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A and J Limousine

aandjlimousine.com

Our readers love the rock-star treatment they get from A and J Limousine and voted them Best Limo Service for the third year in a row. "Their drivers are sooooo nice! They are my limo of choice, and I will always call them first. They have very nice cars, too. They're always clean," said reader Carol. "Always on time, with efficient, polite drivers," said reader Patricia.

Runner-Up: LL Transportation

Event Rentals

Bella Vista Designs

bellavistadesigns.com

"We are so honored to receive this award. Bella Vista Designs is a family-owned-and-run business. Our incredible employees have made us who we are today. We are so grateful to each and every one of them," said Director of Operations Cristina Bentley. "For us, to be the 'best,' we feel like the community respects us and sees the hard work we put in to make our events shine."

Runner-Up: Town & Country Event Rentals

Restaurant with a View

[See Drinking: Bloody Mary]

Bed & Breakfast/Inn

The Upham

uphamhotel.com

In continuous operation since 1898, the charming Upham Hotel is the local favorite for intimate hospitality. As reader Diana said, "The experience the Upham offers is absolutely unique! The staff is beyond friendly and helpful. Their homemade breakfast is amazing ... and their complimentary wine tasting during sunset is wonderful because you can grab a glass of one of their local wines and sit outside in their outdoor garden and enjoy the quaint and relaxing setting. This hotel is a gem!"

Runner-Up: Santa Barbara Inn

Hotel

Four Seasons Resort The Biltmore Santa Barbara

fourseasons.com/santabarbara

"We are honored to be recognized, once again, as the 'Best Hotel' in the Santa Barbara Independent's Best Of," said General Manager Karen Earp. "Thank you to our local Santa Barbara community and our wonderful guests for supporting Four Seasons Resort The Biltmore Santa Barbara. We are so looking forward to welcoming our team and guests back to the resort in 2021."

Runner-Up: Rosewood Miramar Beach



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Hair Salon

Salon Patine

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Now in its 25th year of providing expert coloring and cuts for men and women, Salon Patine is *Indy* readers' choice for this year's Best Hair Salon. Owners Sarah Van Bourgondien and Rob Hofberg said that 2020's pandemic pivot made them realize how important social media is to keep their clients and staff connected. Their business philosophy? "Do what you do, and do it the best!"

Runner-Up: The Color Room

Nail Salon

Modern Nails

3623 State St.; (805) 687-0449

With a menu of just about every type of nail service imaginable (manicures, pedicures, gels, acrylics, French tips, nail art, and pink and white full sets and fill-ins), the friendly San Roque neighborhood salon Modern Nails has nailed it as this year's Best Of winner.

Runner-Up: Ocean Nails & Spa

Tanning Salon

Honeys

ilovehoneys.com

"Being the best is recognition that our level of service goes above and beyond what one might expect," said owner Christine Starr, whose business was shut down from March until September because of the pandemic. "It has been very tough. Personal care services such as ours have been amongst the hardest hit, but of course safety is of utmost importance." Upon the recent reopening, her clients were "welcomed with open arms!"

Runner-Up: Sweet Cheeks

Tattoo Shop

805 Ink

805ink.com

Indy readers' top tattoo shop for the third year in a row, 805 Ink has been providing high-quality tattoo art to our town since 2008. "Every artist has such a great, unique style, and they really care about the integrity of the work that they do," said reader Kasey. "They are beyond friendly, talented, and make sure that you are comfortable through the process," said Yolanda, another satisfied customer.

Runner-Up: Golden Eagle Tattoo

Resort Spa

Spa Ojai at Ojai Valley Inn

ojaivalleyinn.com/spa-ojai

"We are deeply honored to be recognized by the Santa Barbara community, especially during this difficult time," said Kate Morrison, director of wellness and sustainability. "Our team of wellness professionals is committed to delivering thoughtful and intuitive body therapy and skin-care services in a safe, spacious, and blissful environment. We thank you for your continuing support of Spa Ojai. After this period of uncertainty, we look forward to welcoming our guests back to Spa Ojai for peace, relaxation, and recovery."

Runner-Up: The Spa at The Ritz-Carlton Bacara

Day Spa

Float Luxury Day Spa

floatluxuryspa.com

"Thank you so much, Santa Barbara, for once again naming Float Luxury Spa as the Best Day Spa," said owner Natalie Rowe. "During these stressful times, I think we all realize more than ever the importance of self-care, human touch, and relaxation through massage, facials, and body treatments. We absolutely love what we do and are ready to welcome you back in for some much-needed pampering and relaxation!"

Runner-Up: Evolutions Medical & Day Spa

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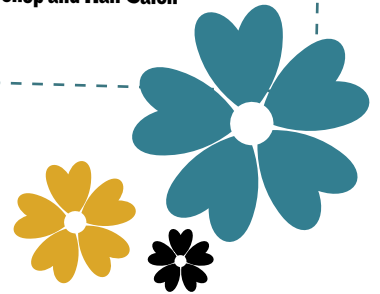
Grace Casner, Carlie Kuhns, Richie Ramirez, Erin Wagner, and Alexis Dakin

Barber Shop Richie's Barber Shop

richiesbarbershopsb.com

"Thank you to everyone who voted for us. We are truly honored to have been voted the best again," said Jessica Jay, barber and event coordinator at Richie's Barber Shop. "This year has been tough, to say the least; therefore, we feel all of our small businesses in the community are the best. Hang in there — we are in this together!"

Runner-Up: Arturo's Barbershop and Hair Salon



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Medical Spa

Evolutions Medical & Day Spa

evolutionsmedicalspsa.com

"The staff is professional, well-trained and friendly, very caring and patient. They are always welcoming," said Linda, a reader who voted for Evolutions Medical & Day Spa. "Being named the best is validation of the hard work our whole staff puts in every day to make the experience our clients have with us the best it can possibly be. We really appreciate it," said managing partner Brian Perkins.

Runner-Up: G Spa

Place to Get a Facial

Skin Deep

skindeepsalon.com

Owned by Tina Hasche and operated by her and her two sisters, Nina Meyer and Gina McKee, Skin Deep was excited to be chosen once again as the Best Place

to Get a Facial. "The best for us represents every smile and thank you from each and every one of our customers and clients," said the trio. "To be recognized with this honor for 20 years running is truly a heartfelt gift for our entire Skin Deep family."

