The 2019 Haute Seat Committee crafted a new theme for this year’s event, Artist Edition! Hosted at Pental Surfaces, designers were paired up with manufacturers and given one hour to create a work of art using only the sponsoring manufacturers materials. They did not fail to deliver!

The design materials used were very mixed and ranged from tile to fabric and thread. Each team displayed a creative use of space, layering colors and textures together to create unified and fashionable works of art! Team Kellex took first place, Best Use of Materials went to Concept Surfaces, and People’s Choice went to Burch Fabrics. We’d like to give a special thank-you to our judges, Lisa DeCare, Michelle Bates, and artist Noel Phares.

In addition to the design competition, the event featured live music by DJ Jesse Dzierzanowski (OZ Architecture), a selfie booth, and a huge prize giveaway (Thank-you Aceray, Brilliant Imports, Havenly, Metropolitan Flooring, Nourison, and Springhill Suites)! Each event our chapter hosts is an opportunity to raise money for deserving scholarship winners, and this year at Haute Seat we awarded $15,000! We had a record-breaking number of applicants from the Rocky Mountain region, and the selected winners were from three different schools and majors within the hospitality industry. We are very proud of these students, and you’ll be seeing more of them in the upcoming months! Congratulations Quincy Gill, Monique Bindel, and Justine Lane!

Best Use of Materials:
- Jennifer Sparaco – Design Studio Blue
- Bella Sparaco
- Fernanda Garner – Design Studio Blue

First Place_Kellex Team:
- Sarah Churchill – Martin Stringfellow
- Chelle Maestes – studioM2
- Laura Butler – Studio 4D
- Kassi Moy – Bray Whaler
- Brittany Spinner - HBA
- Jaime Brandon – Rocky Mountain Design Resources

Peoples Choice – Burch Fabric & Team KTI
- Karen Havelka - KTI
- Virginia Witte – KTI
- Jennie Sorensen – KTI
- Amber Bryan – KTI
- Lauren Keriotis - KTI
- LeKathryn Champine -KTI
They’re at it again! The Rocky Mountain Chapter’s 2019 TopID Firms are whipping up inspired spaces and delivering award winning projects left and right, both around the booming Denver Metro area and far beyond.

The Rocky Mountain Chapter recently recognized deserving recipients Kimberly Timmons Interiors (KTI), Johnson Nathan Strohe (JNS), and Semple Brown at an Annual Awards Night where our diverse membership got to celebrate the dedication and talent of our distinguished Designer community. Each of these teams went home with a beautiful crystal-studded TopID award to highlight their ever-budding accomplishments.

From the thoughtful alpine modern design sense at Hotel Born (Semple Brown), to the retro-inspired games and edgy interiors at Marriott’s first Moxy concept in the Denver (JNS), or the rehabilitation of a historical mechanics shop transforming a new Viewhouse Eatery with a view (KTI); We applaud these firms for creating and curating the wonderful array of quality design that continue to draw attention to the buzzing hospitality scene here in the Rocky Mountain region. We will be waiting with baited breath for the next big opening of the incredible projects these teams have on the boards!
Scholarship Winner
Quincy Gill

How did this scholarship help you?
After receiving the NEWH scholarship I was able to quit my full time job and pursue an internship in the interior design field and invest in my education! I began interning with OZ Architecture June 2018 because of the support I received from this scholarship and have truly set myself up for success after graduation.

Where are you now?
I graduated with a B.S. in Interior Architecture and Design as well as a minor in Business at Colorado State University in May. I have been offered a full time position at OZ Architecture in Denver where I have been interning my last year and will continue my career! I also plan to stay involved on the board of NEWH and help give back to students like myself!