In 2010, the Interior Design program at Sullivan College of Technology and Design received 5-year accreditation from the National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBA). The achievement resulted in many program improvements, including the addition of a new student chapter of NKBA at the college.

Interior Design instructor Wayne Whitson says he was excited to open the new chapter and begin developing the student organization.

Clayton Marshall, an Interior Design Associate degree student, was one of the first students to join the organization. He says that, for him, being a member of and a leader in student organizations such as the student chapter of NKBA gives him an edge. He learns a lot, contributes a lot and uses his membership to sharpen his design skills.

At SCTD, students have the opportunity to participate in many student organizations related to their fields of study. The list of organizations in which students may participate include:

American Design Drafting Association (ADDA) – an active student chapter with activities, competitions and pathways to industry certifications.

International Interior Design Association (IIDA) – a student chapter that promotes active student participation in professional workshops, seminars, trade markets and monthly meetings for contract (non-residential) designers.

American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) – a student chapter that encourages student membership in the largest interior design professional organization for residential designers in the country and provides contact with professionals through local meetings and publications.

SkillsUSA – a student chapter offering leadership training, professional development activities, opportunities to provide service to the community and competitions in technical skill areas.

Louisville Advertising Federation (LAF). A student chapter called the Student Design Union (SDU) offers graphics and web development students opportunities to network with professionals in the design industry, hear from and interact with guest speakers working in their fields, and participate in extracurricular activities, such as the well-known Addy Awards.

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- Networking opportunities
- Scholarship opportunities
- Design competitions
- Credibility with practitioners
- Events and products
- Use of the NKBA logo on resumes
- Access to the NKBA Career Board
- Internship opportunities

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