Runner-Up: Evolutions Medical & Day Spa

Clothing Boutique

Lovebird Boutique and Jewelry

lovebirdsb.com

Earning Best Of honors for the fourth year in a row, new Lovebird owners Nancy Burgner and Peter Gaum said, "Our mission is to continue Lovebird's tradition of offering a thoughtful selection of fun, affordable fashion for all ages. Being named best tells us that our shoppers appreciate our fashion aesthetic, cozy environment, friendly and helpful styling service and can always count on Lovebird to find something for themselves or a gift for a friend."

Runner-Up: Natasha

Thrift Store

Alpha Thrift Stores

alphasb.org

"Thank you to our donors and customers for your continued support of our thrift stores since 1969," said Cory Sherman, director of finance and thrift store operations. "Your patronage helps us to support our mission of empowering individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities by supporting families, creating opportunities, and fostering belonging. Alpha promotes a positive relationship within our community by encouraging a value system that celebrates all people. We could not do it without you!"

Runner-Up: Assistance League of Santa Barbara



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Consignment Store

Crossroads Trading Company

crossroadstrading.com/location/santa-barbara-state-st

“We’ve had to pivot in many ways, and while it’s been challenging, we are happy to do it,” said Lia Finkelstein, senior district manager for Crossroads Trading Company, the top choice for consignment shop. “From amending store hours and implementing capacity limits to mandatory mask and safety protocols, we are just happy to be able to operate and offer some small sense of normalcy to our community who wishes to continue to shop and recycle their wardrobes.”

Runner-Up: The Closet Trading Co.



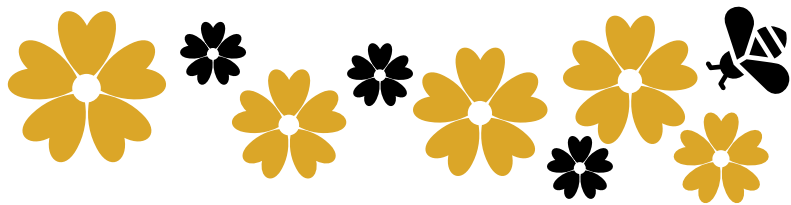
Vintage Store

Punch Vintage

punchvintage.com

Specializing in colorful, kitschy items that are sure to spark smiles, Lynn Morrison’s downtown treasure box is *Indy* readers’ top vintage store. “Thank you so much, Santa Barbara, for all of the votes and great encouragement through some challenging times we’re all experiencing,” said Morrison. “I do feel very fortunate that Punch encourages some of my favorite activities: shopping and decorating. It also allows me the opportunity to meet all kinds of cool and interesting people in the process.”

Runner-Up: Lazy Eye Shop



Dry Cleaner

Ablitt's Fine Cleaners & Launderers

ablitts.com

With eco-friendly, customer-forward service and free delivery, Ablitt's has consistently been the top pick for dry cleaning. "At Ablitt's, we believe we have the best customers and live in the best town, and we are proud to serve Santa Barbara," said owner Sasha Ablitt. "I feel blessed to live in this community, and I am inspired by the resiliency, innovation, and creativity I have seen in so many local businesses, and people, since the pandemic hit."

Runner-Up: Eco Friendly Cleaners

Tailor

Lee's Tailoring

leestailoringca.com

Our readers once again picked Lee's Tailoring as tops with accolades such as "superb tailoring, nice people, great service," "excellent work and customer service," "quality workmanship," and "consistently excellent tailoring!" Lee Thompson's shop has been on the Best Of list since he opened in 1991. Experts in the art of zipper repair and alteration services, Lee's will give your favorite clothes a new lease on life.

Runner-Up: Stitch Witch Alterations

Eyewear Selection

Costco

costco.com/warehouse-locations/goleta-ca-474.html

Praised by reader Holly for having a "great selection and friendly staff," Goleta's favorite big-box retailer has won top honors for its eyewear selection once again. The department offers high-quality and good-value selections, with name brands like Ray-Ban, Kate Spade, Maui Jim, Oakley, Foster Grant, and Kirkland Signature frames, as well as contact lenses.

Runner-Up: Occhiali Eyewear

Sunglasses Selection

Occhiali Eyewear

occhialieyewear.com

"We are so happy to be part of our neighborhoods and look forward to continuing to share our love of eyewear with Santa Barbara," said Irwin Eve, optician and co-owner of Occhiali Eyewear. "We specialize in the curation of unique frames from around the world and celebrate the artisans who have decided to make glasses their craft." After 33 years as a local small business, Eve said, "We continue to feel the support of the community and wish to honor our customers' trust."

Runner-Up: Sunglass Hut



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Shoes

The Walking Company

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Readers' kudos such as "best selection of the most comfortable shoes I have ever found," "great shoes for people with foot problems," "comfortable shoes, great selection," and "stylish shoes that are good for your feet" are what make The Walking Company this year's choice for the best shoes in Santa Barbara. Their "best price guarantee" to match the deals at other authorized retailers is another assurance that you can feel comfortable stepping into The Walking Company for your footwear needs.

Runner-Up: SeaVees

Jewelry Store

Bryant & Sons

bryantandsons.com

The esteemed Bryant & Sons, which opened its flagship State Street location in 1965 and added a Montecito store in 2001, is once again the top pick for jewelry. "Thank you, Santa Barbara, for voting us best again," said Mike Bryant, who's run the day-to-day operations of the family business since 1981. "We have been in business 56 years and intend to be around for many more. The *Independent* award means a lot to us, and I appreciate the support and recognition."

Runner-Up: Patco Jewelers



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Bookstore

Chaucer's Books

chaucersbooks.com

An institution since 1974, Chaucer's Books is honored once again. "We believe locally owned businesses are part of the rich fabric of our community, but in these times, they require all of our support to help them survive and thrive again," said GM Greg Feitt. "If you love a place, support it! Our literary community is of particular importance to us, and we encourage you to support The Book Den, Tecolote, Lost Horizon, Mesa Books, and Metro Entertainment, to name just a few."

