

# THE EXPONENT

## Readers Choice

### Awards 2023



**R**eader's Choice returns in 2023, highlighting the Purdue community's favorites in a variety of categories, just in time for holiday shopping and the new semester. Here we feature the first, second and third place winners in a contest that garnered hundreds of responses. Thank you to all who participated. We invite everyone to shop at these beloved services, stores, companies and restaurants, and encourage the community to congratulate individuals and organizations recognized. The Exponent, too, is a small local business, and we appreciate those who **Shop Local!**

# Index of Winners

## Best Apartment Complex

- 1) Rise in Chauncey
- 2) VERVE
- 3) Fuse

## Best Residence Hall

- 1) Meredith South
- 2) Honors Residences
- 3) Tarkington Hall

## Best Fraternity

- 1) Theta Chi
- 2) Farmhouse
- 3) Sigma Alpha Epsilon

## Best Sorority

- 1) Kappa Delta
- 2) Chi Omega
- 3) Alpha Xi Delta

## Best Cooperative House

- 1) Circle Pines
- 2) Gemini
- 3) Shoemaker

## Best Shuttle Service

- 1) Lafayette Limo
- 2) Reindeer Shuttle
- 3) CityBus

## Best Auto Repair Shop

- 1) Beck's Auto Center
- 2) Mr. & Mrs. Tire
- 3) Brad's Motor Marketplace

## Best Auto Dealer

- 1) Auto Express
- 2) DeFouw Automotive
- 3) Twin City Motors

## Best Purdue College/School

- 1) College of Engineering
- 2) College of Health and Human Sciences
- 3) Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr. School of Business

## Best Student Organization

- 1) Purdue Night Train
- 2) Nutrition Society
- 3) Women in Cybersecurity Club

## Best Place to Study

- 1) HSSE Library
- 2) WALC
- 3) Vienna Coffee Shop & Bakery

## Best Professor/Instructor

- 1) Andy Freed, Geophysics and Planetary Sciences
- 2) Kuan-Hua Josephs Chen, Mathematics
- 3) Jennifer Freeman Marshall, English

## Favorite Purdue Athletic Team

- 1) Men's Basketball
- 2) Volleyball
- 3) Football

## Best Purdue Tradition

- 1) Fountain Run
- 2) Breakfast Club
- 3) Bikes in Trees

## Best Place to Take Parents

- 1) Triple XXX Family Restaurant
- 2) Harry's Chocolate Shop
- 3) AJ's

## Best Place to Go on a Date

- 1) AJ's
- 2) East End Grill
- 3) McGraw's

## Best Annual Local Event

- 1) Feast of the Hunter's Moon
- 2) Taste of Tippecanoe
- 3) Starry Night Festival

## Best Bookstore

- 1) Von's
- 2) University Bookstore
- 3) Follett's

## Best Place for Purdue Apparel

- 1) Discount Den
- 2) University Bookstore
- 3) Follett's

## Best Tattoo Shop

- 1) Haus of Pain
- 2) New Breed Tattoos
- 3) Revolution Tattoo

## Best Flower Shop

- 1) Rubia Flower Market
- 2) Roth Florist
- 3) Wright Flower Shop

## Best Hair Salon/Spa/Cosmetology

- 1) Christina & Company
- 2) Beau Cheveux
- 3) Razor's Edge

## Best Local Furniture Store

- 1) Star Furniture
- 2) Furniture Row
- 3) Big Lots

## Best Liquor Store

- 1) Village Bottle Shop
- 2) AMPM General Store
- 3) 350 Liquors

## Best Grocery Store

- 1) Aldi
- 2) Meijer
- 3) Payless

## Best Place for Late Night Food

- 1) AJ's
- 2) Mad Mushroom
- 3) Famous Franks

## Best Place to Dance

- 1) Neon Cactus
- 2) Where Else
- 3) Purdue Night Train (Swing Dance)

## Best Bar West Lafayette

- 1) Neon Cactus
- 2) Harry's Chocolate Shop
- 3) Brother's

## Best Bar Lafayette

- 1) Black Sparrow
- 2) DT Kirby's
- 3) Spot Tavern

## Best Place for Live Music

- 1) Spot Tavern
- 2) The Long Center for Performing Arts
- 3) Nine Irish Brothers

