

Best of Our Valley 2014 Winners: THE LIST

Written by Karah Van Kammen

The winners for the seventh annual Best of Our Valley contest are here! Each year AZFoothills.com ask readers to vote on their favorite Valley people, places, and more. The contest is answered with millions of votes and this year more than 350 winners have been chosen.

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Click through the categories below to find out if your favorite burger, boutique or bartender is a winner!

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To nominate a business, person or item for the 2015 contest, e-mail bestof@azfoothills.com by September 1, 2014.

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Arts & Entertainment

Best Annual Charity Event - The Junior League of Phoenix's Annual Rummage Sale

Best Annual Fashion Event - Xavier College Prep Fashion Show Luncheon

Best Annual Gala - Kids at Heart Gala, Children's Museum of Phoenix

Best Annual Valley Event - The Wine Grower's Festival at The Farm

Best Annual Valley Event: Large Scale - Waste Management Phoenix Open

Best Automobile Auction - Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction

Best Concert Venue - Celebrity Theatre

Best Haunted House - Dark Scares, Mesa

Best Local Band/Musician - Nicole Pesce and Jeffrey Hattrick (Lobby Lounge, The Ritz-Carlton, Phoenix)

Best Museum - Musical Instrument Museum

Best Party Event - Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction

Best Special Event Venue - The Ritz-Carlton, Phoenix

Best Civic Organization - Phoenix Thunderbirds

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Best Advertising Agency: 10 or More Employees - Zion & Zion

Best Advertising Agency: Boutique - Avenue 25 Advertising, Web & Design

Best Alterations/Dry Cleaning/Laundry - Fifth Avenue Alterations

Best Auctioneer - Letitia Frye, Letitia Frye LLC

Best Bankruptcy Law Firm - Gallagher & Kennedy

Best Catering - Benedict's Catering & Events

Best CEO - Donald E Brandt, Pinnacle West Capital

Best Data Centers - Phoenix Nap

Best Estate Planning & Trust Administration Law Firm - The Frutkin Law Firm, PLC

Best Event Design & Decorations - Event Services of America

Best Family Law - Christopher S. Hildebrand

Best Florist - White House Design Studio

Best Graphic Design - Zion & Zion

Best Intellectual Property Law Firm - Jaburg & Wilk PC

Best Investment Firm - Strategic Wealth Advisors, LLC

Best Job Search Web Site - Jobing.com

Best Modeling Agency - JANI Model Management

Best National Valley-Based Company - Taser International

Best Photographer- Commercial - Jay Hague, Elite Photo Phx

Best Photographer- Events - Jay Hague, Elite Photo Phx

Best Photographer- Family & Portraits - Stella Cowl, Style Images Studios

Best Photographer- Fashion & Beauty - Christos Sewell, Christos Sewell Photography

Best Photographer- Real Estate & Interiors - Dan Raustadt, Bigger Picture Images

Best Private Banking - National Bank of Arizona

Best Public Relations or Marketing Firm: 10 or More Employees - Zion & Zion

Best Public Relations or Marketing Firm: Boutique - Pitch PR

Best Real Estate Law Firm - Jennings Strouss Attorneys at Law

Best Realtor- Ahwatukee - Bonny Holland

Best Realtor- Chandler - Amy Jones

Best Realtor- Glendale - Nate Martinez

Best Realtor in the Valley - Dinesh Wilson

Best Realtor- Paradise Valley - Dinesh Wilson

Best Realtor- Phoenix - Dinesh Wilson

Best Realtor- Scottsdale - Virginia Gee

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Best Realtor- Tempe - Thomas Tokoph

Best Record Store - TIE between Zia & Stinkweeds

Best Social Networking and Online Media Firm - Zion & Zion

Best Tattoo Artist - Jason Anthony, Golden Rule

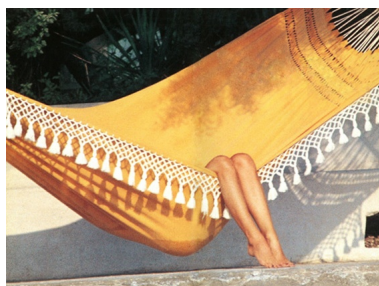
Best Web Design, Programming or Management Firm - Zion & Zion