Runner-Up: The Book Den

Computer Repair

The Apple Store

apple.com/retail/statestreet

No one likes to have technical difficulties, but instead of watching your blood pressure rise as that annoying rainbow pinwheel of frustration twirls round and round on your device, the Apple Store is there to provide hands-on hardware support for Apple products. Once again our readers' choice for Best Computer Repair service, the ever-patient tech-support staff at the State Street store recently reopened to help us keep our tech in tip-top shape.

Runner-Up: MacMechanic

Musical Instrument Store

Jensen Guitar & Music Co.

jensenguitar.com

Strumming their way into our hearts since 1973, Jensen Guitar & Music Co. President Chris Jensen said being named the best means that "maybe we're still doing right by our customers. Even with the cloud of the global pandemic, the silver lining is that many of you now find yourselves at home more and have reunited with your musical instruments and talents. We appreciate that many of you chose to have us help in that reunion."

Runner-Up: Nick Rail Music

Gift Shop

Plum Goods

plumgoodsstore.com

It was a bittersweet Best Of victory for Plum Goods, Santa Barbara's favorite gift shop for almost a decade. "It broke our hearts to have to close our doors," said owner Amy Cooper, who's kept selling via plumgoodsstore.com and at Zone Studios (121 Santa Barbara St.). "We are hoping to stay alive and be able to reopen somewhere in 2021. Your support means the world to us, and we miss your faces!"

Runner-Up: Paradise Found

Art/Craft Supply Store

Art Essentials

sbartessentials.com

Serving locals with an impressive selection of products for both beginning hobbyists and professional artists since 1987, Art Essentials is once again *Indy* readers' pick for Best Art/Craft Supply Store. The comments from readers speak for themselves: "large selection of supplies and knowledgeable staff" (Caity); "huge variety of supplies with fair prices" (Jessica); "I always find what I want, and I love their specialty wrapping papers; divine" (Lisa); and "a great selection of art supplies, great cards, and fun gifts" (Candace).

Runner-Up: Michaels

Frame Shop

Michaels

michaels.com

The perfect frame for your most treasured artworks — everything from photographs, paintings, or your children's arts and crafts creations — can be found at this big-box retailer. The Goleta Michaels store is part of the largest arts and crafts retail chain in North America and stocks just about everything you would ever need when you're feeling crafty.

Runner-Up: The Frame-Up



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Bank * Mortgage Company Montecito Bank & Trust

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After celebrating its 45th anniversary at the start of the global pandemic, Montecito Bank & Trust had to quickly adapt its business operations "to continue serving our communities while ensuring the safety of our clients and associates," said Chair/CEO Janet Garufis. "Providing support to our community during a time like this is what community banking is all about. Their trust and loyalty is also directly tied to our ability to annually donate over \$1.5 million back into our communities — a number that consistently increases because of a growing customer base."

Runner-Up (Bank): Chase Bank

Runner-Up (Mortgage Company): Homeowners Financial Group

Place to Work University of California, Santa Barbara

ucsb.edu

Proud to be recognized for the fourth consecutive year, "the university is a unique environment that thrives on academic exploration, cutting-edge research, and the vital exchange of ideas," said spokesperson Andrea Estrada. "Faculty and staff members share a commitment to the university's three-pronged mission of teaching, research, and public service, and to helping shape the next generation of national and international leaders. We value our relationship with the community — the wellspring of our workforce — and appreciate opportunities to be of service."

Runner-Up: Montecito Bank & Trust

Retirement Residence Maravilla

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Runner-Up: Casa Dorinda

Travel Agency AAA — Automobile Club of Southern California

calif.aaa.com

AAA is doing virtual travel shows "to take people away virtually, until we can get them there in person," said branch manager Chris Olvera. "We just want to reassure everyone we are not going anywhere. We've been in Santa Barbara for over 100 years, and this isn't our first pandemic. We continue to work with our suppliers to overcome hurdles that the travel industry continues to go through. We are and will continue to always be with you."

Runner-Up: Santa Barbara Travel Bureau



Graham Farrar



Cannabis Dispensary

The Farmacy Santa Barbara

thefarmacysb.com

"As a new business in a new category, we really didn't know what to expect," said owner Graham Farrar. "Luckily, what we found in Santa Barbara is a whole lot of folks who were really glad that we were here. It feels really good to be appreciated. I will never forget the lady working at a local restaurant who bought me lunch to thank us for opening our doors because she no longer had to drive to Port Hueneme to get her medicine."

Runner-Up: Coastal Dispensary



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Curbside Pickup

Kyle's Kitchen

kyleskitchen.com

With two stores in Goleta and one downtown, Kyle's Kitchen was our readers' top choice for Curbside Pickup, a new category for this year's Best of Santa Barbara® selections. In addition to offering a regulated process for pickup orders, reader Emily pointed out, "They give back to the community and have been helping feed special-needs families during the pandemic." Over the years, Kyle's Kitchen has donated nearly \$200,000 to charitable special-needs causes.

Runner-Up: Santa Barbara Public Market

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Acupuncturist

Charles Sciutto at Healing Heart Herbs & Acupuncture
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"Physical and emotional challenges have been heightened in 2020. I am thankful for the continued trust of our patients to meet their needs. Our clinic has remained open continuously throughout the COVID-19 shut-down, ensuring we are available to mitigate pain, calm fears, and maintain community," said Sciutto. "Working with our patients has kept me motivated and hopeful for the future. My wife, Joy, and I are truly honored to work with such fantastic people."

Runner-Up: Mary Tingaud

Chiropractor

Goodland Chiropractic
goodlandchiropractic.com

This award "means that my patients value the commitment that I make to them to support them in their health and wellness goals, and that they trust me to provide specific, safe, affordable, everyday wellness care," said Dr. Justine Bellefeuille, owner of Goodland Chiropractic. "It means that they are happy with the results that they are receiving under care in my office. This is the dream."

Runner-Up: Barry Family Chiropractic

General Practitioner

Dr. David Phreaner
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"With all of the great family doctors in our area, this is quite an honor," said Dr. David Phreaner. "I feel like Sansum Clinic and my amazing staff deserve most of the credit. Working for Sansum for the past 25 years has allowed me to just focus on my patients. They take care of almost all of the insurance hassles and the business of running a practice." Phreaner also gave kudos to his staff members Natalie, Monique, and Karen.

