

nother year, another round of winners in *INDY Week's* much-imitated, never-replicated Best of the Triangle contest, where you tell us who's the best of the best in our beloved region.

While Best of the Triangle has been running for two decades now, astute readers and INDY fans will notice that we're doing things a little differently from now on. Instead of presenting all winners in all categories ranging from restaurants and bars to yoga studios and hair salons to museums and preschools all at once, we're running individual contests and presenting winners in different categories one county at a time—Wake, Durham, and Orange.

At the end of the year, a contest will be held pitting the best of each region against each other for the "Best of the Triangle" crown. There are a handful of additional categories that only apply to the entire Triangle. We'll honor all Best of the Triangle winners in hundreds of different categories in a special issue in early December.

This year's list of Durham winners, as voted by our readers, really does look like a best of the best list of businesses and service providers in the city and county. You could make a perfect local day—or several—out of dining at the restaurants, touring the wonderful parks and museums, and shopping at all the stores for which our readers cast their ballots. As for service providers—your lawyers, bartenders, chiropractors, and dog walkers—our readers really have chosen the best in the business.

Thank you for nominating and voting for all of your favorites! Congratulations to all of the finalists in Durham who will receive our coveted star decal to display in their windows. Winners will also receive a poster to display in their shop. Look back at our Wake winners from April, look forward to our Orange County winners in a future paper, and we'll all look forward to celebrating all of our winners in our special edition paper at the end of the year.







Best Attorney **Larry Rocamora**

Runners-up: Taibi Law Group, Brennon Morton

Best Auto Dealer Southpoint Honda

Runners-up: Wasp Auto, Michael Jordon Nissan

Best Auto Mechanic Wasp Auto

Runners-up: Ingold Tire, Couch's Automotive

Best Bridal Store/Boutique Smitten Boutique

Runner-up: Gavin Christianson Bridal

Best CBD/Head Shop MagikCraft Bull City Magic

Runners-up: Emerald Medicine Company, Heal Tree CBD

Best Clothing Consignment TROSA Thrift Store

Runners-up: Rumors, MODE Consignment Boutique

Best Dance Studio Fred Astaire Dance Studio Durham

Runners-up: Barriskill Dance Theatre School, Davis Dance Co

Best Dog Boarding Sunny Acres

Runners-up: Eno Animal Hospital, The Pet Wagon

Best Dog Grooming Eno Animal Hospital

Runners-up: Elliotte's Pet Spa, Dog Stylist Inc

Best Dog Training

Learning to Dog

Runners-up: Sally said so, Durham Dog Training Center

Best Dog Walking Bull City Pet Sitting

Runners-up: Kate's Critter Care, APS of Durham

Best Electrician

Bonneville Electric

Runners-up: Donnie Cowart, Green Volt

Best HVAC Company Air Innovations

Runners-up: Alternative Aire, JD Service Now

Best Insurance Company State Farm

Runners-up: NC Farm Bureau Insurance, Herring Bickers

Best Jeweler/Jewelry Store Jewelsmith

Runners-up: Fink's, Hamilton Hill



Best Landscaper TROSA Lawn Care

Runners-up: For Garden's Sake, The Silent Treatment

Best Local Bookstore

The Regulator Bookshop

Runners-up: Letters Bookshop, Golden Fig Books

Best New Business

Auroraflow

Runners-up: Davis Dance Company, Triangle Homeschool Rock Academy

Best Painters **Zarazua Painting**

Runners-up: Hansell Painting, Bennett Painting

Best Place to Buy Locally Made Art

The Artisan Market at 305

Runners-up: Cecy's Gallery, MagikCraft Bull City Magic

Best Real Estate Company Urban Durham Realty

Runners-up: Inhabit, Weichert Realtors Mark Thomas Properties

Best Realtor

Marie Brockenbrough

Runners-up: Tammi Brooks, Robin Thomas

Best Vintage Store
TROSA Thrift Store

Runners-up: Gibson Girl Vintage, Rumors NOT JUST URBAN
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Best Thrift Store Best Vintage Store





Best Nonprofit



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Best Landscaper



trosalawncare.com (919) 680-8932

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Best Art Gallery **Durham Arts Council**

