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NKBA Recognizes Excellence in Education and Names 2015 Top College

HACKETTSTOWN, NJ (October 3, 2016) — The National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) recently recognized outstanding NKBA accredited programs with its 2015 Excellence in Education Award. San Diego Mesa College was named NKBA College of the Year for 2015.

The ten winning schools and their kitchen and bath NKBA Program Coordinators are:

- Alexandria Technical & Community College, Alexandria, MN, Betty Ravnik, CMKBD
- Arapahoe Community College, Littleton, CO, Dawn Viola, CKE, CBE
- Century College, White Bear Lake, MN, Margaret Krohn, CKD
- College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL, Jane Kielb
- Front Range Community College-Larimer Campus, Fort Collins, CO, Nowell Vincent, CKD
- Lakeland College, Vermilion, AB, CAN, Fiona McLeod
- Mt. San Antonio College, Walnut, CA, Niki Tran
- Portland Community College-Sylvania Campus, Portland, OR, Amanda Davis
- San Diego Mesa College, San Diego, CA, Holly Hodnick
- Sullivan College of Technology and Design, Louisville, KY, Wayne Whitson, KYCID

Each NKBA program must submit two student design projects which are scored using the NKBA Kitchen & Bathroom Planning Guidelines and NKBA Graphics and Presentation Standards. The award winning schools all earned an average combined score of 90 or above on their submitted

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designs. Each of these programs receives an Excellence in Education certificate as well as the use of the “NKBA 2015 Excellence in Education” appellation on their school website and marketing materials.

NKBA Accreditation

NKBA Accreditation is available to two- and four-year colleges, universities, and technical institutes throughout the United States and Canada that offer kitchen and bath degree or certificate programs which meet the NKBA’s standards. By earning NKBA Accreditation, these schools show prospective and enrolled students that they provide quality education in residential kitchen and bath design.

Currently, nearly 50 schools have either earned NKBA accreditation or have begun the accreditation process and hold NKBA Supported status. To determine eligibility, NKBA-accredited programs are evaluated with respect to mission, administration, curriculum, faculty, and resources in their ability to meet required student competencies.

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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