And the All Star Awards go to ...  

Earlier this year, our readers went to the the polls at arlingtontoday.com to cast votes for their favorites in more than 160 categories. Here are the selections, your 2019 Arlington Area All Stars. (key: W-winner; HM-Honorable mention)

### Eats/Drinks/Merriment

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An All Star for the second year in a row, Dr. Jason Butler of Arlington Pain & Therapy has been practicing Pain Management in the Dallas-Fort Worth area since 2010.

Dr. Butler had specialty training in Sports Medicine and Pain Medicine. After training, he built and tailored a practice primarily focused on Musculoskeletal conditions related to injury and pain, whether that be from sports injuries, work injuries, personal injuries (e.g., car accidents), to chronic pain conditions, as well, treating many areas of the body from head to toe.

In addition to his vast experience and expertise, Dr. Butler brings a heart for people to his practice.

“I aim to treat all patients as if they were truly close friends or family – explaining tests, images and the diagnoses in a way that the patient can understand,” he says. “My goal is always to make that patient better, in whatever capacity that I can. We strive to be as conservative as possible, and progress into more interventional treatments only as needed. While we do provide medical management of pain, in conjunction with physical therapy and interventional treatment, we strive to keep dosing as low as medically necessary and always work towards reducing our patients’ need for opioids.”

Arlington Pain & Therapy offers a wide range of services and treatment options, including physical therapy and interventional pain treatments – injections for soft tissue pain and injuries, small to large joint injections, knee viscosupplement injections (gels), spinal epidural steroid injections, spinal facet/joint injections, nerve ablations, spinal cord stimulator implants and pain pump implants with micro-dosing protocols.

Dr. Butler says his and his team’s bond with those they treat are what distinguishes the practice. “Our patients are our ‘family,’” he says. “We know that all patients coming to see us are in pain, and most really don’t want to have to see us. So, in turn, we strive to create a very comfortable environment for patients, where they can ask all the questions they want and be educated on any or all relevant conditions that we treat. We aim to avoid doing anything on the patient that they are not completely comfortable with – and only schedule procedures after our patients have been fully educated and informed. I will give recommendations and guidance, but the patients are always involved in the decision making regarding their treatment – I will never force anyone to undergo any procedure they are not comfortable with, or tell them that they have to do something.”
Dr. Mark Bishara

Winner: Cosmetic Surgery

Dr. Mark Bishara, founder of The Paragon Plastic Surgery Center & Med Spa, has become a fixture in our All Star issue. This is the sixth time he has been chosen as a favorite by our readers.

Ever the innovative vanguards, Dr. Mark Bishara and his staff offer a wide range of procedures for patients hoping to improve the way they look and feel. To achieve state-of-the-art results for patients from around the world Dr. Bishara and the Paragon team stay on top of the latest medical technology to produce results patients love.

For example: Dr. Bishara and the staff use new lasers and cutting-edge gel implants for breast augmentation. Whether patients come to him for enhancement or corrective cosmetic surgery, Dr. Bishara delivers results that help patients take pride in how they look and feel after undergoing the various treatments and procedures.

“We know that every woman is unique in both her desires and her body shape,” he says. “With that in mind, we take the time during the pre-operative consultations to learn what each patient hopes to gain from breast augmentation surgery and to decide which implant type and implant placement is best. Every one of our patients enjoys completely customized treatment.”

Last year, The Paragon Plastic Surgery & Med-Spa celebrated the fifth anniversary of the Mansfield facility, a beautiful, 8,200-square-foot facility located on two-and-a-half acres. It has four operating rooms, multi-bay recovery, two private preoperative rooms, three injection rooms and three spa treatment rooms.

There Bishara, an M.D. who has practiced cosmetic surgery in North Texas since 2009, heads a group of surgeons, nurses, nurse anesthetists, aestheticians, surgical assistants and a support staff.

The Paragon team offers a wide variety of cosmetic and corrective services for both women and men, including: breast augmentation; tummy tucks; liposuction; face, neck and eyelid lifts; rhinoplasty; robot hair restoration, Botox and fillers.

An integral part of the Paragon team is the ensemble of three robots – “junior partners,” Dr. Bishara calls them – that are utilized whenever patients seek his services for the revolutionary ARTAS hair restoration process. Dr. Bishara is one of fewer than 220 Diplomats of the American Board of Hair Restoration Surgeons worldwide and was the first doctor in Texas to acquire the ARTAS system. With eight years of robotic experience, he has performed more procedures with them than anyone in the world – more than 1.2 million grafts transplanted.

The Paragon Plastic Surgery Center & Med Spa
1101 Matlock Road, Mansfield • 817-952-6226 • markbisharamd.com
Ravi Doctor
DDS, DABOI/ID, DICOI

Winner: Cosmetic Dentist

First-time All Star Ravi Doctor, DDS, DABOI/ID, DICOI, has proudly served Arlington and the surrounding communities for the past 32 years. “From the very beginning, we have provided high-quality dentistry that has evolved with technology and technique to provide the most advanced and successful techniques while utilizing the leading edge of dental technology,” says Dr. Doctor.

While many dentists often do what they’ve always done, Dr. Ravi Doctor and his highly skilled team are committed to taking dentistry to the next level. By learning new techniques and staying at the forefront of modern dentistry, Dr. Doctor provides patients of all ages with what he calls “dentistry evolved.”

At his family, cosmetic and implant dentistry practice, Dr. Doctor offers a range of services, from oral cancer screenings and root canals to state-of-the-art restorative and cosmetic dentistry. Whatever the reason for their visit, patients receive world-class care in a sophisticated, comfortable environment.

For more than three decades, Dr. Doctor has been providing top-tier dental services and a spectrum of innovative care for the whole family. A world-renowned leader in the dentistry field, Dr. Doctor is an Accredited Diplomate with the International Congress of Oral Implantologists and serves as an implant instructor for the California Implant Institute, the Implant Know-How Course and Dental XP Live Surgical Courses.

Dr. Doctor finds joy in expertly combining art and science to transform smiles and improve lives. He’s proud to offer cutting-edge technology such as in-office CAT scans and surgical microscopes to provide the best possible care and treatment. “Only one percent of the nation’s dentists have CAT scans,” he says. “This is an incredible diagnostic technology that allows us to diagnose a variety of things, from bone loss to cancer.”

As for his professional philosophy, Dr. Doctor says “the ‘Golden Rule has always been the foundation of success within our practice. We treat our patients as we would want to be treated.”

He notes that the best part of his practice is its ability to do the most basic of procedures, such as cleanings, all the way to complex full smile makeovers involving sinus lifts, tissue/bone grafting, implant placement and other reconstructive procedures without ever having to leave the office or be referred to another dentist. “Our incredible, highly trained staff stand beside me in teaching other surgeons from around the world how to master their craft,” he says. “I am the only Board Certified Dental Implantologist within Arlington and Southlake.”
El Gabacho Tex-Mex Grill

Winner: Tex-Mex

El Gabacho Tex-Mex Grill offers exquisite cuisine, a notion not lost on our patron/readers, who have voted the restaurant to the All Star team for the second straight year.