Runner-Up: Dr. David L. Birken

Herbalist/Holistic Practitioner

Pura Luna Women's Apothecary
puralunaapothecary.lunabellamakeupart.com

"We are humbled in gratitude by all the love we have received from this community and from all who voted for us. Thank you so much for supporting us so that we can support you," said founder/owner Ashe Brown. Designed to be a sacred space for women, the apothecary had to shut down in March because of the pandemic. They restructured the website to accommodate online orders and are now happily welcoming customers back to the shop.

Runner-Up: Charles Sciutto at Healing Heart Herbs & Acupuncture

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Dentist

Dr. Thomas Blake
thomasblakedds.com

"We are flattered and humbled to receive this year's award," said Dr. Thomas Blake, who had to close his office for two months. "During that time, we went on the 'world's most challenging scavenger hunt,' collecting PPE, disinfectants, and new equipment. Even before science confirmed aerosol transmission, our practice had installed medical-grade air filtration, aerosol extractors, high-volume suction, hypochlorous acid foggers, and an extensive screening process to stop the spread of COVID-19."

Runner-Up: Montecito Dental Group

Orthodontist

White & Grube Orthodontics
whiteandgrube.com

"The challenges of 2020 have only sharpened our attention to the health and safety of our patients and community," said Dr. Brett Grube, whose White & Grube Orthodontics practice has won for 12 years in a row. "[This honor] compliments our commitment to our patients and the community we love so much. It means our dedication to perfectionism and how we care for each patient is valued and appreciated by our town."

Runner-Up: Ferris Orthodontic Group

Optometrist

Eye & Vision Care
eyenvision.com

The eyes had it once again for Eye & Vision Care, which has been in business for more than 30 years. "We are meeting our goal of taking care of our patients," said co-owner/optometrist Dr. Luke Werkhoven. "In our industry, seeing is believing, and we want to provide a memorable service experience that they are happy to share with their friends and family."

Runner-Up: Bream Optometry

Licensed Massage Therapist

Deep Tissue Massage Center
deeptissuemassagecenter.com

"Over the past 25 years, we have worked hard to support and help the people of Santa Barbara," said owner/massage therapist Colin Silverman, who's worked alongside his wife/partner, Jill Wayne Silverman, for the past 10 years. "It's wonderful to have the appreciation reflected back to us by our clients and community."

Runner-Up: Kathryn Pieron



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Runner-Up: Bond Fitness

Yoga Studio

CorePower Yoga

corepoweryoga.com

"Being best means that we show up for this community, no matter what," a particular challenge this year, said Cara Ferrick and Brandon Cox, co-owners. "It has been a long six months of ups and downs, creativity, intelligent decisions, and massive challenges." CorePower now has outdoor tented classes, as well as online instruction. They've also developed a comprehensive safety protocol to be ready for indoor yoga when the state allows.

Runner-Up: Yoga Soup

Pilates Studio

Fit Buddha

fitbuddha.com

Voted Best Pilates Studio for eight years in a row, Fit Buddha co-owner Marcus Kettles said, "The 'best' means that we have achieved the highest level of training, utilizing our Bionic Pilates Megaformer machine, cross-training with indoor cycling. It means that our trainers are exceptional, kind, supportive, compassionate people and connect to our clients in a deep and motivational way. Thank you for entrusting us to evolve your body temple at Fit Buddha evolutionary fitness."

Runner-Up: Aligned Pilates Studio

Martial Arts Studio

Paragon Academy

paragonbjj.com

"We pride ourselves on creating a program that meets the unrecognized needs of our members. Our purpose is to provide an environment where members can learn the value of practice, of determination, and of persistence, all valuable life skills," said owner Sean Apperson, who built an outside training area to accommodate members during the pandemic. He added, "We are looking forward to the day we can move back indoors to our world-class facility."

Runner-Up: Martial Arts Family Fitness

Fitness Program

Bond Fitness

bondfitness.com

"To everyone who voted for us, we are truly grateful for all of the support you have given us and for helping us create a community where you come to work out and leave inspired and supported by everyone in the room," said Stephen Stowe, owner/managing partner of Bond Fitness. When the popular program closed down in March, for almost three months they offered free daily live workouts on Instagram for the whole community.

Runner-Up: Killer B Fitness

Campground

El Capitán State Beach

parks.ca.gov/elcapitan

"There are many great campgrounds in the Santa Barbara area, and to be voted best by our community and surrounding communities is an honor. We are extremely grateful," said supervising ranger Scott Anderson. "One of the favorite parts of the job is the interaction with campers, young and old, from different backgrounds who oftentimes come from all over the country."

Runner-Up: El Capitan Canyon



SPORTING LIFE



Alana Tillim

Dance Studio * Dance Company Santa Barbara Dance Arts sbdancearts.com

"'Best' means a celebration of our community and staff, and I cannot think of a better time to recognize those who continue to work hard to make this small business survive and thrive during a pandemic," said director Alana Tillim. "After being closed for months and reopening on June 15 for summer camp, we had a little girl literally run and leap through our entry hall and shout, 'I'm HOME!' We cannot wait for that day to come again!"

Runner-Up (Dance Studio): Arthur Murray Dance Studio

Runner-Up (Dance Company): La Boheme Professional Group

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Runner-Up: Mountain Air Sports

Surf Shop * Swimwear Store

Surf N' Wear Beach House

surfwearbeachhouse.com

"Winning is great, but even better is knowing that people in the community took the time to show their appreciation by voting," said owner Roger Nance. "We have been doing this for a long time [since 1962], and, with the support of our community, we don't plan to go anywhere. Thank you all again. We look forward to seeing you when you come by to shop or just talk."

Runner-Up (Surf Shop): Channel Islands Surfboards

Runner-Up (Swimwear Store): Bikini Factory

Snowboard/Ski Gear Store

Mountain Air Sports

mountainairsports.com

"Thanks for thinking of us," said manager Joey Duddridge when he learned of the win. "Our customers are the best in the business, and we are stoked to get to hang with them every day." Being the best means, "We made it another year," he laughed. "But really, this town is awesome, and the amount of love we get from everyone is unbelievable. We're so stoked to be here and keep a little bit of old school in this neighborhood."

