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Students Earn Honors and Prizes in AWFS® Fair Student Competition

Twenty-seven Students Accept Awards at Fresh Wood and Turning to the Future Ceremony

LAS VEGAS, NV – (July 22, 2021) – Jinsoo Kim, a student at Center for Furniture Craftsmanship, won the Best of Show award in the 2021 AWFS® Fresh Wood Competition after judges reviewed 24 finalist projects of from 12 different high schools and colleges in the U.S. at the 2021 AWFS® Fair in Las Vegas, Nevada. All 24 Fresh Wood student finalists went home with monetary prizes ranging from \$250 to \$1,000, along with trophies and software prizes.

Kim was awarded an iconic sculpture made by renowned woodworker and artist Scott Grove, which was displayed at the Fresh Wood booth throughout the show. He received \$3,000 total, and a KCD Software Package. He also received First Place in the Post-Secondary Case Goods and Tables category of the competition, which included another \$2,000 prize and a Certificate of Merit. The Best of Show award is sponsored by KCD Software.

Fair attendees awarded the People's Choice Award, and a \$750 prize to Mohammed Al-Yaseen at Lincoln East High School, for his project *The Nest*. Al-Yaseen spent much of his time at the Fresh Wood booth demonstrating the mechanics of his chair as the entire piece is able to fold down flat.

A new Bravo to Teachers award was given out, thanks to sponsor MAKESafe Tools, who presented a well-deserving teacher they selected with a Power Tool Brake; the recipient was Roy Castillo from San Jacinto High School in California. Roy's student Fernando Cantu Pirelli also won Second place in the Case Goods Category for his Walnut Entertainment Credenza.

The Fresh Wood 2021 judging panel - consisting of Harold Greene (Harold Greene Fine Furnishings), Alan Harp (Alan Harp Designs), and Taryn Schwartz (Ballard Design) - provided a variety of perspectives to the judging process.

First Place winners in each category and at each school level received a \$1,000 prize, Second Place winners received \$500 and Honorable Mention winners received \$250. AWFS® covers project shipping and the majority of travel and hotel costs to bring the students and their teachers to Las Vegas.

The biennial event, held as part of [AWFS® Fair](#), attracted 102 entries from schools in the United States. **The Fresh Wood winners are listed in the table below.**

AAW Turning to the Future Students Honored for Talent in Turning

Meanwhile, five students received awards and prizes in the American Association of Woodturning (AAW) Turning to the Future Competition. Thanks to the contest sponsors, the Grand Prize winner received a \$750

Gift Card to Woodworker's Emporium, and category winners received cash prizes of \$500 (First Place) and \$100 (Second Place). Judging was completed by professional and recognized wood turners Stuart Batty, Christian Briseperre, Scott Grove, and Tib Shaw. The Turning to the Future winners are as follows:

Grand Prize

Breath, Terror by Brett Garrett, Iowa State University

High School - First Place

Ablaze by Charlie Hamilton, Mills E. Goodwin High School

High School - Second Place

Hidden Beauty by Sebastian Montagano, Abington Junior High School

And Post-Secondary – First Place

Turn to the Future by Noah Schuerman, University of Idaho

Post-Secondary –Second Place:

Golden Waves by Joyce Kunz, Brigham Young University

About AWFS®:

The full-scale international AWFS®Fair, held July 20-23, 2021 in Las Vegas, has become a critical hub for international commerce in the woodworking industry. The AWFS®Fair brings together the entire home and commercial furnishings industry, including manufacturers and distributors of machinery, hardware, plastics, lumber, construction materials and other suppliers to the furniture, cabinet manufacturers and custom woodworkers. For more information on the AWFS®Fair, please visit: AWFSFair.org.

2021 Fresh Wood Student Project Winners

Award	2021 Category	Title	Student Name	School Name
First Place	High School	Shaker Bedside Table	Andrew Tondu	Frankfort High School
Second Place	High School	Outdoor Furniture	Ashley Wong	Mark Keppel High School
First Place	High School	Juke Box	Dakota Kelley	Rolla Technical Institute
Second Place	High School	Walnut Entertainment Credenza	Fernando Cantu Pirelli	San Jacinto High School
First Place	High School	Lumbarest	Josiah Miles	Lincoln East High School
Second Place	High School	Some Assembly Required	Mohammed Al-Yaseen	Lincoln East High School
First Place	High School	Sundown	Katie Farnsworth	Corner Canyon High School
Second Place	High School	Blue Grace	Savannah Richards	Corner Canyon High School
First Place	High School	The Nest	Mohammed Al-Yaseen	Lincoln East High School
Second Place	High School	Adirondack Chair	David Olson	Saint Croix Central High School
First Place	High School	Queen Anne Tilt Top Pie Crust Table	Wyatt Thaller	Benzie Central High School
Second Place	High School	Contemporary Table	Jacob Farnsworth	Corner Canyon High School
First Place	Post-Secondary	Nested Console Tables	Jenny Hefferan	Madison College
Second Place	Post-Secondary	And The Rabbit Jumped Over The Moon	Madelaine Nelson	Selkirk College
First Place	Post-Secondary	Sideboard with a Void	Jinsoo Kim	Center for Furniture Craftsmanship
Second Place	Post-Secondary	Arches Sideboard	Glen Gordon	Center for Furniture Craftsmanship
First Place	Post-Secondary	Abulafia Lectern	Dotan Appelbaum	Center for Furniture Craftsmanship
Second Place	Post-Secondary	Revolution Mirror	Susan Koloski	SUNY Buffalo State College
First Place	Post-Secondary	Harp Back Chair	Avrom Tobin	North Bennet Street School
Second Place	Post-Secondary	Joined Arts & Crafts Chair in Walnut & Leather	Daniel Osach	North Bennet Street School
Honorable Mention	Post-Secondary	Queen Anne Chair	Joseph Thibeault	North Bennet Street School
First Place	Post-Secondary	Flying Table	Jinsoo Kim	Center for Furniture Craftsmanship
Second Place	Post-Secondary	Zig-Zag Stardust Coffee Table	Aleasha Carr	Selkirk College
Honorable Mention	Post-Secondary	The Truman Table	Shaun Belliveau-Thompson	Selkirk College
Best of Show	Post-Secondary	Sideboard with a Void	Jinsoo Kim	Center for Furniture Craftsmanship
People's Choice	High School	The Nest	Mohammed Al-Yaseen	Lincoln East High School
Bravo to Teachers	High School	Walnut Entertainment Credenza	Fernando Cantu Pirelli	San Jacinto High School (Instructor: Roy Castillo)