Whether guests dine inside or on the popular patio (or at home or at a business lunch or dinner, for that matter, because El Gabacho offers take-out service and caters), they enjoy a wide array of delicious Tex-Mex options.

The restaurant also is known throughout the Metroplex for its beverage menu, including a vast selection of tasty wines.

Then there’s the eclectic decor, marked by an array of John Wayne memorabilia scattered throughout the eatery.

General Manager David Govea believes there’s always a good time in store when guests pay a visit: “Our personalized service, fresh food and friendly staff help set us apart as special.”

El Gabacho Tex-Mex Grill
2408 W. Abram St. • 817-276-8160
facebook.com/elgabachotexmex

Dino’s Subs

Winner: Deli/Sandwich Shop

For the fourth year in a row, local fans of the sub sandwich have made Dino’s Subs their choice for favorite Deli/Sandwich Shop. Dino’s has been an Arlington institution and the “go to” place for sandwiches since 1980, when the late Larry Dino first opened the restaurant’s doors.

Since then, his daughter Jade has stepped into the lead role at the eatery, and it has continued to make sandwiches so fresh and delicious that they prompted one customer to offer this Yelp review: “Don’t come here. You’re just going to make the line out the door that much longer. I’ll still be in that line most days because this is the best sandwich shop I’ve ever been to.”

A Facebook friend added this: “Dino’s is just like home! I love them and travel in from Tyler just to pick up sandwiches.”

Jade says she is proud to carry on an Arlington tradition. “My dad said there’s one key to success in the restaurant business: ‘never, ever, go down on quality,” she says.

That, obviously, is never an issue at Dino’s Subs.

Dino’s Subs
2221 S. Collins St. • 817-274-1140
facebook.com/Dinos-Subs-Arlington-Texas-156565434379141/

J. Gilligan’s Bar & Grill

Winner: Sports Bar

For the past four decades, J. Gilligan’s Bar & Grill has been one of Arlington’s “go to” places for culinary and social pleasures. In fact, it’s so popular that our readers tabbed it as an All Star for the fourth consecutive year.

For each of the past two, it has been selected as the winner in the Sports Bar category – and with just cause. There’s always a game or several on the televisions scattered inside and out on the patio, where dining and cheering for your favorite team aren’t optional; they’re virtually required.

That noted, the fabled restaurant is much more than just a sports bar. It’s also a great venue for a casual lunch or dinner date, as well as party headquarters for gatherings that include reunions, birthdays, charity functions, political events, holiday parties, youth sports clubs, wedding events, business lunches and meetings and ... well, you can and probably will meet at J. Gilligan’s for pretty much anything.

When you go there to watch a game, just remember to give a cheer to the folks hosting you. They would love that.

J. Gilligan’s Bar & Grill
400 E. Abram St. • 817-274-8561
jgilligans.com

MaryLou’s Coffee and Sandwich Shoppe

Honorable Mention: Deli/Sandwich Shop

MaryLou’s Coffee and Sandwich Shoppe, a newcomer to our readers’ choice All Star team, is located in the heart of Downtown Historic Mansfield on Broad Street between Walnut Creek and Main Street.

The restaurant and coffee shop operates out of the J.H. Harrison historic home built in 1915. MaryLou’s offers a unique experience and ambiance not found in new construction buildings.

Guests can enjoy the comfort of the indoor seating spaces or sit outside on the shaded, wrap-around porch and take in the peaceful atmosphere while having lunch or a cup of coffee. MaryLou’s uses the freshest ingredients to prepare your meal. Whole grain bread is delivered fresh, and deli meats are sliced on location to ensure the freshest flavors.

MaryLou’s Coffee and Sandwich Shoppe
404 E. Broad Street • 817-473-1989
marylous.net
Prince Lebanese Grill
Winner: International Cuisine

Prince Lebanese Grill, owned and operated by Francis, Amira, Aziz and Elizabeth Kobty, earned its second All Star nod this year. That noted, the popular eatery has been earning – and maintaining – business from hungry Texans since 1989, offering delicious authentic Lebanese food and a family atmosphere that customers love.

Francis started the restaurant, and Aziz became the manager after graduating from college. The father/son team is devoted to both the quality of the dining experience and to the customers who get to experience it.

“Our vision at Prince is top-quality food, reasonable prices and a family environment,” Aziz says. “Prince Lebanese Grill’s philosophy is to take care of others. From the customers to the staff we strive to treat everyone like family. We try to bring this passion into everything that we do here, and I think people can taste it in the food.”

Prince Lebanese Grill
502 W. Randol Mill • 817-469-1811
princelebanesegrill.com

Mercury Chophouse
Winner: Steakhouse

Less than two years since it opened, Mercury Chophouse has earned its second All Star nod from our readers. The upscale restaurant has evolved into one of the area’s “go to” dining destinations for outstanding food and service – and, from its perch on the ninth floor, the best view of Arlington found anywhere.

The Chophouse has gained a reputation around town as the place to meet for a business lunch or a dinner to celebrate a special occasion. However, their newly released small plate selection has drawn in the happy hour crowd as well, making them an obvious choice for a second year All Star Award.

The restaurant is, in a word, superb, with its vast menu of delicious cuts of meat and its beautiful decor marked by wood accents, chandeliers, an entertainment lounge, a bar and a piano bar.

Mercury Chophouse
2221 E. Lamar Blvd., Suite 910 • 817-381-1157
MercuryChophouse.com

Urban Alchemy Coffee + Wine Bar
Winner: Wine Bar

When Tony Rutigliano first suggested the notion of creating Urban Alchemy Coffee + Wine bar to his wife Nicole a few years back, she cautiously endorsed his dream. Now that the upstart downtown business has been named an All Star by our readers, Nicole can breathe a little easier.

Urban Alchemy is now one of Arlington’s favorite hangouts. With plenty of soft-seating, a patio, chef-driven fare and spaces for special events and live music – oh, yeah, and great wine and coffee – the eclectic gathering place is everything Tony dreamed of and more. Under the Urban Alchemy brand, Rutigliano offers his own line of coffees in partnership with Metro Coffee Grouppe, a Grand Prairie roaster. Rutigliano partnered with a consultant to develop the wine list. To help patrons enjoy both beverages (and food items, to boot), he created a setting that is comfortably unique. And to continue a bond with his Arlington community that he established in his previous job as president and CEO of Downtown Arlington Management Corporation, he supports all manner of local non-profits through an annual giving program.

The bottom line: Tony’s dream has, indeed, come true.

Urban Alchemy Coffee + Wine Bar
403 E. Main St. • 817-617-2054
urbanalchemy.bar

Candlelite Inn
Honorable Mention: Steakhouse

An All Star in back-to-back years, Candlelight Inn has a storied history. It began in 1957 and was resurrected in 2014 in the original location on Division Street.

