorator and kitchen/bath designer in Ottawa, studied at Algonquin College, graduating with honors in both the interior decorating and NKBA-supported kitchen and bath design programs. Before starting her own business, Jasmine had the opportunity to work with a popular renovation company as the material selections coordinator and was also a top salesperson and design consultant at a local furniture store. This experience and passion lead to the start of her own company, KODAinteriors, which is already making a name for itself in the Ottawa area.

NKBA Chapter: Ottawa
Lizzy Paluszek; Better Kitchens & Baths, Richmond, VA

Lizzy Paluszek graduated Magna Cum Laude from Virginia Tech with a B.S. in Residential Environments & Design and a B.A. in Art History. She is a designer and project manager at Better Kitchens & Baths in Richmond, where her creativity and breadth of knowledge regarding design, product and trends makes her an invaluable member of the design team. Her proficiency with 3D modeling software, virtual reality and graphic design creates unique opportunities for clients to visualize and experience their renovated spaces prior to installation. Lizzy is active in her community, serving as NKBA Virginia State Chapter president and on the Richmond Philharmonic Orchestra’s board of directors.

NKBA Chapter: Virginia State; Chapter President

Jessica Peters, UDCP; Case Design & Remodeling, San Jose, CA

Jessica Peters earned her Interior Design and Advanced AutoCAD certifications from West Valley College in 2013. While completing school, she managed a design studio co-op, giving her experience in high-end residential remodeling. As project designer at CASE Design & Remodeling, Jessica has been recognized for her creativity and teamwork. For two consecutive years, she was cited for her work with NARI Silicon Valley’s prestigious META Remodeling awards. Jessica volunteers with Habitat for Humanity and Rebuilding Together. Her passion stems from an endless quest for knowledge in her field, and she believes that “if you’re doing what you love, your heart will always be full.”

NKBA Chapter: Northern California

Caitlyn Rogers; Rogers Design Inc., Palm City, FL

Caitlyn Rogers is active within her community, working full-time as a kitchen and bath designer and office manager at Rogers Designs Inc., and volunteering her time at several organizations, including the Future Builders of America. Caitlyn steps up and fills the role for everything presented to her. Last year, she went to the Crystal Cabinet Works Design Studio and factory to engage in a full tour and daily classes about the latest designs and industry trends. Since then, she’s been enhancing her skills by engaging in numerous online seminars for cabinets, design and countertop trends within the industry.

NKBA Chapter: Florida Treasure Coast

Stefanie Rotella, AKBD; Neil Kelly, Eugene, OR

Stefanie Rotella, AKBD, is a design consultant for Neil Kelly, a top design/build remodeler in the Pacific Northwest. Her work ethic, dedication to project timelines and willingness to learn impresses clients and colleagues alike. In her five years with Neil Kelly, Stefanie has developed tools and processes that continue to drive business. She pioneered the use of a new software program and facilitated training new designers. In 2018, the Eugene Register Guard article, “Space-Saving Kitchen Economics,” showcased her designs. Her sense of style is balanced by her belief that a space’s form needs to follow the functionality of the home.

NKBA Chapter: Columbia River

Melissa Sakell, AKBD; Kenwood Kitchens, Annapolis, MD

Melissa Sakell, AKBD, was born and raised in Bel Air, Md., with a passion for functional and beautiful interior design. Melissa graduated from NKBA founding school Virginia Polytechnic and State University (Virginia Tech) in 2011 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Apparel, Housing and Resource Management, concentrating in Kitchen and Bath Design. She turned her passion into a career, and her projects range from updating kitchens and bathrooms to new home construction with custom builders. Melissa enjoys specifying project details and seeing them through to completion. She is working toward a CKBD certification to continue her education and further propel her career.

NKBA Chapter: Baltimore/Washington
Sam Schwartz; Independent, Belmont, NC

Sam Schwartz is a graduate of Columbia College Chicago, where he earned a B.A. in marketing, and he is an Eagle Scout. He began his career in 2016 with a construction background, and rose to become a customer engagement manager. His experience includes product development, building sets and testing product until he’s confident in the final result. Sam’s communication skills and on-camera presence make him a natural for training videos.