## Best Local Band/Performer

- 1) The Cat's Pajamas
- 2) Bruce Barker
- 3) The Cheese Weasels

## Best Pizza

- 1) Mad Mushroom
- 2) Bruno's
- 3) Pizza Uncommon

## Best Food Truck

- 1) Guac Box
- 2) Famous Franks
- 3) EMT

## Best Place for Wings

- 1) AJ's
- 2) Wings, Etc.
- 3) Buffalo Wild Wings

## Most Awards in a Readers Choice Contest



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### First Place

- Best Place to get a Burger
- Best Place to go on a Date
- Best Place for Wings
- Best Place for bar Food
- Best Place for late night Food
- Best Food delivery Service

### Second Place

- Best fast Food
- Best place to Work/Intern

### Third Place

- Best place for Vegetarian/Vegan Food

**Thank you for voting for us!!**

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## Best Place for a Burger

- 1) AJ's
- 2) Triple XXX Family Restaurant
- 3) Bru Burger

## Best Place for Bar Food

- 1) AJ's
- 2) DT Kirby's
- 3) The Tap

## Best Place for Italian Food

- 1) La Scala
- 2) Olive Garden
- 3) Bruno's

## Best Place for Mexican Food

- 1) Fiesta
- 2) La Hacienda
- 3) El Mason

## Best Place for Indian Food

- 1) Taste of India
- 2) Sharma's Kitchen
- 3) Dakshin

## Best Place for Mediterranean Food

- 1) Garbanzo Mediterranean Fresh
- 2) Hala's Grill
- 3) Acropolis

## Best Place for Asian Food

- 1) Kimchi Korean Restaurant
- 2) Strings Ramen
- 3) Oishi Chinese Cuisine

## Best Place for Vegetarian/Vegan Food

- 1) Pizza Uncommon
- 2) Vienna Coffee Shop & Bakery
- 3) AJ's (Veggie burger)

## Best Place for Breakfast

- 1) Triple XXX Family Restaurant
- 2) Another Broken Egg Café
- 3) Southside Diner

## Best Coffee Shop

- 1) Vienna Coffee Shop & Bakery
- 2) Greyhouse Coffee
- 3) 7Brew

## Best Fine Dining

- 1) Bistro 501
- 2) East End Grill
- 3) McGraw's

## Best Fast Food

- 1) Chipotle
- 2) AJ's
- 3) Raising Cane's

## Best Food Delivery Service

- 1) AJ's
- 2) Grub Hub
- 3) Door Dash

## Best Ice Cream/Frozen Treat

- 1) Silver Dipper
- 2) Coldstone Creamery
- 3) Culver's

## Best Brewery

- 1) People's Brewing Company
- 2) Brokerage Brewing
- 3) Teays River Brewing

## Best Place for a Craft Cocktail

- 1) Ritual
- 2) RedSeven
- 3) Black Sparrow

## Best Medical Services

- 1) IU Health
- 2) PUSH (Purdue University Student Health)
- 3) Unity Healthcare

## Best Dentist

- 1) Comfort Dental
- 2) Guido Family Dentistry
- 3) Allure

## Best Place to Work Out

- 1) France A. Córdova Recreational Sports Center (Co-Rec)
- 2) Planet Fitness
- 3) Station 21

## Best Place to Worship

- 1) St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
- 2) Unitarian Universalist Church of West Lafayette
- 3) St. Alexis Orthodox Church

## Best Place to Hike/Run/Walk

- 1) Happy Hollow Park
- 2) Celery Bog
- 3) Wabash Heritage Trail

## Best Bank/Credit Union

- 1) Purdue Federal Credit Union
- 2) Chase
- 3) Old National Bank

## Best Internet Provider

- 1) Metronet
- 2) AT&T
- 3) Xfinity

## Best Place to Work/Intern

- 1) Muinzer Management
- 2) AJ's
- 3) Purdue

## Best Law Firm/Attorney

- 1) Ball Eggeston Law Firm
- 2) BB&C Attorneys at Law
- 3) Stuart & Branigin LLP

