

# Best of SANFORD

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE



## MY SANFORD SEMINOLE MAGAZINE IS PLEASED TO PRESENT THE EIGHTH ANNUAL BEST OF SANFORD READERS' CHOICE AWARDS

### SERVICES

#### BEST REAL ESTATE AGENT

**Deborah Ward-Moran**

**Nominees:**

Caroline van den Berg  
Tammy Agnini

#### BEST REAL ESTATE COMPANY

**Porzig Realty**

**Nominees:**

Yellow Door Realty  
The Cranis Group

#### BEST INSURANCE COMPANY

**Alexia Emerson State Farm Agent**

**Nominees:**

Charles Davis & Associates  
Nationwide Insurance  
Tony Russi Insurance

#### BEST FINANCIAL SUPPORT

**The Processing Post**

**Nominees:**

Gateway Title Group  
Edward Jones, Leigh Ann Lyon,  
Financial Advisor

#### BEST LAW FIRM

**Daniel R. Lewis**

**Nominees:**

The Law Office of Harry G. Reid, III, P.L.  
Barks Law Firm

#### BEST BANK | CREDIT UNION

**Fairwinds Credit Union**

**Nominees:**

Addition Financial Credit Union  
Regions Bank Seminole Town Center

#### BEST SCHOOL

**The Academy of Nail Careers**

**Nominees:**

Wicklow Elementary School  
Galileo School for Gifted Learning

#### BEST PHOTOGRAPHER

**Daniella Hume**

**Nominees:**

Pete Wilson photography  
Kat Faint Photography

#### BEST LOCAL CHARITY ORGANIZATION

**Ladies 327, Inc.**

**Nominees:**

Love Mission Global  
Melissa's Race

#### BEST LOCAL HUMANITARIAN | VOLUNTEER

**Kim Colegrove**

**Nominees:**

Tina Kadolph  
Aura Lynn-Rouse

#### BEST CAR DEALERSHIP | AUTO SERVICES & REPAIR

**Nominees:**

Seminole Toyota  
Headquarter Hyundai

#### BEST FLORIST

**Sanford Floral Marketing**

**Nominees:**

Seminole Flower Shop  
Valley Flower Shop

#### BEST SMALL RETAIL BUSINESS

**Magpies Modern General**

**Nominees:**

Hollerbach's Outfitters  
The Warehouse Resale/Thrift

#### BEST HOTEL

**Comfort Inn & Suites Orlando North**

**Nominees:**

Extended Stay America Premier  
Suites Orlando  
SpringHill Suites by Marriott Orlando  
North/Sanford