In the re-boot, the booths were redone along with the dimmed lighting, the red and white checkered tablecloths, candles (now led), the juke boxes, and the same menu that appeared in the early days. There are many great improvements in the restrooms, kitchen, and entry way. There is now a bar, a banquet room, and a private dining room that can be reserved for special occasions.

Oh, yeah ... There’s also some great food like “back in the day.”

Candlelite Inn
1202 E. Division St. • 817-275-9613
candleliteinnarlington.com
El Arroyo
Winner: Restaurant Patio

El Arroyo has spent the past decade and a half providing tasty cuisine to hungry Arlington-area patrons — and the past four years celebrating the fact that a large share of the restaurant’s happy guests have teamed to vote El Arroyo to our All Star team.

The eatery — and, obviously, the eatery’s patio — is an ideal locale for spending time with friends and enjoying unique, delicious Mexican cuisine.

From the Classic Enchilada Dinner to the steaming hot fajita meals, El Arroyo has perfected Tex-Mex.

Plus, as our readers have noted, it has a superb patio where customers can beat the hot Texas summers in the “cool zone,” complete with misting fans.

Diners and party-goers can enjoy live music from March through October on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights and on Sunday afternoons.

El Arroyo
5024 S. Cooper St. • 817-468-2557
elarroyoarlington.com

David’s Barbecue
Winner: BBQ

For the past four years, David’s Barbecue has found its way into the hearts — and, certainly, tummies — of our reader voters, who tabbed the popular eatery as a favorite once more.

And why not?

David’s offers a range of tasty barbecue items, each sliced or chopped as you place your order.

David’s Barbecue opened in Pantego in 1988 as a fourth-generation, family owned restaurant. Elias Bryan started the first barbecue restaurant in Oak Cliff in 1910. Today, David’s Barbecue continues to draw critical acclaim.

For instance, this yelp.com review: “This place is one of my favorite barbecue spots! You can immediately tell the food is fresh and delicious (especially the ribs) just by looking at it. Not just that, but this place has great service and food served by some genuine, hardworking people.”

If you’re still not convinced, just take one more look at the photograph above. Yeah, that ought to do it.

David’s Barbecue
2224 W. Park Row Drive, Suite H • 817-261-9998
facebook.com/pages/Davids-Barbecue/115719185124026

Mac’s Bar & Grill
Winner: Happy Hour

For the past 32 years, Mac’s Bar & Grill founder Mike McMahan and his team have provided great experiences for Arlington area diners. This year, that dedication has been honored with the popular restaurant being voted to the Readers’ Choice All Star team.

“We’re passionate about each aspect of Mac’s,” McMahan says. “In an easy atmosphere where the food is excellent and the service is warm, our guests find a lively reprieve and are eager to come back. Mac’s will accommodate your every need, whether it is a quick lunch, a casual dinner, special occasion or a gathering with old friends.”

As a locally owned, one-of-a-kind restaurant, Mac’s has also been a consistent community partner, participating in charitable events and working with local suppliers. This month, that community is repaying the commitment with an All Star award.

Mac’s Bar & Grill
6077 W. Interstate 20 • 817-572-0541
macsteak.com

Piccolo Mondo
Winner: Italian Cuisine

As local culinary dynasties go, it would be difficult to find a restaurant that meets its customers’ expectations as well as Piccolo Mondo does. To wit: This is our sixth annual All Star issue, and each one has featured Piccolo Mondo in the winners’ circle.

It’s safe to say that owner Antonio Capaccioli knows Italian cuisine — and how to present it to customers not just in the right way, but in the virtually perfect way.

Capaccioli says the popular eatery is simply what he would look for in a fine dining experience — if he were to venture to the homeland.

“We’re more traditional in style,” he says. “I traveled a lot when I was younger, and when I found something I liked to eat, I took note. When we opened the restaurant here, we offered things I liked to eat myself.”

While that would probably be enough, he and his team also offer alluring ambiance, a popular piano bar and a banquet room that is perfect for big groups. In two words, Piccolo Mondo is molto bene!

Piccolo Mondo
829 E. Lamar Blvd. • 817-265-9174
piccolomondo.com
All Star Spotlight: Home Life

Sugar Bee Sweets Bakery
Winner: Bakery
For the fourth year in a row, our sweet-toothed readers have tabbed Sugar Bee Sweets as their favorite place to go to satisfy their yearning for delectable baked goods.
Sugar Bee Sweets specializes in wedding cakes, custom cake creations and sweets of all kinds, including cupcakes, French macarons, pies, cake balls and cookies in all shapes and flavors. (This is where you lick your lips.)
The bakery opened in 2010, and since then it has won more than two dozen awards, and its sweet desserts have been featured in magazines and on television programs, including the popular series “Cake Hunters.”
“We plan to continue learning from our clients, listening to their feedback and continuing to improve as much as possible so that we can grow and serve more of the Arlington community,” owner Heidi Allison says. Our readers are, no doubt, glad to hear that.
Sugar Bee Sweets Bakery
201 N. East St. • 817-903-8661
sugarbeesweets.com

Texas Insurance Agency
Winner: Home/Auto Insurance
As evidenced by its fourth straight All Star selection, Texas Insurance Agency is known throughout the region for providing quality homeowners, auto, life and commercial insurance.
Owner John Parker started the company in 2001, and it has grown steadily year after year. Texas Insurance Agency represents some of the best-known carriers, including Allstate, Hartford, Nationwide, Progressive, Safeco and Travelers.
Parker says his company operates on a simple principle: providing great service and doing what is best for the client. “These principles have been emphasized from day one and continue to be our focus on a daily basis,” he says. “We truly care about our clients and about their businesses. They see this and really come to trust our services.”
Texas Insurance Agency
500 E. Broad St., Mansfield • 817-226-9988
texasins.net

Al Clark
Winner: Insurance Agent
Al Clark is making his third appearance on our Readers’ Choice All Star team – and with just cause: The local agent has been helping Arlington area customers with their insurance needs for four decades.
The Al Clark State Farm Agency was established on September 1, 1979. “As a new resident to Texas, I started from scratch with one part-time employee to help me build my agency,” Clark says. “Forty years later of consistently providing insurance and financial services to the people in the DFW area, the Al Clark Agency has been recognized by State Farm and the Arlington community with numerous awards and recognition for our outstanding service to our customers and to the community.”
The accolades include the following: Arlington Small Business Leader of the Year; 19 times the leading State Farm producing agency in the United States out of 19,000 agencies; Texas Congress of Teachers and Parents recognition; financially supporting Boys and Girls Club, Salvation Army, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, The Arlington Rotary Foundation scholarship program and The Levitt Music Pavilion.
“Having always considered education as a major emphasis of support, I have been honored to financially provide backing for many educational venues, including UTA, Tarrant County College, Baylor University, the University of Minnesota, Bemidji State University, along with local elementary, junior high and high schools in Arlington,” Clark says. “Most people probably do not know that I was a teacher, coach, advisor, and administrator in public education for 15 years in Minnesota.”
He says that throughout the past 40 years he has been blessed with excellent employees who have helped provide professional service and advice to their clients. “What I think makes our company special,” he says, “is that we truly believe, live and demonstrate our professional values of helping people every day in every way we can through both our business practices and our involvement in the community.”

