



The Best



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ALL BETS ON THE BEST



DISCOVER
WHO WON
THE BEST
IN 2026!



THE WINNERS

Dining Drinks
& Nightlife

The Best Bakery

Shyndigz

First Runner-Up

Ukrop’s Market Hall

Second Runner-Up

Westhampton Pastry Shop

The Best Barbecue

Deep Run

Roadhouse

First Runner-Up

Mission Barbecue

Second Runner-Up

ZZQ

The Best Breakfast

Boychik’s Deli

First Runner-Up

Brick House Diner

Second Runner-Up

First Watch

The Best Brunch

Dots Back Inn

First Runner-Up

SB’s Lakeside Loveshack

Second Runner-Up

Lola’s

The Best Burger Spot

Third Base Grill

First Runner-Up

Jack Browns Beer & Burger Joint

Second Runner-Up

Beauvine Burger

The Best Caterer

Deep Run

Roadhouse

First Runner-Up

Mosaic

Second Runner-Up

EAT Kitchen & Catering

The Best Chef

Chef Michael Trak,
The Grapevine

First Runner-Up

Daniel Nutty, Birdies & 303

West Broad

Second Runner-Up

Jay MacManus, Bookbinders

The Best Cocktail Menu

Bar West

First Runner-Up

The Jasper

Second Runner-Up

Industrial Taphouse

The Best Craft Beer

Legend Brewing

First Runner-Up

Triple Crossing Beer

Second Runner-Up

Final Gravity Brewing Co.



The Best Dessert Spot

Shyndigz

First Runner-Up

Gelati Celesti

Second Runner-Up

Coco + Hazel

The Best Doughnuts

Country Style
Donuts

First Runner-Up

Krispy Kreme

Second Runner-Up

Sugar Shack

The Best
First Date Spot

Maymont

First Runner-Up

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

Second Runner-Up

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

The Best Food Truck or
Cart

River City Wood
Fire Pizza

First Runner-Up

Beaverdam Grill

Second Runner-Up

Smoky Meadows BBQ

The Best Happy Hour

Third Base Grill

First Runner-Up

River City Roll

Second Runner-Up

Sedona Taphouse

The Best Hidden Gem
in Richmond

Tulsi Indian
Cuisine

First Runner-Up

Portico

Second Runner-Up

Blue Atlas

The Best Local Brewery

Hardywood
West Creek

First Runner-Up

Triple Crossing Beer

Second Runner-Up

Final Gravity Brewing Co.

The Best Local
Coffee Shop

Blanchard’s Coffee
Roasting Company

First Runner-Up

The Local Cup

Second Runner-Up

Stir Crazy

The Best Patio

River City Roll

First Runner-Up

Portico

Second Runner-Up

Blue Atlas

The Best Pizza

Bottoms Up Pizza

First Runner-Up

Mary Angela’s Pizzeria

Second Runner-Up

Sergio’s Pizza

The Best Sushi

Lucky AF

First Runner-Up

Red Salt

Second Runner-Up

Wild Ginger

The Best Wait Staff

Boychik’s Deli

First Runner-Up

Buckhead’s Chop House

Second Runner-Up

Joe’s Inn

The Best Winery

Jolene Family
Winery

First Runner-Up

Trump Winery

Second Runner-Up

James River Winery



THE WINNERS

Entertainment

The Best Beach

The Outer Banks

First Runner-Up

Sandbridge Beach

Second Runner-Up

Yorktown Beach

The Best Charity Event

Richmond Animal League’s Sugar & Spice, Benefit & Auction

First Runner-Up

The Father Figure

Second Runner-Up

The Special Olympics

The Best Festival

Greek Festival

First Runner-Up

Urbanna Oyster Festival

Second Runner-Up

Richmond Folk Festival

The Best Golf Course

Hanover Golf Club

First Runner-Up

Country Club of Virginia

Second Runner-Up

Independence Golf Club

The Best Local Afternoon Radio Show

The Jeff Katz Show - WRVA

First Runner-Up

Sam NewsMan - WDCE

Second Runner-Up

Carletta Blake - K95

The Best Local Athletic Event for Participants

Ukrop’s Monument Avenue 10k

First Runner-Up

James River Women’s Rugby Christmas in July

Second Runner-Up

Richmond United Youth Recreational Soccer



The Best Local Athletic Event for Spectators

Richmond Flying Squirrels

First Runner-Up

VCU Basketball

Second Runner-Up

Ukrop’s Monument Avenue 10k

The Best Local Band

Exit 38

First Runner-Up

Crowded Minds

Second Runner-Up

The KOS Band

The Best Local Morning Radio Show

Elliott in the Morning

First Runner-Up

Rich Herrera, WRVA

Second Runner-Up

Wicker and Wilde, WTVR

The Best Local TV Personality

Jon Burkett, CBS 6

First Runner-Up

Curt Autry, NBC 12

Second Runner-Up

Megan Wise, NBC 12



The Best Museum

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

First Runner-Up

Virginia Holocaust Museum

Tie for Second Runner-Up

Agecroft Hall and

Museum of the Confederacy

The Best Performing Arts Theater

Altria Theater

First Runner-Up

Richmond Ballet

Second Runner-Up

The National

The Best Place to Spend the Day as a Family

Maymont

First Runner-Up

Metro Richmond Zoo

Second Runner-Up

Kings Dominion

The Best Summer Camp

Camp T. Brady Saunders

First Runner-Up

Passages

Second Runner-Up

Camp Hanover

The Best Way To Place Your Bets

Virginia Lottery

First Runner-Up

Colonial Downs

Second Runner-Up

Live! Casino

The Best Wedding Venue

The Mill at Fine Creek

First Runner-Up

Upper Shirley Vineyard

Second Runner-Up

Poplar Hill Wedding and Events Venue

