

Mallinckrodt names winners of penthouse design contest

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After a month of research and hard work, five students from Harrington College of Design in Chicago were named winners of a penthouse design competition sponsored by Mallinckrodt in the Park, an active-adult condominium development in Wilmette.

With just one penthouse remaining in the conversion of historic Mallinckrodt College, Reuben Warshawsky and David Rosen, co-founders of CLG Realty and co-managers of Mallinckrodt Renaissance LLC, came up with the idea for a design competition that would help buyers visualize a home in the 2,952-square-foot, two-story space. They invited Harrington students and alumni to submit concepts for floor plans, finishes and decor. More than 30 aspiring and professional designers answered the call.

In late September, the finalists were invited to Mallinckrodt in the Park to present concepts to three judges: Andy Poticha of Mosaic Construction, Jean Dufresne of Space Architects and Roger Chancellor of Chancellor Architects.

The winners were Nancy Walsh and Hannah Moore, who earned a \$1,000 prize. David Thompson finished second and received \$500. Ann Kendall and Momi Jahn won third place and \$250.

According to Peter Klick, program coordinator for design integration at Harrington, the designs were as unique as the space itself.

Mallinckrodt in the Park was built in 1918 as a convent. Later, it became a college, then recently underwent a conversion to luxury condominiums for residents 55 and older. The penthouse has 30-foot ceilings, two-story arched windows and ornate columns, creating an exciting interior design challenge.

Moore and Walsh drew inspiration for their winning design from the cycle of a day, depicting the space at particular moments, including "rejuvenation," "sunup" and "sunset." They incorporated bright colors, bold fixtures and contemporary furniture to create a bright, inviting home.

"The architecture is exciting and makes for a unique living space," said Moore. "Our challenge was to create a concept that didn't distract from or disappear behind the original architecture."

Thompson divided the expansive first-floor living area by designing a custom staircase with an oversize fireplace built into its base. Third-place winners Kendall and Jahn created a massive inset terrace spanning nearly the entire width of the home. All three of the winning designs can be viewed at bit.ly/Harringtonwinners.

Ultimately, the buyer of the penthouse can choose to incorporate one of the students' designs or finish the home however they choose. The home is priced at \$699,000 as raw space and includes two deeded, indoor, heated parking spaces.

The penthouse is one of eight remaining homes at Mallinckrodt in the Park. Other floor plans include one to two bedrooms and 1 to 2-1/2 baths. Prices range from \$205,000 to \$545,000, including parking.

There is also one affordable home within the building offering one bedroom, one bath and 745 square feet priced at \$110,000.

Mallinckrodt in the Park is at 1041 Ridge Road, just north of Lake Avenue in Wilmette, and is set on a 14-acre landscaped park with walking trails and gardens.