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It isn’t always easy being excellent. **Consistent superiority** is difficult to maintain, and it draws a target for those trying to best you. But that doesn’t deter the individuals and organizations that comprise Kansas City’s **design community**—a talented and creative bunch determined to strive for excellence, both for themselves and for the **city they love**.
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Now in its fourth year, KC Magazine’s Design Excellence Awards program has found its legs. The same can be said of this year’s 51 winning projects and the talented interior designers and architects who were behind them. Ours is a town on the brink: Local arts, dining and fashion luminaries are continually garnering national—and international—praise. And we are thrilled to report that the same is true for our commercial and residential design projects. So we honor each of the firms that submitted projects in the 2011 Design Excellence Awards. Whether or not they go home with a trophy, each serves as a shining beacon that is catapulting Kansas City’s reputation for excellence into the 21st century. For that, we thank and congratulate them.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: This residential interior design by Jill Tran Interior Design won three DEA awards: a gold for Interior I Specialty and two bronzes, one for Interior I Dining/Living Room and one for Interior I Best Use of Art. Attar Eche, designed by H2B Architects, won the Silver Award for Interior I Specialty, while PGA Architects’ work on the Union Station Kansas City Administration Offices garnered a Bronze Award in that category.
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Interior | Specialty
GOLD Jill Tran Interior Design
SILVER H2B Architects, Altar Bridal
BRONZE PGAV Architects, USKC Administration Offices

Interior | Bathroom
GOLD Jill Tran Interior Design and Lyon Design, LLC
SILVER Portfolio Kitchen & Home, Paul Residence
BRONZE Rebecca Riden AIA Architect

Interior | Kitchen
GOLD Portfolio Kitchen & Home and Clockwork Architecture + Design, Stewart Residence
SILVER Design Connection Inc.
BRONZE Portfolio Kitchen & Home, Cobb Residence

Interior | Dining/Living Room
GOLD Ethan Cole Designs
SILVER Jill Tran Interior Design
BRONZE Jill Tran Interior Design

Interior | Office
GOLD SFS Architecture, Midwest Public Risk Headquarters
SILVER BCS Design, Inc.
BRONZE SFS Architecture, Lutjen inc. Headquarters
CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: David Zobley’s Silver Award-winning design for Portfolio Kitchen & Home in the Interior | Bathroom category. Portfolio’s Kira Satarova and Clockwork Architecture + Design’s Christian Arnold teamed up on the Gold Award-winning project in the Interior | Kitchen category, while Jill Tran Interior Design and Lyon Design, LLC’s share the gold in the Interior | Bathroom category. Rebecca Riden won bronze in the bathroom category.
Interior | Best Use of Art
GOLD Jill Tran Interior Design
SILVER BCS Design, Inc.
BRONZE Jill Tran Interior Design

Interior | Children’s Room
GOLD Noble Designs
SILVER Jill Tran Interior Design

Interior | Traditional Interior Design
GOLD Davison Architecture + Urban Design LLC, Grin Residence
SILVER Alan Karlin Design, Symphony Designers' Showhouse Entry
BRONZE Portfolio Kitchen & Home, Paul Residence

Interior | Contemporary Interior Design
GOLD SFS Architecture, Lucile H. Bluford Library Renovation
SILVER Portfolio Kitchen & Home and Clockwork Architecture + Design, Stewart Residence
BRONZE NSFJ Architects, St. Clair Condo Project

Craftsmanship
GOLD PGAV Architects, UMKC Miller Nichols Library
SILVER Studiobuild, Suscito Media Center
BRONZE smallSHOP studio
This living room at left garnered Ethan Cole Designs the Gold Award in the Interior Dining/Living Room category, while Jill Tran Interior Design took home the silver (opposite, bottom left) and bronze (bottom center). BGS Design Inc. won the Silver Award for the Interior Office project below.