Runner-Up: REI

Bicycle Shop

Bicycle Bob's

bicyclebobs-sb.com

Riding steady as our readers named them the Best Bicycle Shop in Santa Barbara for the 30th consecutive year, Bicycle Bob's owner Bob Zaratzian said being named the best "is a huge source of pride for not only myself but our entire staff." Especially during a year when the pandemic, combined with not being able to stock new bicycles as quickly, led to a shift in staff from 50/50 sales and service to 75 percent service, including extra staff to help with service work and increased business.

Runner-Up: Velo Pro Cyclery

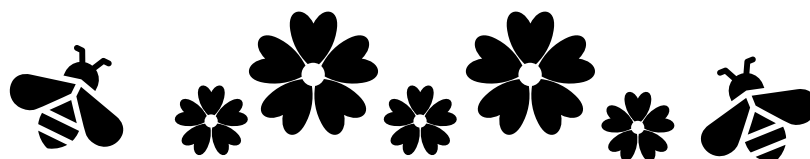
Skateboard Shop

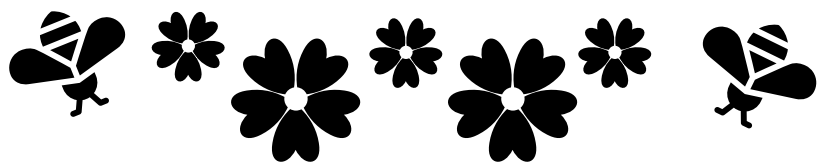
Powell-Peralta

powell-peralta.com

Boarders love Powell-Peralta — and so do *Indy* readers, who picked it as their top skateboard shop once again. They've got a little bit of everything, from clothing and equipment to limited-edition skateboards that are handmade in Santa Barbara. The shop reopened in June in a new location in Kellogg Square and, as reader Sarah said, "the joy of skateboarding flows right out the door yet again."

Runner-Up: Lighthouse Skateshop





Place to Get Athletic Shoes

Santa Barbara Running

sbrunningco.com

"My family and I are truly grateful for all of the support from this amazing community," said Santa Barbara Running owner Joe DeVreese, who used the two-month pandemic shutdown of the store to finally get an e-commerce shop up and running. "We pride ourselves on offering the best assortment of technical running and walking footwear in the industry. But more importantly, we absolutely love helping our customers achieve their fitness goals and staying healthy."

Runner-Up: REI

Golf Course

Sandpiper Golf Club

sandpiperclub.com

The views at Sandpiper Golf Club (Santa Barbara County's first resort course open to the public) are enough to make even non-golfers want to grab some clubs. The Best Golf Course pick once again, Sandpiper is a truly spectacular 18 holes of seaside links set on rolling flatland, steep barrancas thick with chaparral, and chalky bluffs offering spectacular vistas of Haskell's white-sand beaches and the Pacific Ocean below.

Runner-Up: Glen Annie Golf Club

Place to Shoot Pool

Dargan's Irish Pub & Restaurant

darganssb.com

The top place in town for an authentic taste of Irish hospitality and a game of pool, Dargan's was established in Santa Barbara in 1997, but the family surname has been associated with public houses in Ireland since the beginning of the 20th century. Rack 'em up in the pool room part of the pub, which has its own bar, four pool tables, and a jukebox.

Runner-Up: Don Q Family Billiard Center

Hiking Trail

Inspiration Point

The panoramic views of Inspiration Point aren't easy to get to — even the shortest route from Tunnel Road to Jesusita Trail is about a 3.75-mile round trip up and down hills — but Santa Barbara's perennial favorite hiking trail is truly, well, inspirational. From the majestic oaks and sycamores at lower elevations to the clear views over the coast of Santa Barbara and across the Pacific Ocean toward the Channel Islands, there's no better place to appreciate the charms of our fair city.

Runner-Up: Cold Spring

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LITTLE CREATURES

Toy Store * **Children's Clothing Store**

Chicken Little
chickenlittlekids.com

A fun place to browse and an easy place to buy, Chicken Little is our readers' pick for the Best Toy Store and Children's Clothing Store for the third year running. Some of our readers' comments: "Helpful, good selection, sale items, nice gift wrap for free" (Anna); "Cute stuff! Unique store" (Karen); and "They have the best toys, says my son" (Katie). This charming shop got its start in 1979, and the children of the original owner (Paula Bouma) carry on her legacy today.

Runner-Up (Toy Store): Bennett's Toys & Educational Materials

Runner-Up (Children's Clothing Store): Peanuts Maternity & Kids

Daycare Facilities **Evergreen Learning Center** evergreensb.com

"It's been a rough few months, and getting this acknowledgement right now is truly appreciated," said director/owner Loretta Smargon. "What makes Evergreen so special is the incredible staff that is here every day in their commitment to children and families. There is no doubt they are the BEST and deserve this now more than ever!"

Runner-Up: Rainbow School

Kids' Summer Camp **Zoo Camp at Santa Barbara Zoo**

sbzoo.org

"Our business had to pivot quite a bit this year," said Zoo Education Manager JJ McLeod. "We are grateful for our community who has signed up for our programs, donated toward our recovery fund, and continues to show up every day with a smile. We will continue to provide fun, safe experiences for all of our guests and will work hard at providing new and engaging ones as well."

Runner-Up: Mr. Rob's Place

Pediatrician

Dr. Dan Brennan
sbpediatrics.com

"Having grown up in Santa Barbara, it was my life-long dream to move back to my hometown to care for the kids in our community," said Dr. Dan Brennan, who's been delivering compassionate care via telemedicine. "With some creativity and determination, I realized that I could create the 2020 version of an old-fashioned house call. By trading in my little black bag for my little black iPhone, my patients have been able to access care from the comfort of their own living rooms."

Runner-Up: Dr. Saida Hamdani

Pet Hospital/Clinic

San Roque Pet Hospital
sanroquepethospital.com

"To all of our wonderful pet parents who voted for us — a huge thank-you! It is an honor and a privilege to care for your furry family members," said Ann Welton, San Roque Pet Hospital medical director. "Being named the 'Best of Santa Barbara' means we are meeting our goal of excellence in compassionate veterinary care for the pets and pet parents in our community."

