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American Graphic Design & Advertising (AGDA) has announced the winners of its 31st annual awards. Founded as American Corporate Identity (ACI) by logo and graphics expert David E. Carter, the competition has become a mainstay in the recognition of branding excellence. Receiving tens of thousands of submissions and representing as many (or more) creatives, AGDA is known as the premier showcase for the best graphic design and advertising in America.

No more than 30% of submitted entries are chosen as winners, and each is titled with an Award of Distinction. AGDA's Award of Distinction indicates the honored work exceeds industry standard in both concept and execution.

The AGDA competition awards a Best of Category trophy for work that the Panel of Judges deems superlative. A maximum of one entry per category receives this distinguished recognition. Creative firms who achieved a Best of Category designation this year are **BrandSavvy, Inc.**—Highlands Ranch, Colorado; **BrandStar**—Cleveland, Ohio; **Don Schaaf & Friends, Inc./ds+f** (2 wins)—Washington, DC; **Elias/Savion Advertising**—Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; **Finished Art Inc.**—Atlanta, Georgia; **Grand Canyon University** (2 wins)—Phoenix, Arizona; **Iconix Inc.**—Auburn Hills, Michigan; **KMA Design**—Carnegie, Pennsylvania; **Malcolm Gear Designers**—Providence, Rhode Island; **Marqi Branding Studio**—Las Vegas, Nevada; **Performance Racing Industry**—Aliso Viejo, California; **Pettus Creative Inc.**—Farmington, Connecticut; **Shung Shung**—Palatine, Illinois; **TFI Envision, Inc.** (3 wins)—Norwalk, Connecticut; **Wallace Church & Co.** (2 wins)—New York, New York; and **Watermark Incorporated** (3 wins)—Denver, Colorado. **Brittany K. Bowling** of Monmouth University in West Long Branch, New Jersey, won Best of Category in the Student Category.

All winning work (fully credited with creative firm, client, and specific individuals involved in production) will be represented in a full color, hardcover book available for purchase at the end of this year. An online version of the publication will be posted on issuu.com.

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