#### BEST TOURISM ATTRACTION

**Central Florida Zoo &  
Botanical Gardens**

**Nominees:**

St. Johns Rivership Co.  
Limo Cycle Tours

#### BEST FAMILY FUN PLACE

**Elev8 Fun Sanford**

**Nominees:**

Hidden Palms Ranch  
Airport Lanes

#### BEST UNIQUE BUSINESS

**Decision Tactical**

**Nominees:**

Henry's Depot Food Hall  
Old Kinderhook Glass

#### BEST NEW BUSINESS

**Elevate Her Boutique**

**Nominees:**

Elite Aesthetics Skin & Wellness Center  
Chronic Guru Dispensary Sanford

#### BEST MOM & POP BUSINESS

**Spice is Nice**

**Nominees:**

Ria's Decor & More  
Maya Books and Music

### BEAUTY | HEALTH | WELLNESS

#### BEST HAIR SALON

**Scissori Salon**

**Nominees:**

VMZ Barber & Beauty  
Steph Allen Hairstylist

#### BEST BARBER SHOP

**Flawless Cutz Barbershop**

**Nominees:**

Traditions Barber Shop  
Sanford Barber Shop

#### BEST NAIL SALON

**Bellagio Nails & Spa**

**Nominees:**

Lavish Nails & Spa  
Nails by Arisha

#### BEST WELLNESS SPA

**Elite Aesthetics Skin  
& Wellness Center**

**Nominees:**

The Wax Place  
Hot Yoga Sanford

#### BEST FITNESS FACILITY

**Orangetheory Fitness Sanford**

**Nominees:**

Body By Roni Fitness & Day Spa  
Salty AF Pilates

#### BEST SENIOR FACILITY

**Marina Isle Waterfront**

**Assisted Living**

**Nominees:**

Bahama Bay Club Luxury Senior Living  
Vitality Living Lake Forest

#### BEST PHARMACY

**Sunshine Pharmacy**

**Nominees:**

Walgreens Pharmacy, French Ave, Sanford  
Bueno Pharmacy

#### BEST MEDICAL FACILITY

**HCA Florida Lake Monroe Hospital**

**Nominees:**

Daniel R. Monette, MD  
Kristy Magee, MD

#### BEST CHIROPRACTOR | CHIROPRACTIC FACILITY

**Dr. Omar Rivera, Rivera Family  
Chiropractic Center-Sanford**

**Nominees:**

Spaulding Family  
Chiropractic & Wellness  
Fulmore Chiropractic

#### BEST DENTIST FACILITY | DENTIST

**Dr. George Mitrogogos,  
Sanford Dental Excellence**

**Nominees:**

Lake Forest Family Dentistry  
CR "Chip" Edwards, Jr DDS

#### BEST PET CARE FACILITY | GROOMING

**Hounds Town Sanford**

**Nominees:**

Paw Park Palace  
Coats & Tails Dog Grooming Salon

#### BEST VETERINARY CLINIC | VETERINARIAN

**Integrative Animal Hospital of  
Central Florida**

**Nominees:**

Paws Care Vet Clinic  
BEST VETS Animal Hospital

## ARTS AND CULTURE

### BEST EVENT VENUE

#### Historic Venue 1902

##### Nominees:

520 On the Water  
Amore Events Venue Sanford

### BEST PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOL

#### Cindy's Dance Studio

##### Nominees:

Lochwood Academy for the  
Performing Arts  
Mindful Music Sanford

### BEST PERFORMING ARTS VENUE

#### Theater West End

##### Nominees:

The Ritz Theater/Wayne Densch  
Performing Arts Center  
Tuffy's Music Box

### BEST ART GALLERY

#### Gallery On First

##### Nominees:

Jeanine Taylor Folk Art  
Hollerbach's Art Haus

### BEST LOCAL ARTIST

#### Andrew McMillen

##### Nominees:

Natasha Callahan  
Kevin Abbott

### BEST MUSICAL FESTIVAL

#### Sanford Porchfest

##### Nominees:

Sanford Jazz in the Park  
Hurricane Party

### BEST ART FESTIVAL

#### St. Johns River Festival of the Arts

##### Nominees:

Love Your Shorts Film Festival  
Sanford Porchfest

### BEST LIVE MUSIC PLACE

#### Tuffy's Music Box

##### Nominees:

West End Trading Co  
The Alley

### BEST MULTICULTURAL EVENT

#### Festival Puertorriqueño y Multicultural

##### Nominees:

Salsa Nights at Tuffy's  
Sanford Food Truck Fiesta

### BEST CHARITY EVENT

#### Pints n' Paws Sanford

##### Nominees:

Sanford Porchfest  
Melissa's Race

## FOOD & DRINK EXPERIENCE

### BEST CASUAL DINING

#### Texas Roadhouse Sanford

##### Nominees:

Cattle Ranch Steak House  
Colonial Room Restaurant