Texas Insurance Agency
2452 W. Interstate 20 • 817-330-8061
alclark.net

Sugar Bee Sweets Bakery
Winner: Bakery

Texas Insurance Agency
Winner: Home/Auto Insurance

Al Clark
Winner: Insurance Agent
Viridian

Winner: New Home Development

Viridian is not only a picturesque, master-planned community that features a vast array of amenities for its residents – it’s a back-to-back All Star winner as our readers’ favorite new home development in the Arlington area.

Teeming with wildlife, Viridian boasts a 2,000-acre master plan that includes five major lakes, 500 acres of open space and an additional 500 acres of lakes, rivers, streams and wetlands. Homes there are just steps away from a thriving town square with retail, business and medical offices, as well as an assortment of amenities for active lifestyles.

With miles of nature trails connecting to the River Legacy Park and the Living Science Center, Viridian is unlike anywhere else in the Metroplex. To wit ...

“Viridian was the first Audobon International Gold Signature Standard community in Texas,” says Robert Kembel, general manager at Viridian, a project of the Johnson Development Group.

The natural habitat – and all its inhabitants – help make Viridian an open door to fun and relaxation for the entire family. From agriculture programs that provide farm-fresh produce to purchase to excursions to dig for dinosaur “bones” at Fossil Park, there is always something to do – and new amenities are routinely added.

For example, the Viridian Lake Club is an exciting, 6-acre peninsula overlooking Lake Viridian, making it one of the focal points of fun in the community. It features five pools, a pavilion, and a small amphitheater. Some 850 acres of open space and lakes and a 150-acre wooded area to explore make interacting with neighbors and nature the norm. Other features include catch-and-release fishing, sailing, bird watching, meeting neighbors for bridge or poker, canoeing on Lake Viridian, letting Rover romp at Arrowhead Park, enjoying a girls’ night out at the Women’s Wine Down, or jogging or cycling along miles of pathways that connect with existing River Legacy trails.

This summer, the development welcomed Viridian Elements, one of the more vibrant, active 55+ lifestyle communities in Texas. Its Magnolia Lifestyle Center features a state-of-the-art fitness center, demonstration kitchen, and meeting facilities.

Viridian
Office: 3104 N. Collins, Unit 7 • 817-200-6543
viridiandfw.com

Designs by Lisa

Winner: Interior Designer

Designs by Lisa has landed in the Readers’ Choice winner’s circle for the third straight year. Owner Lisa Fitzgerald began her career in interior design while engaged in another industry. During her 28-year career in ophthalmology, Lisa completely designed one doctor’s office and redesigned another one.

“Following the retirement of the ophthalmologist that I worked for, I took a leap of faith and started a new career in staging and interior design,” says Lisa. “Many homes that I staged for realtors just needed to have the homeowner’s furnishings rearranged to enhance the natural design of the home.”

Lisa also works with custom home builders by selecting furnishings and decorating model homes. Designs by Lisa was put on Angie’s List by their members and has an “A” rating. “I am extremely passionate about helping my clients achieve their project goals. I take great pride in helping them keep costs down and try to utilize their current furnishings whenever possible,” says Lisa. “Many clients feel intimidated when it comes to interior designing, and I am frequently told how easy I make it look.”

817-235-7077 • facebook.com/Designs-By-Lisa-192547380953856/

Molly Davis Design

Honorable Mention: Interior Designer

Making its debut on the readers’ choice All Star team, Molly Davis Design specializes in interior design, renovations and staging for local home dwellers and real estate specialists.

Owner Molly Davis started her company in July of 2014 and has become a go-to source not only for home design ideas, but for design trends, as well.

In our April issue, Davis noted these five trends for 2019:

• Painted kitchen cabinets – “And if I had to guess, it’s here to stay,” she says.
  • Mixing metals – “One of the hottest trends is mixing finishes across appliances, lighting fixtures, hardware and décor.”
  • Quartz countertops – “They are in and better than ever.”
  • Neutrals, layers and lots of texture – “There’s a lot of incorporating elements of natural materials like stone, wood and concrete.”
  • Wallpaper – “It has experienced a revival! I’ve always said nothing adds personality to a space like wallpaper.”

Molly Davis Design
682-429-7050
Alamo Title Company
Chris Harris & Associates, PC

Honorable Mention: Title Company

Alamo Title Company was tabbed by our readers to be an All Star this year for the second time.

“We were so happy to hear that we had been selected as the All Star Title Company for Arlington/Mansfield,” said President David L. Cook. “We have been working very hard this past year trying to exceed our level of service while adding new staff to keep up with the growing needs of our clients. The All Star designation made evident the current course we are on is working well for us and the clients we serve.”

Chris Harris & Associates, PC, Fee Office for Alamo Title Company, and its predecessors, have been providing the Dallas Fort Worth Metroplex with Title and Escrow Services from the Arlington location for more than 40 years. Under the leadership of Cook, Chris Harris & Associates, PC expanded into Mansfield three years ago to better serve the rapidly growing communities in its southern market.

“Our business was built on the values instilled by our prior leaders, the late State Senator Chris Harris and his father, Jack E. Harris, where the importance of serving people to the best of our ability and creating lasting relationships with our clients has been firmly planted in our foundation and core values,” Cook said. “Our success has enabled us to recruit and hire industry experts to best serve our residential, commercial and investor clients. The extensive knowledge of our in-house Attorneys and unmatched experience from our Escrow Officers, enables us to be pro-active in our pursuit of providing timely solutions to complex real estate transactions.”

Being a Fee Office, as opposed to a corporate branch office, is unique and provides many benefits to Alamo Title Company clients, such as the documents needed for closing transactions are prepared in-house by its attorneys, instead of outsourcing the legal work to a third party law firm. This allows Alamo Title to produce and update documents quickly enabling a smoother and timely closing.

Doskocil Properties
Winner: Property Management

This is the fourth All Star appearance for Doskocil Properties, which is headed by owner/broker Jason Doskocil. The business is a premier resource for all real estate information and services in the area.

Doskocil created the company in 2000 as a full-service property management and real estate office that represents buyers, sellers, landlords, owners and investors.

“We are experienced in commercial and residential transactions to be a true go-to real estate company,” Doskocil says. “We do not just try to sell people something; we want to give them value by offering our advice and knowledge of things they may not have thought of. We want clients to make a solid, good investment in real estate they will be happy with. We want to earn people’s trust in the service and integrity we provide, so they will become customers for life. It’s not a hobby or a part-time job. We want our clients to leave happy and wanting more.”

Doskocil Properties
4408 Barnett Blvd. • 817-472-5455
dpmrealty.com

SWBC Mortgage
Winner: Mortgage Company

The Arlington branch of SWBC Mortgage prides themselves on providing a rewarding homebuying experience. Whether building, purchasing, or refinancing, they can help borrowers find the right loan program for their unique needs. Mary Dietz, branch manager, brings 39 years of mortgage experience to SWBC Mortgage. Financing a home can be complicated, and most people have a hard time finding a lender they can trust. The SWBC Mortgage team explore their clients’ options and help them find a home loan they’ll feel great about.