Runners-up: Craven Allen Gallery, 5 Points Gallery

Best Art Museum **Nasher Museum of Art**

Runner-up: 21C

Best Comedy Club/Event **Mettlesome**

Runner-up: Comedy Off the 147

Best Drag Show/Event **House of Coxx**

Runners-up: Drag Story Hour, Crape Myrtle Festival

Best Electronic Concert Venue The Fruit

Runners-up: DPAC, Motorco

Best Film Theatre Venue/Event The Carolina Theatre of Durham

Runners-up: AMC at Southpoint, Shadowbox Studio

Best Local/Regional Podcast **Discover Durham**

Runners-up: This is Love, Great Grief with Nnenna Freelon

Best Radio Station **WUNC-FM**

Runners-up: WKNC 88.1, WNCU

Best Science/History Museum The Museum of Life

and Science

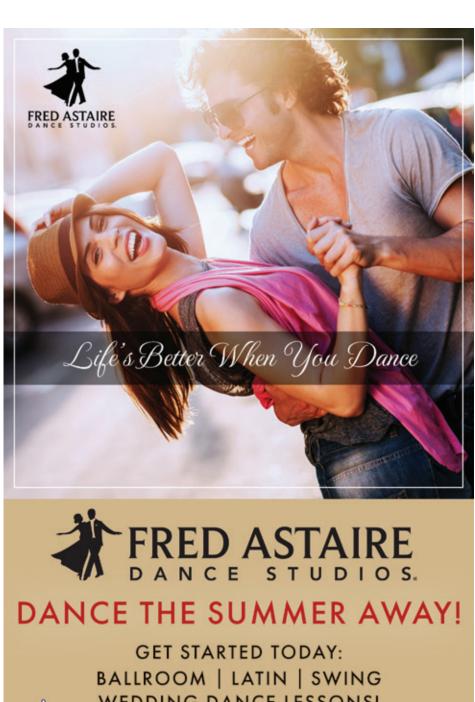
Runners-up: Museum of Durham History

Best Theatre Company The Durham Savoyards

Runners-up: Red Bird, Bulldog Ensemble Theater

Best Unplugged Concert Venue The Blue Note Grill

Runners-up: Pinhook, Rubies on Five Points



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Best of the Triangle









Best Alcoholic Cocktails **Alley Twenty Six**

Runners-up: Kingfisher, Corpse Reviver

Best Bagel Isaac's Bagels

Runners-up: Everything Bagels, Monuts

Best Bakery

Gugulhupf Bakery, Cafe & Biergarten

Runners-up: Loaf, Ninth St Bakery

Best Barbecue

The Original Q-Shack

Runners-up: Picnic, Mavericks BBQ

Best Beer Retail Store Sam's Bottle Shop

Runners-up: Beer Study, Der Nachbar

Best Biscuits

RISE Southern Biscuits & Righteous Chicken

Runners-up: Monuts, Biscuitville

Best Brewery

Ponysaurus

Runners-up: Fullsteam, Durty Bull Brewing

Best Brunch Restaurant Gugulhupf Bakery, Cafe & Biergarten

Runners-up: Elmo's Diner, Alley Twenty Six

Best Burger

Bull City Burger and Brewery

Runners-up: Only Burger, QueenBurger

Best Catering

Foster's Market

Runners-up: Succotash, Sage & Swift

Best Cheap Eats

Cosmic Cantina

Runners-up: Elmo's Diner, Cook Out

Best Cheese Shop

Durham Co-op

Runners-up: Whole Foods, Locopops

Best Chinese Restaurant Happy China

Runners-up: Shanghai, Hong Kong Chinese Restaurant

Best Coffee Shop

Cocoa Cinnamon

Runners-up: Bean Trader's, Joe Van Gogh

Best Desserts

Gugulhupf Bakery, Cafe & Biergarten

Runners-up: Mad Hatter's, Dulce

Best Draft Selection

Growler Grlz

Runners-up: Beer Study, Federal

Best Ethnic Grocery Store Li Ming's

Runners-up: Compare Foods, Al-Taiba Halal Market

Best Food Truck Chirba Chirba

Runners-up: Succotash, Bulkogi

Best Indian Restaurant **Lime & Lemon Indian** Grill & Bar - Durham

Runners-up: Viceroy, Sitar Indian Cuisine

Best Italian Restaurant Gocciolina

Runners-up: Cucciolo Osteria, Vici Ristobar

Best Japanese Restaurant M Sushi

Runners-up: Dashi, M Tempura

Best Late Night Meal -Past 10 p.m.