NKBA Chapter: Carolina

Amanda Smith; c|s Design Studio, Fairfax Station, VA

Amanda Smith grew up in Arlington, Va., where she got her start in the design world during high school. She learned the basics of drafting, interned at a kitchen and bath firm, and earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Interior Design and a Master’s in Personal Finance. She’s a senior designer at c|s Design Studio LLC, a full-service design firm that partners with builders and clients to create their dream homes. A technical specialist, Amanda strives to gain an understanding of how clients live in their space to produce a functional, tailored design, and to develop and maintain strong working relationships with builders, field personnel and the trades.

NKBA Chapter: Baltimore/Washington

Katie Taggart, ASID; Ferguson Bath Kitchen & Lighting Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Katie Taggart attended California State University, Chico, and graduated in 2015 with a B.S. in Business Administration Marketing with an emphasis in Professional Sales. Katie always had a passion for interiors and knew that she wanted a career that was linked to the design community. After graduation, she began her sales career with Ferguson Enterprises in Sacramento, Calif. Katie prides herself on being a “one-stop shop,” since she is an expert in plumbing, lighting and appliances. Katie is an active member of NKBA, NARI Bay Area Chapter and ASID.

NKBA Chapter: Northern California

Brad Townsend; MasterBrand Cabinets Inc., Jasper, IN

Brad Townsend, a sales associate with MasterBrand Cabinets in Jasper, Ind., aims to incorporates his most recent career experience to grow and maintain the Norcraft portfolio. A highly motivated team player, he has a passion for sales and enjoys developing strong business relationships. Brad aspires to keep learning and adapting with forward thinking, as he continues his career journey. He says the kitchen and bath industry has played a huge role in his whole life, giving him a strong desire to be involved in the industry.

NKBA Chapter: Ohio Valley

Joseph Valente; Manufacturers Rep Group, Rockford, MI

Before joining Manufacturers Rep Group in 2014 as a sales rep, Joseph Valente earned his BA in History and Theatre from Aquinas College. He worked from 2007 to 2014 in sales for Circuit City; Verizon Wireless, where he was a finalist for Verizon’s “Rockstar” competition in, and Sears, where he won the Best of Blue Sales award nine times. At MRG, Joseph built strong relationships with some 30 dealers in five states. The NKBA has been extraordinarily helpful as Joseph continues to grow in his K&B career, and he gives back to the Association through volunteer work as chapter membership chair and in continuing education.

NKBA Chapter: West Michigan
Justine Wiggins; Justine Marie Designs, Renton, WA

Justine Wiggins is a kitchen and bath designer and owner of Justine Marie Designs in Renton, Wa. A single mom at age 16, she aimed for a career that could support her and her son. She attended Clover Park Technical College, earned her high school GED and a Kitchen & Bath Certificate, and graduated with an associate’s degree in interior design in 2014. In August 2017, she opened her own kitchen and bath business, where she enjoys building connections with clients and seeing a project evolve. Justine is an active member of the NKBA and is studying to sit for the AKBD exam.

NKBA Chapter: Puget Sound

Rebecca Wood, ASID; Anthony Wilder Design/Build, Cabin John, MD

Rebecca Wood graduated from the Interior Design program at Florida State University, with a Bachelor of Science degree, and began working in the industry in 2012. She currently works in a design and support role in the kitchen and bath department at Anthony Wilder Design/Build. Rebecca’s passion for industrial materials, event planning and home design stems from her family legacy. Her father is an industrial designer, her cousin is a singer/songwriter, and her aunt owns one of one of the largest event-planning businesses in the Caribbean. Using her discerning eye for minute detail, she ensures that no component of function, aesthetics or experience is overlooked.

NKBA Chapter: Baltimore/Washington

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