

Best of the Triangle 2009

Your Readers' Choice winners



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Congratulations to this year's winners and finalists! And thank you to all of our readers who voted in this year's poll. Special thanks to Caroline Key, David Lorimer and Alece Oxendine who assisted with this project.

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Wine & Dine

Best new restaurant in Wake County

Sitti 137 S Wilmington St • Raleigh • 239-4070 •
www.sitti-raleigh.com

finalists: Coquette Brasserie, The Flying Biscuit
Café, The Remedy Diner

Best new restaurant in Durham County

Revolution 107 W Main St • Durham • 956-9999 •
www.revolutionrestaurant.com

finalists: Toast, Rockwood Filling Station, Chubby's



Tacos

Best new restaurant in Orange/Chatham County

Mint 504 W Franklin St • Chapel Hill • 929-6188

finalists: BUNS, Neal's Deli

Best chef in Wake County

Ashley Christensen, Poole's Downtown Diner 426 S McDowell St • Raleigh • 832-4477 •

www.pooledowntowndiner.com

finalists: John Toler, Bloomsbury Bistro; Sander Kedich, The Borough

Best chef in Durham County

Ben Barker, Magnolia Grill 1002 Ninth St • Durham • 286-3609 • www.magnoliagrill.net

finalists: Amy Tornquist, Watts Grocery; Tim Lyons, blu

Best chef in Orange/Chatham County

Andrea Reusing, Lantern 423 W Franklin St • Chapel Hill • 969-8846 • www.lanternrestaurant.com

finalists: Bill Smith, Crook's Corner; Charlie Deal, Jujube

Best wait staff in Wake County

The Borough 317 W Morgan St Suite 117 • Raleigh • 832-8433 • www.theboroughraleigh.com

finalists: The Angus Barn, Skipper's Fish Fry & Market

Best wait staff in Durham County

Dain's Place 754 Ninth St • Durham • 416-8800 • www.dainsplace.net/

finalists: Elmo's Diner, Magnolia Grill

Best wait staff in Orange/Chatham County

Bailey's Pub & Grille 1722 Fordham Blvd • Chapel Hill • 918-1005

finalists: Acme Food & Beverage Company, Elmo's Diner, Lantern

Best place to people watch while drinking a beer

Top of the Hill 100 E Franklin St • Chapel Hill • 929-8676 • www.topofthehillrestaurant.com

finalists: The Raleigh Times Bar, Tyler's Restaurant & Taproom

Best outdoor dining in Wake County

Mellow Mushroom 601 W Peace St • Raleigh • 832-3499 • www.mellowmushroom.com/store/index.php?s=79

finalists: The Borough, Vivace

Best outdoor dining in Durham County

Tyler's Restaurant & Taproom 324 Blackwell St • Durham • 433-0345 • www.tylerstaproom.com/restaurants/durham

finalists: Alivia's Durham Bistro, Federal

Best outdoor dining in Orange/Chatham County

Top of the Hill 100 E Franklin St • Chapel Hill • 929-8676 • www.topofthehillrestaurant.com

finalists: Crook's Corner, Weaver Street Market

Best romantic restaurant

Second Empire Restaurant and Tavern 330 Hillsborough St • Raleigh • 829-3663 • www.second-empire.com

finalists: Lantern, The Melting Pot

Best business lunch

Tyler's Restaurant & Taproom multiple locations • www.tylerstaproom.com

finalists: Skipper's Fish Fry & Market, Weathervane

Best super cheap meal

Cook Out multiple locations

finalists: Chubby's Tacos, Cosmic Cantina

Best children's menu

Elmo's Diner 776 Ninth St • Durham • 416-3823 / 200 N Greensboro St • Carr Mill Mall • Carrboro • 929-2909 • www.elmosdiner.com

finalists: Red Robin, Skipper's Fish Fry & Market

Best salad

Whole Foods Market multiple locations • www.wholefoodsmarket.com

finalists: Lilly's Pizza, Sweet Tomatoes

Best sandwich

Sandwich Courtyard of Chapel Hill • W Franklin at Roberson St (behind Penang) • Chapel Hill • 929-2114 • www.sandwich.biz

finalists: Neal's Deli, Toast

Best bagel

Bagels on the Hill 630 Weaver Dairy Rd • Chapel Hill • 929-7700

finalists: Bruegger's, Panera Bread

Best desserts

Hayes Barton Cafe & Dessertery 2000 Fairview Rd • Raleigh • 856-8551

finalists: Sugarland, Francesca's Dessert Caffé

Best steak

The Angus Barn 9401 Glenwood Ave • Raleigh • 781-2444 • www.angusbarn.com

finalists: Ruth's Chris Steak House, Sullivan's Steakhouse

Best burger in Wake County

Char-Grill multiple locations • www.chargrillusa.com

finalists: Five Guys, MoJoe's Burger Joint

Best burger in Durham County

Dain's Place 754 Ninth St • Durham • 416-8800 • www.dainsplace.net/

finalists: Cook Out, Five Guys

Best burger in Orange/Chatham County