HACKETTSTOWN, NJ — (June 1, 2020) — The National Kitchen & Bath Association is looking for the best and boldest young leaders, creators and thinkers in the kitchen and bath industry to join its dynamic Thirty Under 30 community. Now in its ninth year, the class of 2021 will join an elite group of nearly 250 alumni representing rising leaders from all areas of the kitchen and bath industry, from designers and remodelers to showroom representatives and manufacturers.

“The NKBA Thirty Under 30 program is more than just a list,” says Bill Darcy, CEO of the NKBA. “It’s a community that continues to provide these rising industry stars with an unrivaled opportunity to connect with their peers, share ideas, gain valuable recognition and develop their careers.”

Molly Switzer, AKBD, is the principal and lead designer for Molly N. Switzer Designs in Portland, Oregon. She is a Thirty Under 30 alum (Class of 2014) and was honored as Best Chapter President and NKBA Chapter Officer of the Year at KBIS last January.

“NKBA’s Thirty Under 30 program has been a pivotal part of my career and my personal life,” Switzer says. “I’ve made lifelong connections not only in my class, but with all of the 30s alumni. This diverse network of individuals has opened up so many opportunities for me to connect and grow. I’m really proud to be a part of this group and the organization that supports it.”

Cari Bolte, a senior designer and creative director with Bolte Construction in Nebraska and an alum from the inaugural Class of 2013, adds “The NKBA Thirty Under 30 program has helped me to establish a support system, a network and the confidence to grow and expand my career.”

The NKBA Thirty Under 30 nomination period for the 2021 honorees runs from June 1 through August 4. There is no cost to enter and nominations can be submitted either by the nominee or by a colleague on behalf of the nominee. Nomination forms are available on NKBA.org/thirty-under-30/.

The Class of 2021 will be announced in fall 2020, and will be honored at the Kitchen & Bath Industry Show (KBIS) in February.

Eligibility requirements:
- Work in the kitchen and bath industry
• Born on or after February 10, 1991

**Thirty Under 30 honorees receive:**

- A free trip to KBIS 2021 (airfare, lodging, registration and conference passes), February 9-11 in Orlando, Fla., plus exclusive access to NKBA events and networking activities
- Integration into the 30s Choice Awards at KBIS 2021
- Media exposure and awareness among top design and trade professionals

**Deadline for nominations**

The last day to submit a nomination is August 4.

For more information or questions, e-mail 30under30@nkba.org.

**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 50,000 members in all segments of the kitchen and bath design and remodeling 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, specialty badges, marketplaces and networks. For more information, visit www.nkba.org or call 1-800-THE-NKBA (843-6522).

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