Most Philanthropic Company - GoDaddy.com

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Escapes

Best Arizona Ski Resort: Flagstaff Nordic Center

Best Aspen/Telluride Resort: Hotel Jerome

Best Las Vegas Casino: Venetian

Best Las Vegas Pool: TIE between Encore/Wynn- Encore Beach & Hardrock - Rehab

Best Las Vegas Resort: Wynn

Best Locally Owned Mountain Escape: Hubbard's Yellowstone Lodge

Best Los Angeles Resort: The Beverly Hills Hotel

Best Napa Winery: Bravante Vineyards

Best Orange County Resort: Ritz Carlton Laguna Niguel

Best San Diego Resort: Park Hyatt Aviara Resort

Best Sedona B&B: The Creekside Inn

Best Sedona Hotel: L'Auberge de Sedona

Best Sun Valley Resort: Knob Hill Inn

Best Travel Website: TIE between Expedia.com & Travelocity.com

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Food & Restaurants

Best Asian Cuisine & Cocktails - Nobuo at Teeter House

Best Baked Goods or Sweets - Classic Cakes & Confections

Best Barbecue - Hammered Hog

Best Breakfast - Scramble

Best Burger - Rehab Burger Therapy

Best Business Lunch Spot - Bistro 24, The Ritz-Carlton, Phoenix

Best Comfort Food - Beckett's Table

Best Culinary Event: Fall - Arizona Honey Festival

Best Culinary Event: Spring - Scottsdale Culinary Festival

Best Cup of Coffee - Lux Coffeebar

Best Cup of Coffee: Large Chain - TIE between Dunkin' Donuts & Starbucks

Best Date Spot - The House at Secret Garden

Best Department Store Dining - Cafe Nordstrom at Nordstrom

Best Farmers Market - SuperFarm Market in Mesa

Best Frozen Treat - Udder Delights

Best Gluten-Free Menu - Sushi Roku

Best Grocery Store - AJ's Fine Food

Best Health Food / Specialty Store - Luci's Healthy Marketplace

Best Health Food or Vegetarian Food - Luci's Healthy Marketplace

Best Hot Dogs - The Mission

Best Italian - Tutti Santi

Best Lunch Spot – Fun - The Farm at South Mountain

Best Mexican Food - Two Hippies Beach House

Best New Restaurant - Ben & Jack's Steakhouse

Best Outdoor Dining - Quiescence at The Farm at South Mountain

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Best Place to Watch the Big Game - Half Moon Sports Grill

Best Private Dining Room - Table XII, Sanctuary Camelback Mountain Resort and Spa

Best Resort Restaurant - Deseo, Westin Kierland Resort & Spa

Best Seafood - Bluewater Grill

Best Slice - Venezia's Pizzeria

Best Spa Cuisine - Waldorf Astoria Spa Cafe, The Boulders

Best Steakhouse - The Capital Grille

Best Sunday Brunch - The Mission

Best Sushi - Blue Wasabi Sushi & Martini Bar

Best Tea Spot - The Ritz-Carlton, Phoenix

Best Teppanyaki - Sapporo

Best Valley Food Truck - Super Farm Super Truck

Best View - The Hyatt, Downtown Phoenix- Compass Arizona Grill

Favorite Local Food Blog or Website - Phoenix Bites

Most Amazing Restaurant Interior - Searsucker

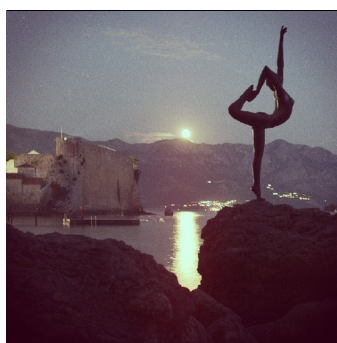
Old Favorite - Geordie's Restaurant & Lounge

Spiciest Dining - Tadoori Times

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Health & Self

Best Alternative Exercise Option & Personal Training - Karve Studio

Best Alternative Spa Treatment - DreamBody Medical Centers

Best Barre Studio - Karve Studio

Best Beauty School - Studio Academy of Beauty

Best Board-Certified Plastic Surgeon: Male - Dr. Joseph C. Berardi

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Best Board-Certified Plastic Surgeon: Female - Dr. Patti Flint