Runner-Up: La Cumbre Animal Hospital

Pet Boarding **Dioji K-9 Resort & Athletic Club**

dioji.com

"We are fortunate to have the best customers supporting us, even more so during the COVID-19 pandemic," said owner Jeannie Wendel. "Because of this, we were able to continue supporting the community and remain open when some needed us the most. We are so thankful Santa Barbara County has voted us Best Pet Boarding for the past 13 years."

Runner-Up: Camp Canine

Pet Store

Lemos Feed & Pet Supply

lemospet.com

"It's been truly amazing to see our community support us over the years, but especially now in the midst of all the craziness. It's been truly touching," said manager Raymond Padilla. With locations in Santa Barbara, Goleta, Carpinteria, and Solvang, the pet store has adapted to meet the needs of its customers during the pandemic, offering curbside service and phone orders to make sure that local pets get what they need.

Runner-Up: Pet House

Pet Grooming

The Little Dog House

doggroomerssantabarbara.com

This year marks the 20th Best Of win for The Little Dog House. "We take a lot of pride in the work that we do and strive to provide the best grooming for doggie clients," said owner Tyrelle Leger. "We are forever grateful for your continued support and trust for letting us bring out the best look in your doggies."

Runner-Up: For Paws Salon

Dog Park

[See Out & About: Beach]

Dog Trainer

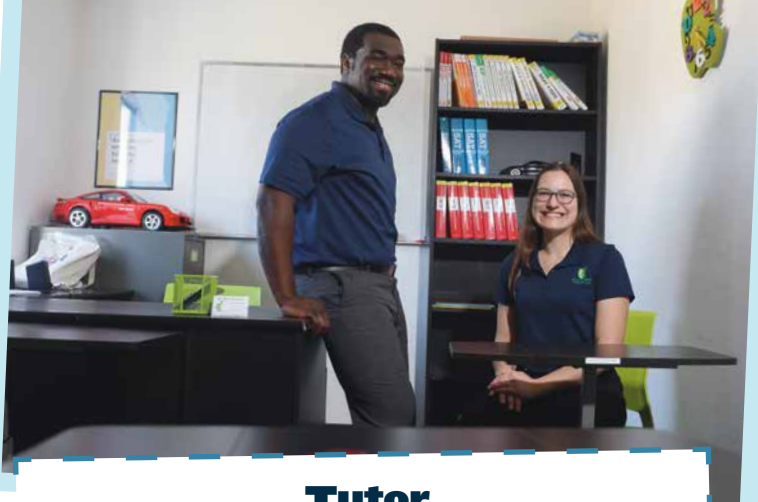
K-Nine Solutions

kninesolutions.com

"We are so proud to be selected as Best Dog Trainer for our fifth year in a row," said owner/head trainer Eric Smith, who created a new PAL (Play and Learn) program to help train puppies who were not able to socialize during the pandemic. "People can drop their puppies off for five hours of supervised socialization and training. It has gotten so popular that we now have to move and find a bigger space!"

Runner-Up: The Ruff Ranch

Steven and Erika Efada



Tutor

Santa Barbara Tutoring

sbtutoring.com

Winning this category for the third year in a row, Executive Director Steven Efada said, "We've done our best to create a team of local, experienced tutors who produce great results. It's an honor to be recognized for doing so. This summer, several of our students had SAT scores in the top one percent in the nation! Although we hope to provide in-person instruction again someday soon, we've pivoted to holding tutoring sessions via video conferencing."

Runner-Up: California Learning Center

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Home Furnishing* Place to Buy Carpet/ Rugs HomeGoods

homegoods.com/store-details/Goleta-CA-93117/814

You never know what kind of treasures will catch your eye when you visit the Goleta outpost of the HomeGoods chain. Our readers' pick for Best Home Furnishings and Best Place to Buy Carpet/Rugs, HomeGoods has an endlessly changing selection of interesting merchandise. Patient hunters/gatherers will find bargains if they're game for a treasure hunt through an eclectic mix of merchandise, including furniture, rugs, lighting, decorative accessories, table-top, cookware, and more.

Runner-Up (Home Furnishings): Pottery Barn

Bitrner-Up (Place to Buy Carpet/Rugs): Abbey's Carpet

Real Estate Company Village Properties Realtors

villagesite.com

Representing buyers and sellers in Santa Barbara County for over 20 years, independently owned Village Properties is once again *Indy* readers' choice for Best Real Estate Company in the area. Well-regarded for the devoted team of knowledgeable agents as well as the philanthropic Teachers Fund, which was founded by owner Renee Grubb in 2002, Village Properties is, as reader Bryan said in his nomination,

"A local company that truly cares about our community!"

Runner-Up: Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices

Real Estate Team The Hall Team

hallteamsb.com

"The pandemic has given people a fresh perspective on what's important to them," said two-time honoree Lesley Hall. "'Home' has become more important than ever. It's not just about where you live. It's how you live. It's the keeper of moments. It's where you feel safe. We are there to achieve those goals."

Runner-Up: Riskin Partners Estate Group

Real Estate Agent Kevin Hall, Compass Real Estate

hallteamsb.com

How quickly the residential market has changed.

"The top things people ask us about now are: space to work from home, a private outdoor area, a more functional kitchen for making meals at home, and a place the kids can log on to those online classes!" said Hall. "We're as grateful as ever to have had the support of the community in voting for us for another year!"

Runner-Up: Daniel Zia

Mortgage Company [See Living Well: Bank]

Mortgage Agent Austin Lampson

homeownersfg.com/austinelampson

Our readers' top pick for mortgage agent for the fourth year in a row, Austin Lampson has been busy this year. "We saw 19 rate changes in one day. It's very intense," she said. "By staying true to our vision, we've been able to remain consistent in being there for our clients and their referrals. We position ourselves as your ally in homeownership, and that's needed more so today than ever before."