SWBC Mortgage has been providing superior mortgage banking services since 1988 and is consistently recognized as one of the top 100 lenders in America. Last year, CEO Susan Stewart was nominated to serve as the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA) Vice Chairman for the 2019 membership year. “This is recognition of her leadership and ongoing contributions to both the mortgage industry and SWBC Mortgage, as we continue to provide the ‘happiest way home’ for all of our clients across Texas and the country,” Dietz says.

SWBC Mortgage
Branch NMLS number 90348: 1281 W. Green Oaks Blvd., #119 • 817-795-0031
swbcmortgage.com

Loans subject to credit and property approval. SWBC Mortgage Corporation, corporate office located at 9311 San Pedro Suite 100, San Antonio, TX 78216
Ebb Halliday, REALTORS®

Winner: Real Estate Company

Ebb Halliday, REALTORS® has been selling homes in North Texas for more than 70 years and is, today, a household name. Our readers certainly know it – in each of the past four years, the venerable business has been tabbed as their favorite real estate company.

Ebb Halliday specializes in luxurious accommodations and is known nationwide for its expertise in helping clients buy and sell dream homes. Arlington & Mansfield Branch Office Manager Suzanne Berry McCabe says our readers’ devotion underscores the bond the company has with its community. “Our name is synonymous with providing clients the highest level of service, local expertise and resources – all delivered by knowledgeable agents using the most innovative technologies,” McCabe says. “Ebb Halliday realtors take pride in the level of service and professionalism we provide, so being named an All Star again is exciting news.”

The Ebb Halliday inventory in 1945 consisted of some 52 houses built on the old Walnut Hill Golf Course in North Dallas. The successful marketing of these hard-to-sell homes provided the springboard for the steady growth that wrought Ebb Halliday as we know it today. By 1958, the company had sales of approximately $12 million, an impressive number, given the median home price at the time was around $24,000. Today, Ebb Halliday, REALTORS® is the largest independent real estate company in Texas and has more than 30 offices covering some 12,000 square miles of North Texas.

Ebb Halliday’s first Arlington office opened in 1977. Due to growth, the office has moved twice since then to its current location in west Arlington. The Ebb Halliday family further expanded in 2010 when the Mansfield office opened.

Ebb Halliday, REALTORS®
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600 Hwy. 287 N., Suite 100, Mansfield • 682-422-0333
ebby.com

MC Group

Winner: Real Estate Professional

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rincipals of a team known as The MC Group, Linda Magazzine and Michael Cunningham are both multiple-time All Stars. Magazzine has been a real estate professional for four decades, the past 18 of which have been associated with Ebb Halliday, REALTORS®. She has been Ebb Halliday’s Top Individual or Group Producer for the Arlington office since 2002. She also ranked in the top five nationwide from 1989 to 2003. “My professional philosophy is this: To give real service, you must add something which cannot be bought or measured with money, and that is sincerity and integrity,” she says.

Cunningham has more than 20 years experience with Ebb Halliday, using a two-pronged approach to success: know the customer and know the market. “As a top producer with Ebb Halliday, REALTORS®, I have consistently delivered results and achieved client goals while successfully creating, coordinating and implementing strategic marketing and sales programs,” Cunningham says. “My first priority is to ensure the success of your investment.”

MC Group
Linda Magazzine: 817-980-8733 • lindamagazzine@ebby.com
Michael Cunningham: 817-654-8445 • michaelcunningham@ebby.com

Amy & Spencer Cearnal

Honorable Mention: Real Estate Professional

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s the principals of CearnalCo, Amy and Spencer Cearnal earned two All Star awards. Now the company has rebranded as Front Real Estate Co., and the Cearnals are still earning our readers’ trust.

Amy says a lot of thought went into the transition. “We are constantly evaluating where the real estate market is going and how we can best serve our local clients,” says Cearnal, explaining the decision to rebrand. “In order to provide the best opportunity for growth of the brokerage, we changed the offering to our agents to make it even more attractive for them to build their business and serve more homeowners. When we did that we wanted to make sure those agents were in front. We love this rebrand to allow our agents to brand themselves with an easy brand supporting them.”

Cearnal says housing is a basic need that everyone will always need, and Front is there to help. “Our market is evolving, and we’re getting creative about how we can best serve,” she says. “Our client focus to make sure their transition is as smooth and successful as possible is everything to us.”

Front Real Estate Co.
500 E. Front St., #120 • 817-543-0000
frontrec.com
Kelly’s Pool Care & Renovation
Winner: Pool Service

Kelly McNeely and Mike Buchhorn started Kelly’s in 2001 with only two customers. Today the company is an Arlington area All Star, so it’s safe to say the owners know the pool industry.

Both McNeely and Buchhorn began their careers on the retail side with Leslie’s Swimming Pool Supplies in the late 1980s. They parlayed a common commitment to a high level of service into a business of their own and began to share their friendly knowledge with a customer base that grew over time. Initial marketing came via word-of-mouth, and, because McNeely and Buchhorn live in Arlington and Mansfield, respectively, their engagement in the community paid off in a big way.

Kelly’s provides pool cleaning and repairs, and McNeely and Buchhorn are always directly accessible to the customer. The company does background checks on all its employees, who are trained for three to six months before they are given their own weekly route of service customers. Often, McNeely and Buchhorn can walk a customer through the problem over the phone; saving everyone time and money.

Kelly’s Pool Care & Renovation
P.O. Box 121389 • 817-219-2380
kellyspoolcare.com

Atlas Foundation Co.
Winner: Foundation Repair

A newcomer to our All Star team, Atlas Foundation Co. is owned and operated by Darrel and Lonnie Ford, who have more than two decades experience repairing foundations. The company, however, has an even richer history.

Atlas Foundation was started in 1958 by Darrel’s and Lonnie’s grandparents. Darrel’s and Lonnie’s parents took over in 1978 and retired in 1995, paving the way for the new generation of Fords to take care of North Texas customers. Darrel’s wife, Christy, is the Office Manager, overseeing many daily operations.

Atlas Foundation specializes in residential foundation repairs, offering the following proven methods: concrete pressed pilings and steel pressed pilings. The Fords take an ethical approach when estimating the cost of repairs by recommending only the work necessary to correct the problem. Company crews consist of only full-time employees, many of whom have been with Atlas Foundation for more than 20 years.

Atlas Foundation Co.
3916 Heritage Drive, Burleson • 817-478-1181
atlasfoundationinc.com

Baldi Gardens
Winner: Landscaper

With decades of experience in garden design and planting techniques, first-time All Star Baldi Gardens will help you create a new landscape that is sure to exceed even your greatest dreams.

The Baldi Gardens team will work with you to plan and design your project, then execute said plan on time and on budget.