Best Bootcamp - Jeremy Scott Fitness

Best Cosmetic Dentist - Brian Harris

Best Cross-fit/Interval - Zone Athletic Performance

Best Day Spa or Nail Salon - Luxe Salon & Spa

Best Dentist or Dental Team - Dr. Allen Peyghambarian

Best Dermatologist - Dr. Lee Laris, Phoenix Skin Dermatology

Best Facial - Luxe Salon & Spa

Best Family Doctor - TIE between Dr. Dawn Cohen & Dr. Susan Wilder

Best Fertility Doctor - Dr John Couvaras MD, FACOG

Best Gym - Results Only

Best Hair Extensions - AZ Strands

Best Hair Stylist - Jodi Salvatore, Sachi Salon and Spa

Best Hospice - Hospice of the Valley

Best Hospital Group - Cancer Treatment Centers of America

Best Hot Yoga - LifePower at Pima Crossing

Best Hotel Gym - VHSpa - Valley Ho

Best Mani/Pedi - Agave, The Westin Kierland Resort and Spa

Best Massage - Agave, The Westin Kierland Resort and Spa

Best New Gym/Fitness Studio (Opened Within the Last Year) - The Exercise Coach

Best OBG/YN - Dr. Tara Brodtkin

Best Orthodontist - Dr. Ben Larrabee

Best Pediatric Dentist Office - Desert Ridge Pediatric Dentistry

Best Pilates Studio - IM=X Pilates

Best Pilates Instructor - Lisa Bettini Moro the Pilates Body

Best Place to Purchase Workout Gear - Lucy

Best Place to Take Spin Class - Core Balance

Best Psychiatrist in Scottsdale/Paradise Valley - Dr. Michael Yasinski, MD

Best Resort Spa - Agave, The Westin Kierland Resort and Spa

Best Retirement/ Senior Living Community - CantaMia at Estrella

Best Salon - Zolton's Salon and Day Spa

Best Spa Boutique - VHSpa - Valley Ho

Best Spray Tan - Designer Shades

Best Trainer - Lucas James

Best Urgent Care - NextCare Urgent Care

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Best Waxing - Rio Wax Salon

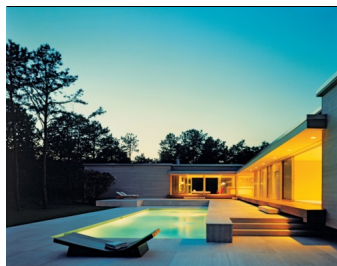
Best Yoga Studio - One Love Yoga

Best Yoga Teacher - Matt Hodges

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Home & Design

Best Appliance Store - Spencers TV & Appliance

Best Architect - Erik Peterson, PHX Architecture

Best Condo Development - Chateau on Central

Best Custom Cabinets - Distinctive Custom Cabinetry

Best Design Firm/Designer - Palm Design Group

Best Design Firm/Store - La Maison Interiors

Best Flooring Company - Imperial Wholesale

Best Furniture/Home Store –National - TIE between Pottery Barn & West Elm

Best Furniture/Home Store-Local - Parnian Contemporary Modern Furniture

Best Home Accessory Store - Arizona Blinds

Best Home Theatre - Lanza Home Theater and Security

Best Homebuilding Company - Rosewood Homes

Best Interior Designer - Sesshu Design Associates

Best Landscaping - Berghoff Design Group

Best Luxury Custom Homebuilder - Fratantoni Luxury Estates

Best Luxury Management Company - Alliance Residential

Best Luxury Rentals - Mark-Taylor San Marquis

Best Master-Planned Community/Development - Mirabel

Best Pool Company - Mossman Brothers Pools, Inc.

Best Rug Company - Arizona Rug Company

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Kids

Best Academic Tutoring Service - Pimentel Academic Services

Best Birthday Party Spots - Great Play Children's Gym

Best Children's Hospital - Phoenix Children's Hospital

Best Day Summer Camp - LDVinci Art Studio

Best Kid-Friendly Hotel - Westin Kierland Resort and Spa

Best Kids Clothing Store - Carter's

Best Kid's Entertainment Indoors - LDVinci Art Studio

Best Kid's Entertainment Outdoors - Superstition Farms

Best Kid's Restaurant - Barro's Pizza

Best Master-Plan Community for Children in the Valley - Estrella by Newland Communities