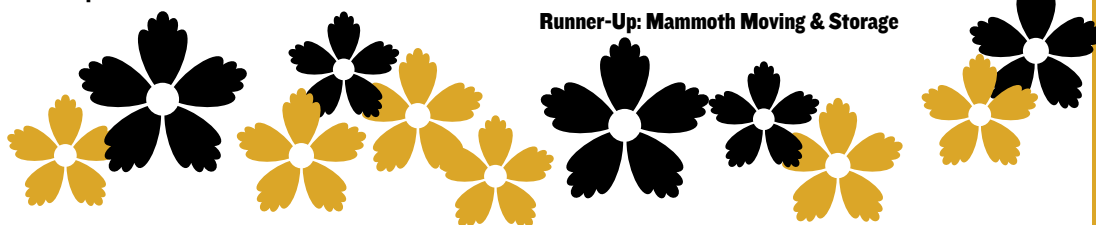
Runner-Up: Kelly Marsh

Moving Company Movegreen

movegreen.com

"We are honored and excited to be voted the best moving company again," said Erik Haney, Movegreen CEO. Moving companies are one business sector that's working harder than ever right now. "We have been incredibly busy throughout the pandemic as many people have been moving all around California," Haney said.

Runner-Up: Mammoth Moving & Storage



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Nursery

La Sumida Nursery

lasumida.com

Founded in 1958, the family-owned La Sumida Nursery has seen a lot of changes over the years. Still, "2020 has been quite the challenge," said team member Dee Honer. "We had to change a lot to keep customers and employees safe. Fortunately, many people used the quarantine time to garden. We are thankful to our loyal customers."

Runner-Up: Terra Sol Garden Center



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"Our building sites are a delightful place to spend time," said Jeff Shelton. "We have been with the same group of people for 25 years. People are always cheerful at the site, no matter how difficult we have made it for them. Every project has an energy that everyone taps into. We all know that each project will blossom in the end. I have had clients that were upset when construction was complete because they miss the camaraderie."

Runner-Up: AB Design Studio

Contractor

Allen Construction

buildallen.com

Employee-owned Allen Construction was once again the pick for Best Contractor. "We have had to adjust and adapt like everyone has, but we are fortunate that a lot of our work is done outside on the job sites and we can continue," said VP Eric Johnson. Through their Locals Helping Locals program, the team was able to assist 11 other businesses in constructing parklets or outdoor areas so that they could continue to operate.

Runner-Up: Jed Hirsch

Roofing Service

Action Roofing

aroofting.com

Jack Martin started Action Roofing 35 years ago with \$1,000 and a 1964 pickup truck. Since then, the company has grown to 120 employees and more than 50 trucks. "Hard work and caring about what you do results in success," said Martin. "This starts at the top but carries through to our entire team. They are all a part of this honor."

Runner-Up: Tower Roofing

Plumber

Good Land Plumbing & Construction

goletaplumber.net

"Nobody likes to call in the plumbers, but all of our staff work hard to do their part to ensure that the customer experience is as pleasant as possible," said Richard Hug, business manager of Good Land Plumbing, which has worked in Santa Barbara County since 2005. "This selection reflects the goal of our company mission to provide the best service possible with the highest-quality work and with the highest integrity."

Runner-Up: R J Carroll & Sons

Painting Contractor

Pacific Painting Company

pacificpaintingco.com

"My biggest thanks goes out to my foremen and crew," said "very honored" owner Rob Gruenberg. "Most of my workers have been with me for quite some time, and they make my job rewarding. They are friendly, dependable, skilled, and actually take pride in their work."

Runner-Up: Sea Breeze Painting

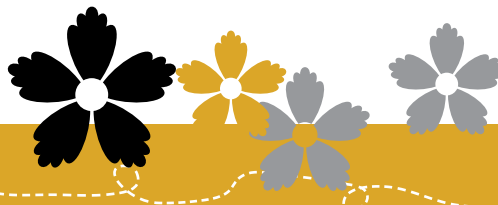
Antique Store

The Blue Door

thebluedoorsb.com

Four-time winners, The Blue Door owners Brian Garwood and Carolyn Petersen were "honored that the Santa Barbara community enjoys the shopping experience we've created as much as we do!" Their ever-evolving Funk Zone space has continued to shift in 2020. "We are pleased to have created a larger online presence via social media to offer more shopping from home," said the pair.

Runner-Up: Antique Alley



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Mattress Store

Mattress Mike Furniture Gallery

mattressmikesb.com/index.php

"We are eternally grateful to all our wonderful customers," said Garret Gustason, GM of Mattress Mike Furniture Gallery, which has transitioned to appointment only to offer a safer, customized customer experience. "To be voted Best Mattress Store is an honor, and we hope to continue to leave a positive impression on our customers as each year passes. We truly cannot express how grateful we are to be a part of your home, and we will always strive to make your comfort our top priority."

Runner-Up: Santa Barbara Mattress

Gardening/Landscaping Services

Kitson Landscape

kitsonlandscape.com

Our readers' pick for Best Gardening/Landscaping Services once again, Kitson Landscape Management was founded in 1969 by husband-and-wife team Brent and Sally Kitson. The tradition continues today, with Sarah Kitson (Brent and Sally's eldest daughter) at the helm, and her husband, Dave Fudurich, as the CFO. The booming Santa Barbara County Green Certified Business currently maintains more than 250 major commercial landscape maintenance contracts in the area, where many of their client relationships have lasted for over 25 years.

Runner-Up: EcoLawn S.B.

Solar Power Company

Sunrise 805

sunrise805.com

Founded in 2010 as a family-owned business, Sunrise 805 provides solar installation, consulting, and maintenance services to the greater Santa Barbara region. "It is a privilege to be invited into helping with someone's needs, especially for their home or business," said Marshall Howen, founder/president. Added Operations Manager Davis Darnall, "We are highly relational with our customers and community, and to have them respond so positively was an awesome affirmation to our team."

Runner-Up: Brighten Solar Co.

Handyman Service

Edward the Fix It Guy

facebook.com/edwardthefixitguy

Edward "the Fix It Guy" Laflamme said, "We try our best each and every day. Each of our clients is as important as the client that we just serviced before getting to your home. Thank you for trusting us while you run errands. Thank you for holding the curtain rods, sink basket, or running to the hardware store for materials while we continue to work."

Runner-Up: Allen Construction



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House Cleaning Service

MasterCare Home Cleaning

mastercarehomecleaning.com

"Thank you for continuing to support MasterCare as we continue to adapt to this dynamic health/social period," said owners Robert and Linda Mangione, who've won Best Of every year since 2016. "Ensuring MasterCare is cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting the home creates a level of confidence with our clients."