### BEST FINE DINING

#### The District

##### Nominees:

The Tennessee Truffle  
Old Jailhouse Restaurant

### BEST BREAKFAST DINING

#### Roni's

##### Nominees:

Colonial Room Restaurant  
Parva Colombian Restaurant-  
Bakery-Cafe

### BEST BRUNCH DINING

#### Buster's Sanford

##### Nominees:

Colonial Room Restaurant  
Old Jailhouse Restaurant

### BEST LUNCH DINING

#### Hollerbach's German Restaurant

##### Nominees:

El Zocalo Mexican Restaurant  
Bahama Breeze Island Grille - Sanford

### BEST MOM & POP DINING

#### Colonial Room Restaurant

##### Nominees:

Cattle Ranch Steak House  
Sanford Indian Express

### BEST MEXICAN RESTAURANT

#### El Zocalo Mexican Restaurant

##### Nominees:

El Sol Mexican Grill  
Chipotle Mexican Grill

### BEST PIZZA

#### Chianti's Pizza and Pasta

##### Nominees:

SLAM Pizza & Cheesesteaks  
Mellow Mushroom Sanford

### BEST SOUL FOOD

#### Shantell's

##### Nominees:

Angel's Soul food & BBQ  
BBee's Home Cooking

### BEST FOOD TRUCK

#### Hot Asian Buns

##### Nominees:

La Parada de Tacos  
The Knot

### BEST SWEETS EXPERIENCE

#### The Sweet Chalet

##### Nominees:

Wondermade  
Simply Homemade 1913

### BEST FAMILY RESTAURANT

#### Culver's Sanford

##### Nominees:

The Yardery Sanford  
Christo's

### BEST OUTDOOR DINING

#### The Yardery Sanford

##### Nominees:

The Breezeway Restaurant & Bar  
St. Johns River Steak & Seafood

### BEST COFFEE EXPERIENCE

#### Foxtail Coffee Co.

##### Nominees:

Palate Coffee Roasters  
Gateway City Coffee Co.

### BEST PET FRIENDLY RESTAURANT

#### Buster's Sanford

##### Nominees:

The Breezeway Restaurant & Bar  
Christo's

### BEST PET FRIENDLY BAR

#### Celery City Craft

##### Nominees:

Buster's Sanford  
West End Trading Co.

### BEST CATERER

#### Christo's

##### Nominees:

Chef Michael O'Brien  
Chef Juvon

### BEST CHEF

#### Patrick Story

##### Nominees:

Nat Russell  
Ryan J. Cole

### BEST UNIQUE DINING EXPERIENCE

#### Henry's Depot Food Hall

##### Nominees:

St. Johns Rivership Co.  
Hollerbach's German Restaurant

### BEST NEW RESTAURANT

#### El Coqui Bakery

##### Nominees:

The Joint at West End  
Indian Express Sanford

### BEST NEW BAR

#### The Capital Room

##### Nominees:

The Wildflower  
Cabana Live

### BEST MICROBREWERY

#### Wop's Hops Brewing Company

##### Nominees:

Sanford Brewing Company  
Dees Brothers Brewery

### BEST BEER SELECTION

#### The Station Bar & Grub

##### Nominees:

Buster's Sanford  
Deviant Wolfe Brewing

### BEST CRAFT COCKTAILS SELECTION

#### The Basin

##### Nominees:

Buster's Sanford  
The Capital Room

### BEST WINE SELECTION

#### Ellen's Wine Room

##### Nominees:

Brix & Mortar Urban Winery  
Carrabba's Italian Grill-Sanford

### BEST CIGAR SELECTION

#### Blend & Barrel

##### Nominees:

Celery City Cigars  
Torch One Cigar Bar

### BEST HAPPY HOUR

#### The Capital Room

##### Nominees:

Buster's Sanford  
The Wildflower

### BEST BARTENDER

#### Gaviana Candelaria Mayol

##### at West End Trading Co.

##### Nominees:

Melissa Michelle at George's Tavern  
Kaz (Carter Sanchez) at The Capital Room

### BEST SERVER (WAITER-WAITRESS)

#### Jenny Hawk at Christo's

##### Nominees:

Nick Bunch  
Connie Walls

### BEST OVERALL RESTAURANT

#### St. Johns River Steak & Seafood

##### Nominees:

Old Jail House Restaurant  
The District

### BEST OVERALL BAR

#### West End Trading Co.

##### Nominees:

Buster's Sanford  
The Basin



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THE BEST OF SANFORD  
SEMINOLE GALA:

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**MY SANFORD SEMINOLE MAGAZINE  
IS PLEASED TO PRESENT  
THE TOP 10  
BEST OF DOWNTOWN SANFORD  
& BEST OF SEMINOLE  
READERS' CHOICE AWARDS**