Best Nanny Agency - Caring Nannies

Best Overnight Summer Camp - Camp Sky Y

Best Pediatrician in Scottsdale - Dr. Arturo Gonzalez

Best Place for Kids Haircuts - Comb-A-Cabana

Best Places to Dine With Kids Without Crayons - Pita Jungle

Best Private High School - Xavier College Preparatory

Best Private or Charter School - Chandler Preparatory Academy

Best Toy Store - The Doll House & Toy Store

Best Water Park - Big Surf Water Park

Most Entertaining Dinner Spot for Kids - Rustler's Rooste

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Media

Best Anchor- Weekends - Stephanie Hockridge, ABC 15

Best Country Radio Station - 107.9 KMLE

Best Local News Web site - abc15.com

Best Local Radio Talk Show or DJ- Afternoon Drive - Robin Nash, 103.9 KEXX

Best Local Radio Talk Show or DJ- Evening - Nina Cruz

Best Local Radio Talk Show or DJ- Midday - Jackie Morales

Best Local Radio Talk Show or DJ- Morning Drive - Tim & Willy, 94.1 KRDE

Best News Station - FOX 10

Best Radio Station - 97.9 KUPD

Best Rock Radio Station - 93.3 KDKB

Best Talk News Radio Station - 92.3 KTAR

Best Today's Hits - 101.5 KZON

Best Traffic Personality - Brandon Hamilton, ABC 15

Best Variety Station - 99.9 KEZ

Favorite Afternoon or Evening Show - FOX 10 News at 5, FOX 10

Favorite Anchor Team - Sean McLaughlin & Catherine Anaya, CBS 5

Favorite Local Blog or Web site - dealsinaz.com

Favorite Local Daytime Show - FOX 10 News at Noon, FOX 10

Favorite Local Morning Show - FOX 10 Arizona Morning, FOX 10

Favorite Meteorologist or Weather Personality - Kristy Siefkin, FOX 10

Favorite Nightly Newscast - CBS5 News at 10, CBS 5

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Favorite Sportscaster - Craig Fouhy, ABC 15

Favorite TV Personality- Afternoon or Evening News- Female - Catherine Anaya, CBS 5

Favorite TV Personality- Afternoon or Evening News- Male - Craig Fouhy, ABC 15

Favorite TV Personality- Morning or Daytime- Female - Kaley O'Kelley, 3 TV

Favorite TV Personality- Morning or Daytime- Male - Scott Pasmore, 3 TV

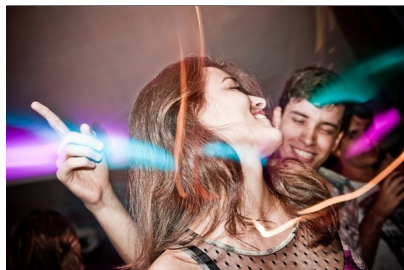
Most Fashionable News Anchor - Kristen Keogh, FOX 10

News Anchor of the Year - Catherine Anaya, CBS 5

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Nightlife & Cocktails

Best Arizona Brewery - Papago Brewing

Best Arizona Winery - Page Spring Cellars

Best Bar to Feed Your Inner Child - Lucky Strike

Best Bartender (Female) - Cassie Stenholt, Maya Day + Nightclub

Best Bartender (Male) - Matt Rasner, Maya Day + Nightclub

Best Black Out Drink - Hefe's Blackout Marg, El Hefe

Best Bloody Mary - Il Terrazzo

Best Blues/ Jazz Bar - The Rhythm Room

Best Cocktails - The House Brasserie

Best Comedy Club - Tempe Improv

Best Cougar Bar - The Mint

Best Country Music Bar - Dierks Bently's Whiskey Row

Best Craft Beer Bar - Taste of Tops

Best Dance Floor - Smashboxx

Best Dance Music Scene - Smashboxx

Best Day Drinking Spot - El Hefe

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Best Dive Bar - Patty's (Old Town Scottsdale)

Best Gay Bar - Kobalt

Best Happy Hour - The House at Secret Garden

Best Hipster Bar - The Handlebar (Tempe)

Best Karaoke Night - Bridgett's Last Laugh

Best Late Night Munchies - AZ88

Best Local DJ - DJ Elite

Best Lounge - Living Room at W Scottsdale

Best Margarita - SOL Cocina

Best Nightlife Photographer - Elite Photo Phx

Best Party Bar - American Junkie

Best Place to Discover New Music - Crescent Ballroom

Best Place to Spend a 21st Birthday - Smashboxx

Best Places to Buy Booze - Papago Brewery (to go beer selection)

Best Pool Party - The Hotel Valley Ho

Best Pub - British Open Pub

Best Saloon - Dirty Dogg Saloon

Best Trivia Night - Skypical Chemist

Best Wine Bar - The House at Secret Garden

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People

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Best Abs - DJ Jen Jones, Maya Day and Nightclub