Cosmic Cantina

Runners-up: Queeny's, Schmack'n Plates Bistro

Best Mexican Restaurant La Vaquita

Runners-up: Mezcalito, NuvoTaco

Best Neighborhood Bar **Growler Girlz**

Runners-up: Accordion Club, Bull McCabe's

Best New Restaurant Mezcalito

Runners-up: Succotash, Krill

Best Non-Acloholic Drinks Alley Twenty Six

Runners-up: Quickly Tea House, Pompieri Pizza

Best Pizza Pizzeria Toro

Runners-up: Hutchins Garage, Tomato Jake's

Best Seafood Saltbox Seafood Joint

Runners-up: Succotash, Locals Seafood







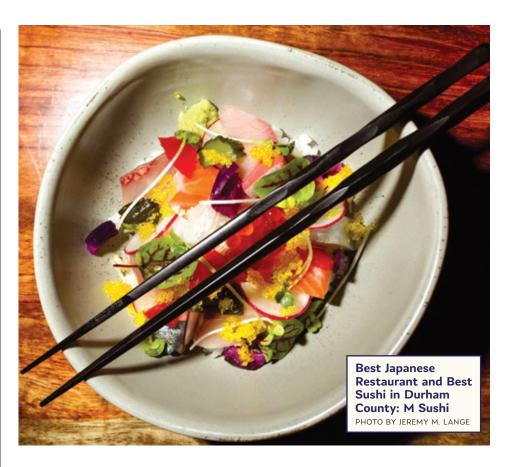


Nominate your favorite Orange or Chatham
County bar, veterinarian, bookshop, museum—
whatever it may be, there are over 100
categories in which you can profess your
favorite Orange/Chatham County treasures.
Later in the year we will vote among the
winners from all participating regions to
determine the Best of the Triangle for 2023!

Orange & Chatham Counties
NOMINATE NOW!



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Best Small Plates/Tapas **Mateo Bar de Tapas**

Runners-up: Juju, Taberna Tapas

Best Southern Food **Bullock's Bar-B-Cue**

Runners-up: It's a Southern Thing, Succotash

Best Sushi

M Sushi

Runners-up: Shiki Sushi, Rock N Roll Sushi

Best Thai Restaurant **Thai Cafe**

Runners-up: Thai on Main Street, Thai Spoon

Best Vegetarian Eatery
Luna Rotisserie and
Empanadas

Runners-up: Pure Soul, Earth to Us

Best Wine List **Vin Rouge**

Runners-up: LouElla Wine, Beer & Beverage, Killer Queen

Best Wine Retail Store
Wine Authorities

Runners-up: Hope Valley Wine & Beverage, LouElla Wine, Beer & Beverage

Best Wings **Heavenly Buffaloes**

Runners-up: Tomato Jake's Pizzeria, Schmack'n Plates Bistro



Best Barber Shop

Rock's Bar and Hair Shop

Runners-up: North Durham Barber Shop, Dennis Best Men's Salon

Best Childcare

Therapy

Schoolhouse of Wonder

Runners-up: Bright Horizons North Durham, Montessori School of Durham

Best Chiropractic Practice **Bull City Physical**

Runners-up: Emergence Chiropractic, Triangle Chiropractics

Best Dental Practice

Durham Pediatric Dentistry and **Orthodontics**

Runners-up: Smile First Dental, **Bull City Smiles**

Best Dermatological Practice **Duke Dermatology**

Runners-up: Triangle Dermatology, Regional Dermatology of Durham

Best Gum **Duke Health & Fitness** Center

Runners-up: The Sweat Lab, Jewish for Good at the Levin JCC

Best Hair Salon Willow Hair Studio

Runners-up: Posh The Salon, Vent Hair Salon

Best Holistic Medicine

Duke Integrative Medicine

Runners-up: Bull City Acupuncture, MagikCraft Bull City Magic

Best Massage Therapist

Kim Turk

Runners-up: Castle Frame, Hayley Ware / Warewithall Massage Co.