1. Magpies Modern General
2. Salty AF Pilates
3. Sanford Brewing Company
4. Simply Homemade 1913
5. SLAM Pizza & Cheesesteaks
6. All Soul's Catholic School
7. Bicikleta Bike Shop
8. Board & Brush Sanford
9. Palate Coffee Roasters
10. The Current Seafood Counter

**NOMINEES:**

Wild Wild West End Saloon  
Caroline van den Berg,  
Florida One Real Estate  
The Sullivan Public House  
The Greenery Creamery  
Maya Books and Music  
The Breezeway Restaurant & Bar  
Gateway Coffee Sanford  
Deviant Wolfe Brewing  
Kenneth Ray Hair Design  
The Imperial at  
Washburn Imports - Sanford

1. Central Florida Zoo  
& Botanical Gardens
2. Dees Brothers Brewery
3. Don Julio Mexican Kitchen  
& Tequila Bar
4. Hollerbach's German  
Restaurant
5. Loggerhead Distillery
6. Old Jailhouse Restaurant
7. Pet Rescue by Judy
8. St. Johns Rivership Co.
9. Wekiva Island
10. 4th Street Bar & Grill

**NOMINEES:**

Santiago's Bodega -  
Altamonte Springs  
La Antioquena Restaurant  
Buster's Sanford  
The Tennessee Truffle  
TerraMia Ristorante - Altamonte  
Another Broken Egg Café -  
Lake Mary  
Topgolf - Lake Mary  
Colorado's Prime Steak  
The Alley - Sanford  
Cork & Olive

**DOMINICAN EXCELLENCE AWARD**

In recognition of outstanding performance, achievements, and contributions to our community. The exemplary representation of "Dominicanidad" serves as a source of Hispanic pride and inspiration in Seminole County and beyond.



**Presented to:**

**Marnie Forestieri** - CEO and Founder Young Innovators Academy  
**Irma Stenman** - Business Development Manager, Seminole County Office of  
Economic Development and Tourism  
**Keila Garcia and Sergio Ureña** - Owners, Bravo Supermarkets Seminole County  
**Wendy Maldonado Feliz** - Co-Owner, Bueno Pharmacy  
**Francis Estevez** - Owner, Sir Speedy - Longwood



**LIFETIME  
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

**Presented to: All Souls Catholic School**  
We were honored to present this award to the school, faculty and staff as special recognition for over 70 years of teaching, nurturing, inspiring and mentoring future community and global leaders.

We commend the steadfast commitment exhibited by leadership, faculty and staff to inclusivity and education within our diverse community in the city of Sanford and Seminole County.

**TRAILBLAZER AWARD**

**Presented to: Lake Mary Little League All-Stars**

We were honored to present this award to the team for its outstanding records, numerous accomplishments, and for bringing home the World Championship to Seminole County – the only Florida team to ever achieve this goal.

**INDUSTRY OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The Industry of the Year award is given to a Sanford/Seminole County industry that exemplifies excellence, and for its importance and impact in our community.

**INDUSTRY OF  
THE YEAR 2023**

**Presented to: Resolute Tissue**



**INDUSTRY  
OF THE  
YEAR 2024**

**Presented to:  
HCA Florida  
Lake Monroe  
Hospital**



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EXCLUSIVE SPONSOR:**  
Buster's Sanford

**BEST OF SEMINOLE TOP 10:**  
Presented by Orlando Sanford  
International Airport

**BEST OF DOWNTOWN  
SANFORD TOP 10:**  
Presented by Sanford Community  
Redevelopment Agency (CRA)

**INDUSTRY RECOGNITION 2024:**  
Presented by Resolute Tissue

**GOLD SPONSORS:**  
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Colbert & Whigham, P.A.  
Genstar Generator Service  
Sir Speedy - Longwood

**VIP COCKTAIL SPONSORS:**  
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The Glazeroom  
El Coqui Bakery

**SPECIAL THANK YOU:**  
**Noel Cedeño**, Mayor -  
City of Juan Dolio, Guayacanes  
**Francisco Holí Matos**, Dominican  
General Consul in Orlando  
**Art Woodruff**, Mayor of Sanford