

Home Zone: Dream doors turn into reality

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What better way to welcome your guests and keep the family happy as well than through beautiful, elegant and original front doors?

Two students recently saw their dream designs come to fruition through the JELD-WEN Student Door Design Contest ... and they are beauts.

Taking top honors were Nathan Williams of Virginia Tech and Anna McCorvey of Howard University. Each won \$5,000 scholarships and a trip to the International Builders' Show in Orlando, Fla., where they saw for the first time their doors full-scale.

The second annual competition drew more than 200 entries from 56 colleges and universities.

GOING DUTCH - Nathan Williams' modular door design was inspired by Dutch doors. CNS Photo courtesy of JELD-WEN Windows & Doors.

PAISLEY - Anna McCorvey's radius-top door design was inspired by Victor Horta and Art Nouveau style. CNS Photo courtesy of JELD-WEN Windows & Doors.

ON THE GO - Taking laundry out just got easier with the new Homz On-the-Go laundry collection. CNS Photo courtesy of Homz.

"Every year, students amaze us with their creativity," said Shane Meisel, product marketing manager for JELD-WEN. "This year's winning designs perfectly blend today's hottest contemporary looks - modular doors and radius tops - with historic inspiration."

A door that commands attention was designed by Williams and is based on the traditional Dutch door, a style that has a 400-year-old history. These doors were created way back when to help homeowners keep livestock out and let fresh air in.

Originally, they were simply split in half. However, Williams' design splits it six ways with each individual hinged wood and glass panel able to be opened separately. Williams' design was also heavily influenced by Frank Lloyd Wright's residential designs.

This gives the door modern, fun and creative uses. Homeowners can simply open one or two panels for ventilation while the others remain in a locked and stationary position. The bottom section may be opened separately to let the family pet in. Opening just the middle panel allows for safe delivery of packages or a pizza.

McCorvey's door takes a different turn. Her design harkens back to the European Art Nouveau movement of the late 18th and early 20th centuries and is inspired by Victor Horta, an exemplary architect of the time.

It is big and bold, asymmetrical and fanciful. Overall, the door creates a composition of curving forms that flow from the top down the side. The door showcases traditional elements - glass and wood - to create a dramatic entry without being too dark or heavy. The transom, in a paisley shape, and glass door give homeowners the natural light in the entry they crave.

"This door design is perfect for homeowners who want to make a big impression on guests at the front entry," Meisel said. "The asymmetrical design and options for contrasting woods and textured glass mean that is design can be personalized."

Both doors are available custom-order through JELD-WEN, manufacturer of windows and doors based in Klamath Falls, Ore.

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LAUNDRY ON THE GO

When there's no place to do laundry at home, here's a way to take it out in style.

The new Homz On-the-Go laundry collection is designed to help make the task of taking laundry out more manageable.

The collection includes five products: dry-cleaning bag, laundry accessory bag, laundry carry pack, soft-sided wheeled hamper and an over-the-door hamper.

"These products are functional and stylish and have been fashioned to simplify people's lives," said Lizzy Frost, laundry product manager for Homz. "We have included thoughtful, functional features on each product, such as the bonus quarter dispenser on the laundry carry pack and the exterior pouch for returning hangers on the dry cleaning bag."

Other unique features include a duffle carry strap on the over-the-door hamper that makes transportation, loading and unloading a breeze. Foldaway wheels and adjustable straps on the wheeled hamper make it easy to move, especially with heavy loads.

In addition for the On-the-Go collection, Homz features additional products for the laundry, bath, closet and storage areas.

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