Best Pediatric Practice Regional Pediatrics

Runners-up: Duke Children's Primary Care. Smile First Dental

Best Spa **Bella Trio**

Runners-up: AuroraFlow. Durham Salt Cave

Best Veterinary Practice **Southpoint Animal** Hospital

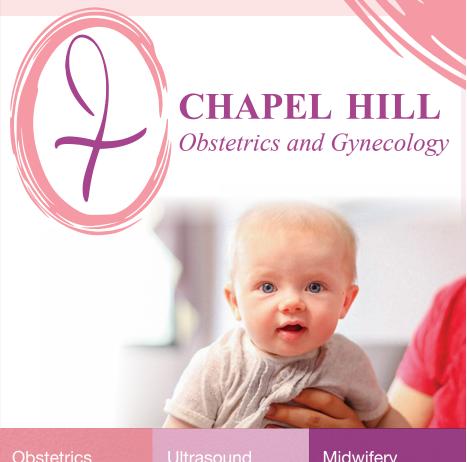
Runners-up: Willow Oak Veterinary Hospital, Eno Animal Hospital

Best Women's Health Practice **Chapel Hill OB/GYN** (Southpoint location)

Runners-up: Durham Women's Clinic, Duke Women's Health

Best Yaga Studio Yoga Off East

Runners-up: Shala Yoga Durham, Arrichion Durham



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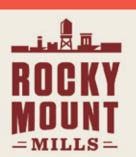




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Best Alcohol-Free Venue **Durham Central Park**

Runners-up: Durham Bulls Stadium, American Village Park

Best Arboretum or Garden
Sarah P. Duke Gardens

Best Dance Venue

The Fruit

Best Golf Course

Washington Duke Inn &
Golf Club

Runners-up: Hope Valley Country Club, Umstead Pines

Best Hotel

The Durham

Runners-up: 21C, JB Duke Hotel

Best Hotel Lounge

The Durham Rooftop

Runners-up: 21C, Bull Durham Bar at the Washington Duke Inn

Best Karaake Place/Event **Pinhook**

Runners-up: West 94th St Pub, TP TRIVIA

Best Place to People Watch **Durham Farmers Market**

Runners-up: Duke Gardens, Durham Central Park Best Preschool/Early Education Program

Carolina Friends School Durham Early School

Runners-up: Epworth Preschool, Montessori School of Durham

Best Sports Bar

Tobacco Road Sports

Cafe

Runners-up: The Boot Room, Bralie's 2

Best Summer Camp
Piedmont Wildlife
Center

Runners-up: Schoolhouse of Wonder, Camp Shelanu at the Levin JCC

Best Trivia Bar/Event

Hammered Trivia with Chris @ Gizmo Brew Works Durham

Runners-up: Growler Grlz, Tomato Jake's



Best Chef

Ricky Moore -Saltbox Seafood Joint

Runners-up: Juan DiGiulio-Succotash, Amy Tornquist - Sage & Swift

Best DJ

DJ Wicked

Runners-up: DJ Highrise, 8-Track Minds Band

Best Draft-Slinger

Bear (Growler Grlz)

Runners-up: Lindsey Helm- Growler Grlz, Jess at Beer Study

Best Kids Non-Profit

Book Harvest

Runners-up: Piedmont Wildlife Center, Jewish for Good at the Levin JCC

Best Local Activist Group

LGBTQ Center

of Durham

Runners-up: Bike Durham, Durham Beyond Policing

Best Mixologist

Shannon Healy -Alley Twenty Six

Runners-up: Arturo Sanchez, Gabriel Higares - Pompieri Pizza

Best Non-Profit **TROSA**

Runners-up: Open Table Ministry, Crayons2Calculators

Best Politician

Nida Allam

Runners-up: Elaine M. O'Neal, Marcia Morey

Best Reason to Leave Durham County

Republicans in the State Legislature

Runners-up: No affordable housing, Cost of Living

Best Reason to Love Durham County

The Culture and Community

Runners-up: The Diversity of its People, The Food

Best Use of Public Money **Durham Public Schools**

Runners-up: Affordable Housing, Durham County Library

Best-Kept Secret

Piedmont Wildlife Center

Runners-up: Jewish for Good at the Levin JCC, Triangle Homeschool Rock Academy

Biggest Waste of Public Money

The Scuttling of the Light

Rail

Runners-up: Poorly Made Bike Lanes, Law Enforcement

Worst Politician

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Runners-up: All of them, Valerie Foushee



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