Since its founding, the company has built a staff of professionals to serve your every landscaping need. It employs experts in gardening, lawn care, drainage systems, hardscapes, water features and outdoor lighting to give you a personalized and custom approach to your outdoor needs.

Baldi Gardens experts include Texas Certified Landscape Professionals (TCLP’s), Certified Landscape Lighting Designers / Installers, as well as Commercially Licensed Pesticide Applicators (Texas Department of Agriculture).

Baldi Gardens
817-860-0905 • info@baldigardens.com
baldigardens.com

R J Construction
Winner: Remodeler, Roofing

For the third year in a row, RJ Construction has been named to our All Star team – this time as a winner in two categories. Owner Robert Jordan credits his stellar team for building important relationships in the community that have made his business both trusted and popular.

“It’s a testimony to my staff, who go above and beyond each and every day,” he says. “My staff truly deserves this recognition. We are #teamRJ for a reason. TEAM stands for Together Everyone Achieves More.”

Now in its 12th year in business, RJ Construction has been built on the trust of the citizens of Arlington, Pantego and Dalworthington Gardens, but during the past few years its reach has stretched to the outer edges of all of Tarrant County. “Our simple philosophy,” Jordan says, “is to gain that trust, call people back, show up when you say and admit when you’re wrong.”

R J Construction
2640 W. Pioneer Pkwy. • 817-412-9899
rj-construction.com
Service Pros Auto Center
Winner: Auto Repair

Service Pros Auto Center is making its All Star debut this year as our readers’ favorite auto repair shop. Owner Bruce Moore has been involved in the automotive repair industry since 1989, so he understands the importance of trustworthy repairs, customer satisfaction and timely service. (Behind every man is a great woman – his wife Tammy is by his side, helping Bruce grow the business.)

“Service Pros Auto Center is a family owned and operated facility,” Moore says. “My team and I have one goal in mind: to ensure my customers receive the best service in the automotive industry. Our team also ensures that no matter what a customer’s vehicle is needing, big or small repairs, we treat every customer as if they are our only customer. Service Pros offers a wide range of services to customers to be able to satisfy every customer’s individual needs, no matter the type of vehicle they drive.”

Service Pros’ state-of-the-industry facility opened in the summer of 2015, and the shop offers a full gamut of services and fast, quality, reliable auto repairs you can trust. Plus, when families come to Service Pros for vehicle repairs with their children, the kids have their own place to enjoy. In addition to traditional services, Service Pros offers convenient, free local shuttle service to your home or office.

Service Pros technicians are ASE Master Certified to ensure that customers get the best diagnosis and repair possible. They are highly qualified to work on any make or model of vehicles, even high-end luxury vehicles.

Service Pros
5611 S. Cooper St. • 817-664-3000
service-pros.com

Mansfield Custom Homes
Winner: Home Builder

Mansfield Custom Homes proudly notes that it “builds dreams from the ground up.” Based on the fact that this is the company’s fourth straight appearance on our All Star team, the custom home company obviously also meets its customers’ expectations – even those of the “wildest dream” variety.

“Mansfield Custom Homes is truly a custom builder,” says Julie Short, the real estate specialist at the company. “Start with your dream, and the MCH team will make it your address.” Short says she and her team led by owner (and her husband) Stoney Short will work with each customer during every step of the process. The design team helps you choose stylish finishes that fit your liking, the real estate team helps find the ideal location, and the construction team does the rest.

You? You get to live your dream – or, at least, live in your dream home.

Mansfield Custom Homes
1848 Lone Star Road, #308, Mansfield • 682-208-1576
mchtexas.com

Frost Bank
Winner: Bank

For the fourth year in a row, Frost has earned our readers’ favor as an Arlington Area All Star. Founded in 1868, Frost provides a full range of banking, investments and insurance services across Texas.

With a philosophy that emphasizes building long-term relationships and treating everyone with integrity, caring and excellence, we have earned numerous awards for customer service to consumers and businesses.

We’re there for our customers with a 24/7 customer care line, and we’re there for our communities with volunteer and philanthropic programs.

When you have an account with us, you also have a relationship with us built on honesty, trust and respect. Find out more at www.frostbank.com or by calling (817) 420-5220.
Texas Trust
Winner: Credit Union

Texas Trust Credit Union is obviously doing something right – a lot of things, actually. This is the fourth straight year the company has been tabbed an All Star by our readers.


In 2012, Texas Trust purchased the two-building Cordovan Office Park located on Interstate 20 between Little Road and Green Oaks and renamed it the Texas Trust Business Park. One of the 37,000-square-foot buildings currently serves as the credit union’s headquarters, while the other serves as investment property.

Texas Trust exists for one simple purpose: To build brighter financial futures. The company is a not-for-profit credit union that focuses on giving back to its members and the community at large.

Texas Trust remains committed to providing service that others brag about and treating its members with personal attention. The Texas Trust team stands ready to help, through an array of outstanding products and services. The credit union is also focused on fulfilling the needs of its Arlington communities – and it shows through Texas Trust’s community service and support of local students.

Texas Trust
700 W. Bardin Road • 1300 S. Bowen Road
4351 Little Road • 2501 E. Pioneer Pkwy,
1060 N.E. Green Oaks Blvd. • 510 S. Center St.
texastrustcu.org

Worthington National Bank
Winner: Local Bank

Worthington National Bank is celebrating its third All Star award this year. Formally opened in 2002, it is a locally owned and operated, independent, and modern-day community bank that believes in doing business the old fashioned way. It is the only national bank that is chartered and headquartered in Arlington. With over $300 million in total assets, four banking center locations and 50-plus employees, Worthington National Bank provides a full array of deposit and lending services for commercial businesses and consumers. Commercial lending products include loans for working capital, expansion needs, equipment purchases, real estate acquisition and development. For consumers the bank also offers vehicle loans, home improvement loans, home equity loans, single family interim construction loans and a full-service residential mortgage department to assist with home purchases or refinances.

Worthington National Bank
200 W. Main St. • 817-303-5900
worthingtonbank.com

Affiliated Bank
Honorable Mention: Local Bank


We now have four bank locations including Arlington, Bedford, Garland and Round Rock and have several loan and mortgage production offices all over the great State of Texas! We are opening two new locations in Fort Worth soon. We offer all business and personal deposit accounts via mobile, online and in person. We service all loan products from real estate to business loans. Please refer to our website www.affiliatedbank.com for all banking services.

Affiliated Bank is committed to providing the highest level service to all our customers – and we know you by name! We are responsive and have real answers. We want to build relationships and we continue to innovate adopting new emerging technologies.

Why Bank Anywhere Else?

Affiliated Bank
2326 W. Pleasant Ridge Road • 817-480-8052 • affiliatedbank.com
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Pecan Park Dental
Winner: Family Dentist
A three-time All Star, Pecan Park Dental is a state-of-the-art dental facility centrally located in the heart of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.

Pecan Park Dental offers a wide variety of services that the dental care team can tailor to meet each patient’s specific needs. Among those services are general dentistry, cosmetic dentistry, Invisalign and family dental care, as well as treatment of Sleep Apnea and periodontal gum disease.