## Best Place for a Burger

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**1ST PLACE:** Aj's

**2ND PLACE:** Triple XXX Family Restaurant

**3RD PLACE:** Bru Burger

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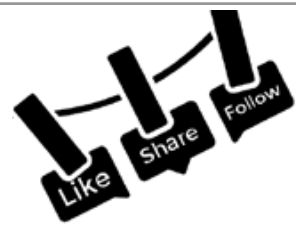
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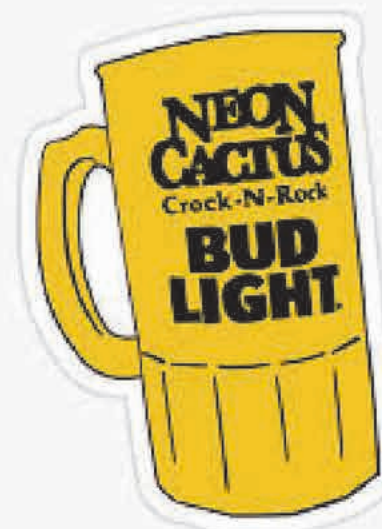




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**Thank you for voting us Best Place to Dance!**



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**Best Internet Provider**

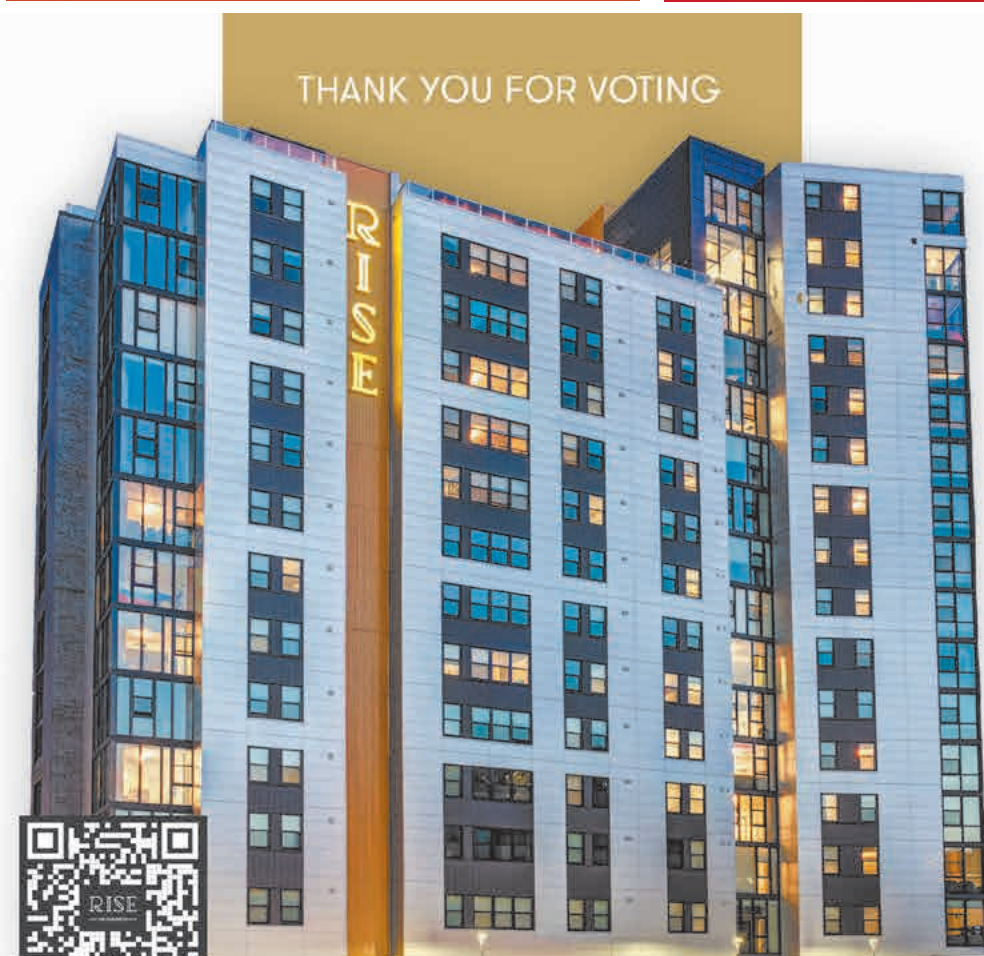
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