Runner-Up: Master Clean U.S.A., Inc.

Carpet Cleaning

Star Rug Cleaners

starrugcleaners.com

"Everyone at Star Rug Cleaners has been working hard through the pandemic, and it pays off when we get the honor of being considered for the best carpet cleaner in Santa Barbara," said owner Mike Jensen. "We know 2020 hasn't been an easy year for anyone, and we appreciate everyone who has made it possible for us to stay in business."

Runner-Up: All Natural Carpet Cleaning

Hardware Store

Santa Barbara Home

Improvement Center

sbhicc.com

"Being named best in our category means all the world to us," said owner Gary Simpson. Remaining open as an essential business "was crucial not only to my team's well-being, but I honestly believe we exceeded even our own expectations in maintaining very challenging stock levels, and we were able to meet those challenges head-on and serve our community very well. We would like to thank each and every one of our customers for their patience, understanding, and loyalty."

Runner-Up: Miner's Ace Hardware

Tile Shop

Tileco

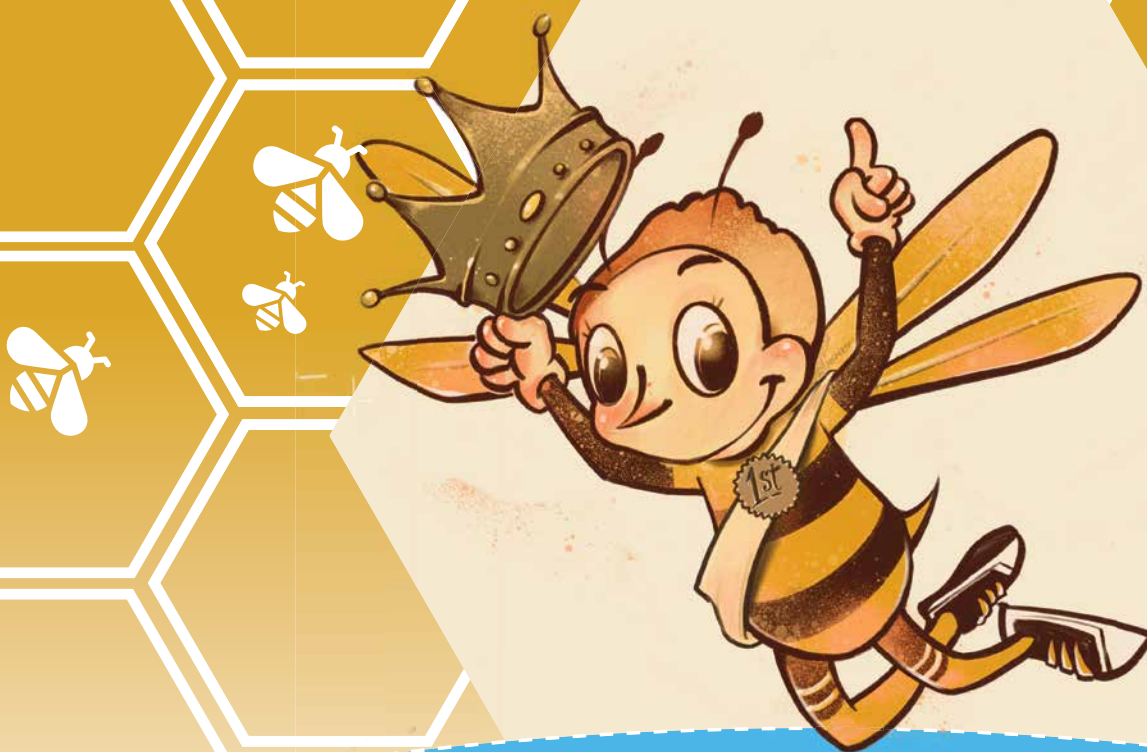
tilecodist.com

Family-owned-and-operated Tileco has been on the Central Coast since 1977. "We are fortunate to be able to stay open during the pandemic under strict guidelines," said president Gina Burchiere Flint. "Our employees have shown their passion and strength to help serve our customers through the rebuilding of homes lost in fires, the mudslide, and now during this pandemic. We have a unique opportunity to help build people's lives back. Thank you for voting for us again and again!"

Runner-Up: Buena Tile + Stone



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DRIVING

Scooter Dealership

Ooty's Scooters

ootyscooters.com

"This year has been a rollercoaster, starting with my dad, Chris, the original owner of Ooty's, passing away in January," said owner Ryan Neely. "The spring with COVID-19 was a whole new challenge. But we never shut down and stayed open for service and garage work as deemed essential by the city to keep scooters going. Thanks to Santa Barbara customers as always, especially during a hard year."

Runner-Up: Ducati of Santa Barbara

Motorcycle Dealership

Santa Barbara Motorsports

santabarbaramotorsports.com

A family-owned business in the community for more than 55 years, Santa Barbara Motorsports is our readers' pick for Best Motorcycle Dealership. With an award-winning service department and a wide selection of both new (Honda, Suzuki, Yamaha, KTM, and KYMCO) and used motorcycles on the lot, this experienced team has everything you want or need in a dealer.

Runner-Up: Ducati of Santa Barbara

New Car Dealership

Tesla

tesla.com/findus/location/service/santabarbara

There's no sexier way to "drive on sunshine" than in a Tesla, a first-time winner for Best New Car Dealership. Service is key for these high-end cars; they'll even help you install solar panels. Our readers are clearly enamored of these electric vehicles. "Beautiful cars (obviously) and a great staff, and the on-site repair and maintenance is great too," said Neal. "The mobile repair is amazing, as well as the service center," said Brent. Added Dennis, "The future is here ... now!"

Runner-Up: Santa Barbara Auto Group

Used Car Dealership

Milpas Motors

milpasmotors.com

Looking for the wheels of your dreams? Once again, our readers have given the Best Of nod to Milpas Motors. They've been in town since 2001 and sell everything you could want, from vintage classics like Mercedes-Benz and Corvette convertibles to Volkswagen buses, Bentley sedans, electric vehicles, and everything in between. They can also help you sell your vehicle on consignment.

Runner-Up: Toyota of Santa Barbara

