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**Interior Design Society announces Designer of the Year Award Recipients  
*May 3, 2018 Savannah, GA***

**May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – High Point, NC** – On Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 members and guests of the Interior Design Society (IDS) gathered in Savannah, Georgia to honor the winners of the 2017 Designer of the Year competition. The awards were presented by award-winning interior designer, Corey Damen Jenkins.

“The Designer of the Year competition demonstrates our commitment to recognize the outstanding work of our members nationwide” shared Jenny Cano, Executive Director, IDS. “This year we received a record number of entries, our award-winners consider it a prestigious honor.”

Award recipients were selected by an expert panel of judges that included: Robin Baron, Barclay Butera, Nicole Davis, Jane Dagmi, Richard Duncan, Nancy Fire, Serena Martin, Molly Mays, Jason Phillips, Natalie Reddell, Jennifer Wagner Schmidt and Jackie Von Tobel.

IDS also recognized the achievements of Bruce Knott, who was honored with the IDS Fellowship Award- the highest award given by the organization. Barbara Izzo and Nancy Ganzekauer were both recognized with the inaugural Outstanding Leadership Award.

**The winners of the Designer of the Year competition are:**

**Space Designs:**

**Kitchens \$50,000 and below:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Staci Steidley, Studio Steidley, Plano, TX  
1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up (tie): Kim Bailey Interiors, Plano, TX

**Kitchens \$50,000 and above:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Traci Connell, Traci Connell Interiors, Dallas TX  
1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up: Nicole Yee, NY Interiors, Oakland, CA  
2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up: Cathy Price, Cathy Price Design, Knoxville, TN

**Bathrooms \$30,000 and below:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Michele Youell, Natural Domain Interiors, Henderson, NV  
1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up (tie): Kristi Hopper Designs  
1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up (tie): Design Vision Studio, Palm Springs, CA  
2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up: Kara Karpenske, Kamarron Design, Blaine, MN

**Bathrooms \$30,000 and above:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Starr Miller, Starr Miller Interior Design, Charlotte NC

1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up: Kelly Chitti, Interiors by Kelli, Sea Girt & Ocean Township, NJ

**Bedrooms \$30,000 and below:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Baker Design Group, Carrollton, TX

1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up: Shayla Copas, Shayla Copas Interiors, Little Rock, AR

**Bedrooms \$30,000 and above:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jodie O'Connor, Jodie O'Designs, Whippany, NJ

**Living Spaces \$30,000 and below:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Traci Connell, Traci Connell Interiors, Dallas TX

1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up: Staci Steidley, Studio Steidley, Plano, TX

2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up: Jan Cregier, Interior Expressions by Jan, Chicago, IL

**Living Spaces \$30,000 and above:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Charles Pavarini III, Pavarini Design, New York, NY

1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up: Staci Steidley, Studio Steidley, Plano, TX

**Singular Areas:**

**Window Treatments**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Kara Karpenske, Kamarron Design, Blaine, MN

**Closets**

1<sup>st</sup> Place (TIE): Traci Connell, Traci Connell Interiors, Dallas TX

1<sup>st</sup> Place (TIE): Kara Karpenske, Kamarron Design, Blaine, MN

**Laundry / Craft Rooms**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Starr Miller, Starr Miller Interior Design, Charlotte, NC

1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up: Anne Runde, Anne Runde Interiors, Portland, OR

**Outdoor Spaces**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Design Vision Studio, Palm Springs, CA

**Wine Rooms**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Starr Miller, Starr Miller Interior Design, Charlotte NC

**Children's Areas**

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Kara Karpenske, Kamarron Design, Blaine, MN

**Home Office**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Ginger Curtis, Urbanology Designs, Dallas, TX

**Recreation Spaces**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Baker Design Group, Carrollton, TX

**Entry Wall / Foyer**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Michele Youell, Natural Domain Interiors, Henderson, NV

**Dining Rooms**

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Kara Karpenske, Kamarron Design, Blaine, MN

### **Holiday Design**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Shayla Copas, Shayla Copas Interiors, Little Rock, AR

1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up (TIE): Baker Design Group, Carrollton, TX

1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up (TIE): Anne Runde, Anne Runde Interiors & Angie Morse, The Room Stylers, Portland, OR

### **Specialty Awards**

#### **Designer's Choice Vendor Award**

Sherwin Williams

#### **Universal Design**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jan Cregier, Interior Expressions by Jan, Chicago, IL

#### **Sustainable Design**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Kerry McHugh Upton, Quincy Home, Olympia, WA

#### **Sherwin-Williams Sponsor Award**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Design Vision Studio, Palm Springs, CA

#### **Original Design**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Barbara Owens, Owens Interiors, Rockwall, TX

1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up: Kerry McHugh Upton, Quincy Home, Olympia, WA

#### **Whole Home**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Tracy Davis, Urban Dwellings, Portland, OR

1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up (TIE): Barbara Owens, Owens Interiors, Rockwall, TX

1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up (TIE): Susy McBride, Susy McBride Design, Sonoma County, CA

2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up: Kim Bailey Interiors, Plano, TX

### **IMPACT Awards**

#### **Individual Impact Award**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Kimberly Joi McDonald, Designing Joi, Las Vegas, NV

#### **Group Impact Award**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: IDS Student Malloy Chapter

The full list of winners including design project photographs for this year's Designer of the Year competition is available at [http://interiordesignsociety.org/2017\\_DotY\\_Winners](http://interiordesignsociety.org/2017_DotY_Winners)

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