Best Female PR - Shelby Tuttle, ANDERSON Advertising

Best Instagram Feed - Janelle Paige @janelleeeepaige

Best Male PR - Grant Crone, MMPR Marketing

Best Matchmakers in the Valley - Roseann Higgins, SPIES Single Professional Introductions for the Especially Selective, LLC

Best Pinterest Board - Guy Downes, DeepSpaceMKTG

Best Tweeter: Female - Tammy McLeod @T_McLeod

Best Tweeter: Male - Stephen Fairley @stephenfairley

Favorite Couple in the Valley - Aric & Dugue Zion

Favorite Suns Dancer - Madison Murray

King of Media - Ted Anderson, Anderson Advertising & PR

Marketing Guru - Ted Anderson, Anderson Advertising & PR

Most Eligible Female over 25 - Cynthia Sassi, Sassi Media

Most Eligible Male over 25 - Robert Carlson III, owner of Carlson Creek Vineyard

Most Fashionable in the Valley Over 30- Men - Richard York, Director of Sales at SIERRA RESERVE

Most Fashionable in the Valley Over 30- Women - Alison Johnson, Owner/President at Sparkling Events by Alison Johnson

Most Fashionable in the Valley Under 30- Men - Gabriele Bertaccini, iL Tocco Food

Most Fashionable in the Valley Under 30- Women - Kinsey Schofield, TV Commentator/Social Media Strategist

Most Influential in Valley Education: College - Michael Crow, President of Arizona State University

Most Influential in Valley Education: High School - Sister Joan Fitzgerald, Xavier College Preparatory

Most Influential in Valley Food - Matt Carter, Chef and Proprietor of Zinc Bistro and Mission

Most Influential in Valley Nonprofit - Brandi Hunt, American Cancer Society and numerous Philanthropies

Most Influential in Valley Politics - Sheriff Joe Arpaio

Most Influential Man in the Valley - Jerry Colangelo, Businessman and Sports Mogul

Most Influential Woman in the Valley - Ginger Clayton, Owner of Elontec

Old Faithfuls in Food - Eddie Matney, Eddie's House

Top Celebrity Twitter - Johnjay Van Es @JohnjayVanEs

Top Chef - Matt Carter, Zinc Bistro and The Mission

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Shopping

Best Antique, Vintage or Secondhand Store - A Second Look

Best Athletic Gear - Lululemon

Best Boutique- Local - Fascinations

Best Boutique- National or International - Louis Vuitton

Best Cosmetics and Skincare - Citrine Natural Beauty Bar

Best Deal Web Site - Groupon.com

Best Denim - Scottsdale Jean Company

Best Department Store - Barneys New York

Best Discount Store - Nordstrom Rack

Best Fragrance Selection - Barneys New York

Best Gift Shop - Do Me a Favor

Best Glasses - Optique at the Ridge

Best Handbags and Accessories - Barneys New York

Best Local Fashion Designer - Angela Johnson, Angela Johnson Designs

Best Local Jeweler - Hamra Jewelers

Best Local Jewelry Designer - Randy Coffin, Coffin and Trout

Best Local Jewelry Designer Female - Lisa Garber

Best Local Jewelry Designer Male - Randy Coffin, Coffin and Trout Fine Jewelry

Best Local Watch Selection - Hamra Jewelers

Best National Jeweler - Kendra Scott

Best Outlets or Discount Shopping Center - The Outlets at Anthem

Best Personal Shopper - Shannon Campbell

Best Pet Shop - Oh My Dog! Boutique + Spa

Best Place to Hoard Fashion & Accessories for Cheap - Fascinations

Best Place to Purchase Sunglasses - Barneys New York

Best Shoe Shopping - Barneys New York

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Best Shopping Center- Indoors - Scottsdale Fashion Square

Best Shopping Center- Outdoors - Desert Ridge Marketplace

Best Swimwear Shopping - Beach Bunny Swimwear

Best Technology & Gadgets - Microsoft Store

Best Web Clothing Shopping - Barneys.com

Best Year-Round Resortwear - Tommy Bahama

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Sports

Best 19th Hole - Mirabel

Best AZ Cheerleaders or Dance Team - Arizona Diamondbacks Rallybacks

Best Clubhouse Spa - Encanterra

Best Custom Golf Clubs - Cool Clubs

Best Golf Clothing & Shopping - PGA Tour Superstore

Best Golf Community - Mirabel

Best Golf Instructor - Jason Reddington, Head Golf Professionals at Mirabel

Best Private Club - Mirabel

Best Pro Shop - Mirabel

Best Pro Sports Team - Arizona Rattlers

Best Public Course - Quintero Golf Club

Best Sporting Event - Waste Management Open (Phoenix Open)