The office is equipped with the market’s most innovative technological advancements in all facets of family and cosmetic dentistry. The waiting room is comfortable and homey with a children’s play area with stadium seating, games, and movies.

“Our primary goal is to help you maintain healthy teeth for a lifetime, and we want everyone to walk away from our office feeling confident with their smile,” says the practice’s Dr. Stephanie Bangs.

Pecan Park Dental offers Emergency Dentistry for current patients.

Pecan Park Dental
912 N. Fielder Road • 817-873-3300
pecanparkdental.com

Robert R. Brackeen, CPA
Honorable Mention: CPA/Tax Preparer
Robert R. Brackeen, CPA, is making his All Star debut. Since 1978, Brackeen has served the Arlington and Metroplex area with outstanding accounting and tax services.

Brackeen, who has been a sole practitioner since 1994, specializes in accounting and tax preparation services for a wide variety of clients. He specializes in:
- Tax return filing and tax planning for individuals
- Bookkeeping and financial statements for small businesses
- Corporate tax return filing

“I provide accounting and financial reporting for companies,” he says. “For individuals I provide tax planning and preparation. I work with the client’s financial advisers for awareness of their financial and retirement planning goals and its financial and tax implications."

He is active in community service through Salvation Army, Kiwanis and church. His wife Tina is social worker at THR Arlington Memorial Hospital.

Robert R. Brackeen, CPA
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rbcpatx.com

PSK LLP
Honorable Mention: CPA/Tax Preparer
A two-time All Star, PSK LLP has been a valuable part of the Arlington community for over 50 years, giving back in many ways. The firm has a long history of being involved in Arlington. Whether it is serving on the board of the Arlington Life Shelter or the Higher Education Servicing Corporation, being involved with the Greater Arlington Chamber of Commerce, volunteering with Mission Arlington or participating in the Arlington Holiday Lights Parade, the team at PSK cares deeply about its hometown.

Additionally, The firm has a long history with UTA, both as alumni, where 20 of their 47 employees are graduates of UTA, and with a unique internship program. Internships are 12 to 18 months long. Interns are given tailored responsibilities and explore the varied services offered by the firm.

PSK LLP is a full-service CPA, consulting and advisory firm providing accounting, tax, audit, payroll and business consulting services to national and local clients in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. PSK is beyond the average accountant. The level of care and range of services offered to clients is unparalleled. The company offers extended services to a wide variety of clients, while maintaining a focus on relationship-building.

PSK is dedicated to providing value to clients through success and development of the PSK team, while maintaining important core values. PSK strives to preserve a unique culture, even as a growing business. This unique culture includes encouraging work/life balance, maintaining a family like and small firm feeling, promoting teamwork and open communication while still attracting and retaining the best people and clients in the area.

The firm opened for business in 1964 and is now one of the largest firms in Arlington. PSK serves clients in transportation, healthcare, construction, manufacturing and the nonprofit sectors, as well as serving churches, family-owned businesses and investor groups. Although they have a wide range of clientele, they cheerfully always ask “What else can we do for you?” to ensure they are going above and beyond for each client.

PSK LLP
3001 Medlin Drive, Suite 100 • 817-664-3000
pskcpa.com
Derrick Kinney & Associates

For each of the past five years, Derrick Kinney has won the vote of our readers in the Financial Services category. But that’s not a surprise – Kinney and his team at Derrick Kinney & Associates have a proven track record of helping clients to stop working longer than they need to and start doing what they enjoy most.

“Recently, a long-time client thanked us for helping her retire sooner and being able to live so comfortably in retirement,” said Kinney. “Another couple sends a postcard from each National Park they visit. They’re living their life-long retirement dream and they thank our team for helping make these trips possible.”

The Derrick Kinney and Associates team understands the worries and concerns people have about retirement, which is why they are called on as a retirement resource. “In our first visit together, people often tell us they are concerned about whether they’ll have enough money for retirement or they’re worried about running out of money in retirement,” said Kinney. “We believe everyone should enjoy the rewards of all their hard work. We help you enjoy a confident retirement.” And yes, they are accepting new clients!

Derrick Kinney & Associates
700 Highlander Blvd., Suite 335 • 817-419-6001
derrickkinney.com

Porter Tutoring

Back-to-back All Star Winner Porter Tutoring understands that a one-size-fits-all program will not work for everyone, so its tutors tailor instruction to match the method in which a student learns best.

Porter tutors focus the learning hour on areas of student weakness and write lesson plans one day at a time in order to accommodate academic growth. Porter Tutoring provides individualized tutoring for a variety of needs, including:

• For homework help and support in a current class
• For test prep (including STAAR, SAT & ACT)
• For improving general academic and study skills, as well as for maintaining the learning process and for filling in learning gaps
• For students to get ahead and stay ahead

Porter Tutoring assesses the needs of the students and customizes an individualized program specifically designed for them.

Porter Tutoring
2122 W. Park Row Drive, Suite 101 • 817-274-7172
portertutoring.com

Legend of Mansfield

First-time All Star Legend of Mansfield is part of the Legend Senior Living independent living and memory care communities. The corporation’s Texas exposure began in 2015 when it acquired five communities and built Legend of Fort Worth. With the outstanding associates and the welcoming growth, the company expanded with Legend of McKinney and Legend of Mansfield. Mansfield is the company’s most recent residence.

Legend of Mansfield is dedicated to fulfilling its mission to enrich and change lives for the better. It provides the highest quality standards of service, environment and care to residents and their families. The Legend team treats residents as individuals with unique needs and always promises to respect their independence and dignity.

Legend of Mansfield is a Work of Heart. The new residence adheres to company standards of quality in a beautiful residence, but inside is where the residence excels. The associates are wonderful, caring experienced people who care for and serve each resident individually.

Legend of Mansfield
2500 N. Walnut Creek Drive • 817-406-5061
legendseniorliving.com/Find-a-Community/texas/legend-of-mansfield.html

Kumon Southeast Arlington

Alysia Sims, Certified Kumon Instructor/Owner of two-time All Star Kumon Southeast Arlington, has a great nickname for her tutoring service, which began on Nov. 16, 2017. “As a native Californian, I call my center Kumon by the SEA as a means of differentiating my center,” she says. “SEA is an acronym for South East Arlington. When we opened, few people knew about Kumon Math & Reading Centers, which have been in existence for 61 years and are currently in over 50 countries. Today, most of my parents come in with the prior knowledge of Kumon.”

Sims says what makes Kumon by the SEA so special is that it has an awesome team of people who sincerely care about the success of each individual student. “I, the franchisee, cannot monitor each individual child but I’m smart enough to delegate to other caring people,” she says. “We all love the children. I understand from the child’s perspective that if I don’t offer benchmarks, they feel that they’re on a homework treadmill. At my center, I try to please the parents by instructing their children, but I also try to please the children by offering incentives to motivate them to higher levels of achievement.”

