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STARR MILLER, FOUNDER, PRESIDENT, AND PRINCIPAL DESIGNER

at StarrMiller Interior Design, Inc. in Cornelius, is no stranger to awards and accolades. Innately talented, highly educated, and a work ethic that is ... well ... stellar, Starr has garnered national acclaim with multiple industry honors. Graduating from the prestigious Parsons School of Design in NYC, she has won the National Interior Design Society's DOTY (Designer of the Year) award six times, as well as many other national and regional awards for her firm's design work.

Additionally, she is the first Certified Aging in Place Specialist (CAPS) designer in the area. Starr was the force behind the 2020 IDS Showhouses project, and prior to moving to North Carolina, she was a designer for HGTV's "Save My Bath."

Congratulations are once again in order as Dacor, the leading American luxury home appliance brand, announced the winners and finalists of the inaugural 2020 Dacor National Kitchen Design Contest—celebrating innovative kitchen designs and their talented creators. The diverse panel of judges included Dacor's Design Council, which is made up of leading architects and interior designers from across the U.S. and Canada.

Starr and her team won First Place Traditional in addition to being recognized as a First Place East Coast Regional Winner and National Finalist. "It was important to choose an innovative, luxury brand for this project as we were showing the best design options in this showhouse," Starr says. "We were proud of this project and wanted to celebrate our design team, local dealer, and the incredible Dacor field support team."

Starr's work will be recognized and promoted within Dacor's showrooms in New York City, Los Angeles, and Chicago and on the company's website, as well as social media channels.

Prior to her interior design career, Starr received her bachelor's degree in business marketing from the University of Alabama. After graduation, she spent two successful decades in the senior levels of the country's largest and most respected retailers and Fortune 500 companies—with global responsibility for purchasing negotiations and decisions.

"During this time," Starr recalls, "I also had the great opportunity to develop as a project manager while designing products, furniture, packaging, store space plans, and advertising programs. These junctures

prepared me for the great honor of professionally managing the design of my clients' own large investments – their homes."



When Starr decided to change her career path, she vowed to become exactly the kind of interior designer she would hire herself: a great listener with the design education and empathy to translate a client's thoughts and desires into a home that says, "yes, this is me!" To do that, Starr becomes a storyteller of sorts. She

explains: "It's paying attention to my clients' story and then translating their thoughts and goals—their life—into their home. When I see clients' eyes light up and they say, 'You nailed it! You captured my style exactly!' ... there's just nothing better than that." ¹⁰