Best Sporting Goods Store - Sport Chalet

Best Sports Manager - Diamondbacks

Best Sports Venue - Chase Field

Best Spring Training Field - Salt River Fields at Talking Stick

Favorite Arizona Cardinals Player - Calais Campbell

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Favorite Arizona Coach - Kevin Guy-Rattlers

Favorite Arizona Diamondbacks Player - Paul Goldschmidt

Favorite Arizona Rattlers Player - Marcus Pittman

Favorite Female Arizona College Athlete - Macey Gardner- ASU Volleyball

Favorite Female Golfer - Cristie Kerr

Favorite Male Arizona College Athlete - Brandon Magee-ASU Football

Favorite Male Golfer - Phil Mickelson

Favorite Phoenix Coyotes Player - Keith Yandle

Favorite Phoenix Mercury Player - Penny Taylor

Favorite Phoenix Suns Player - Channing Frye

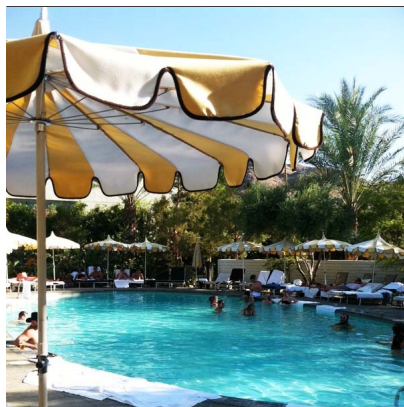
Most Challenging Course - The Gold Course at Wigwam Golf Club & Spa

Most Philanthropic Athlete - Kurt Warner, First Things First

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Stay & Play

Best Casino - Talking Stick Resort and Casino

Best Dog Boarding Facility - Sonoran Desert Pet Resort

Best Downtown Phoenix Hotel - Hyatt Regency Phoenix

Best Lobby Bar - The Ritz-Carlton, Phoenix

Best Movie Theatre - Harkins

Best Movie Theatre: Dine In - iPic

Best Party Resort Pool - Hotel Valley Ho

Best Relaxing Resort Pool - Sanctuary Camelback Mountain Resort and Spa

Best Resort - Westin Kierland Resort and Spa

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Best Resort Pool Activity - Kierland FlowRider at The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa

Most Luxe Accommodations - The Ritz-Carlton, Phoenix

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Transportation

Best Airlines - Southwest

Best Car Wash - Tom's Thumb Fresh Market

Best Dealer Service- Audi - Audi North Scottsdale

Best Dealer Service- BMW - Chapman BMW Camelback

Best Dealer Service- Cadillac - Lund Cadillac

Best Dealer Service- Infiniti - Infiniti of Scottsdale

Best Dealer Service- Lexus - Arrowhead Lexus

Best Dealer Service- Mercedes-Benz - Scottsdale Schumacher Mercedes-Benz

Best Limo & Sweet Rides - Scottsdale Car Service

Best Place to purchase a Bike - Tribe Multisport

Best Taxi Service Company - Clean Air Cab

Best Valet - American Valet

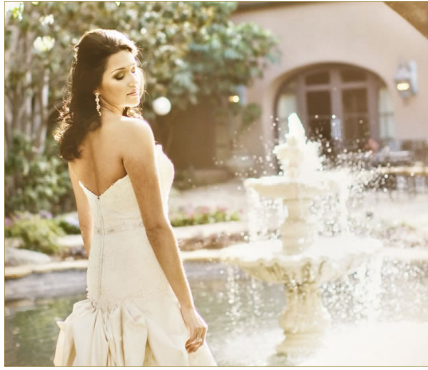
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Weddings

Best Engagement Ring Store - Hamra Jewelers

Best Photographer- Weddings - Elite Photo Phx

Best Wedding Catering Company - Santa Barbara Catering Company

Best Wedding Dress Shop - Mariee

Best Wedding Florist - White House Design Studio

Best Wedding Hair & Makeup - Allison Pynn, The Makeup AZ

Best Wedding Planners - Celebrations by Amy Bacon

Best Wedding Venue - The Farm at South Mountain

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