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National Office Furniture Partners with Wentworth Institute of Technology for Furniture Design Competition

JASPER, Ind., May 17, 2018 - National Office Furniture, a unit of Kimball International, Inc., partnered with the Senior Industrial Design Class at Wentworth Institute of Technology for their inaugural Furniture Design Competition. National challenged the class to design and develop furniture or accessories that would allow students to be more efficient throughout their day as they transition between a variety of spaces, including the library, classrooms, apartments, residence halls, and commons areas.

Through National's Boston Showroom, the senior class had virtual meetings with National's design and product development teams to discuss their projects and gain feedback. Students had ten weeks to create their projects and were guests at a reveal party, where they displayed their furniture mock ups and discussed the inspiration and process behind their design. They also spoke about why their design was relevant as a need in the current furniture market. Two Grand Champions and two Honorable Mentions were declared, with the winning designers receiving cash rewards.

"Through our partnership with Wentworth, and other universities, we are creating a mutually beneficial relationship that engages future designers with hands-on, real-life experiences," said Angie Schuch, National's Director of Marketing. "This connection allows us to blend their passion with our experience to find solutions that meet needs while creating a learning experience."

About National Office Furniture:

National Office Furniture, a brand unit of Kimball International, Inc. (NASDAQ: KBAL), is a Jasper, Indiana-based manufacturer of high-quality office furnishings. Since 1980, National has built a reputation for excellence with stylish furniture of exceptional value; a dedication to personalized service; product designs that reflect a passion for the user's comfort and productivity; and a commitment to environmental responsibility. National operates facilities in Santa Claus and Jasper, Indiana; and Fordsville and Danville, Kentucky. For more information about National and its products, visit www.NationalOfficeFurniture.com.

About Wentworth Institute of Technology:

Founded in 1904, Wentworth Institute of Technology is an independent, co-educational, and private institution located in Boston, Massachusetts. It offers career-focused education through its 17 bachelor's degree programs in areas such as applied mathematics, architecture, computer science, industrial design, interior design, engineering, engineering technology, and management, as well as master's degrees in architecture, civil engineering, construction management, facility management, applied computer science, and technology management. For more information, visit www.wit.edu.