Kumon Southeast Arlington
2344 S.E. Green Oaks Blvd., #134 • 817-617-8290
kumon.com/Arlington-SouthEast

Winner: Financial Services
Derrick Kinney & Associates
700 Highlander Blvd., Suite 335 • 817-419-6001
derrickkinney.com

Winner: Assisted Living
Legend of Mansfield
2500 N. Walnut Creek Drive • 817-406-5061
legendseniorliving.com/Find-a-Community/texas/legend-of-mansfield.html

Winner: Tutoring Company
Porter Tutoring
2122 W. Park Row Drive, Suite 101 • 817-274-7172
portertutoring.com

Honorable mention: Tutoring Company
Kumon Southeast Arlington
2344 S.E. Green Oaks Blvd., #134 • 817-617-8290
kumon.com/Arlington-SouthEast
Primrose Schools
Winner: Preschool/Kindergarten, Day Care

An All Star for the third straight year, Primrose Schools® is a national system of accredited private preschools that provides a premier early education and child care experience for children and their families.

There are two Primrose Schools in Arlington that partner with parents to help build the right foundation for future learning and in life.

The schools implement a balanced learning approach to preschool education that teams purposeful play and nurturing guidance from teachers. This time-tested approach instills a love of learning and discovery that helps your child develop and excel for years.

The schools’ focus is on what will best serve the needs of children and families with an eye on innovation and advocacy for quality early education for all children.

Primrose Schools
1900 N.E. Green Oaks Blvd. • 817-543-2626 • primroseNEGreenOaks.com
4621 W. Sublett Road • 817-478-6160 • PrimroseSouthwestArlington.com

The Oakridge School
Winner: Private School

A Readers’ Choice All Star for the third straight year, The Oakridge School serves students and families from 36 cities and 15 countries. This past academic year, The Oakridge School celebrated its 40th anniversary.

With 772 bright, college-bound students enrolled in 15 grade levels, Oakridge offers a full menu of curricular and extracurricular opportunities in a dynamic, student-centered environment.

The school’s mission is to inspire students to seek their full potential in academics, the arts, and athletics in a challenging and nurturing environment that cultivates social responsibility, mutual respect, and personal integrity.

“When you have a school invested in a child’s whole being, it becomes more than about seeing that individual succeed in the classroom, on stage or on the athletic field. We want them to succeed in life,” says Head of School Jon Kellam. “A parent has described Oakridge as, ‘a wonderful school that is small enough to know you, yet large enough to serve you.’”

The Oakridge School
5900 W. Pioneer Pkwy. • 817-451-4994
theoakridgeschool.org

Southern Flair Photography
Honorable Mention: Photographer

Over the past 43 years, Southern Flair Photography has delighted well over 3,800 brides and grooms with contemporary and classic photography from their weddings. In the meantime, the studio has taken countless portraits of families, children, high school seniors, executive portrait head shots and much more.

So it’s only fitting that owner Dwayne Lee and his daughter Heather would be honored with an All Star award this year.

In 1998, Lee built Southern Flair’s current studio complex from the ground up – a 4,200-square-foot, state-of-the-art building with an exclusive outdoor portrait garden behind it.

“I wake up every morning excited that I get to do what I absolutely love to do - photography,” Lee says. “And owning my own studio has opened up other interests, including gardening and travel. I am blessed beyond belief.”

Southern Flair Photography
2214 W. Park Row • 817-277-0477
sflair.com

Munson-Cox
Winner: Photographer

This is the first All Star appearance for Munson-Cox, which has been capturing memories of the Arlington area for the past three decades. Ken Cox heads a team that offers full photography service specializing in family and high school senior portraits – if you need top-quality, professional photography of practically any kind, Munson-Cox will take care of you. The studio is equipped with two large camera rooms, private dressing rooms and multiple outdoor shooting areas just steps outside the back door. The Munson-Cox team are all about luxury photography and taking care of their clients.

Munson-Cox
1015 E. Road to Six Flags St. • 817-460-4042
munson-cox.com
Wade Family Funeral Home
Winner: Customer Service

Making its All Star debut, Wade Funeral Home has years of experience combined with a highly professional, friendly and compassionate family and staff that has comforted area residents for the past 16 years.

Mike Wade is owner and funeral director in charge and works along side of his son, Blake Wade and daughter, Keely Gillham; both funeral directors. Mike and Amy purchased Wade Funeral Home in Hubbard, Texas in 1985, and built Wade Family Funeral Home in 2003.

Mike actively supports the community and is a member of the Arlington Kiwanis Club, downtown Rotary Club, Arlington Historical Society, Arlington High School Alumni Association, Texas Funeral Directors Association, National Funeral Directors Association and Toy Train Collector’s Association.

His wife Amy is the marketing director for Wade Family Funeral Home. She is active with the community, serving on the Arlington ISD Education Foundation Board, as well as the Arlington Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. She serves on numerous committees of organizations in Arlington. She and Mike are members of First Baptist Church of Arlington.

Mike and Amy have three children and eight grandchildren.

“We are proud to embrace traditional values, diversity and innovation in honoring the spirit and life of each person we serve,” Mike says. “Letting go of a loved one is usually a very difficult process. In order to provide your family peace-of-mind, Wade Family Funeral Home offers complete care, so you can focus on comforting each other as you prepare to say goodbye to someone dear to you. Although there are many decisions you may have to make, we assure you that we will guide you through the entire process every step of the way.”

Wade Family Funeral Home
4140 W. Pioneer Pkwy. • 817-274-9233
wadefamilyfuneralhome.com

Country Acres Kennels
Winner: Pet Training

For some five decades, Country Acres Kennels has been regarded as one of the premier dog boarding and training facilities in the country. For the past four years, it has also been a readers’ choice All Star, so, obviously, area pet lovers appreciate the Arlington business. It’s a place where their animals aren’t only cared for, but indulged, and where the owners can be confident that their furry friends will get the best training.

Country Acres has everything on-site to ensure that pets will feel loved – space, activities, large indoor and outdoor runs for dogs and private rooms for cats.

Country Acres also boards birds and exotic pets, and it is unique in the pet care world in that it provides limousine service to animal lovers who board their pets and need a ride to the airport. “We’ve built a first-class facility where your pet will be pampered,” says owner Don Praeger. “In fact, the only downside is they may beg to come back!”

Country Acres Kennels
7817 S. Cooper St. • 817-467-2511
countryacreskennels.com

Pet Resort in the Gardens
Winner: Pet Boarding

Three-time All Star Pet Resort in the Gardens is a local success story for owners Mary and Dr. Jim Turner. “I was born in Arlington. Jim moved here when he was less than a year old, so doing business here is personal,” Mary says. “Our customers are our neighbors, friends and family whom we never want to disappoint. We take very seriously the care entrusted to us of pets who are so much more than just pets; they are family.”

Jim began working at Farrell Animal Hospital in 1980, purchasing it in 1990. Along with Mary, they opened the Pet Resort in 2010. “We shared the dream of improving the way pet boarding was historically handled, and Pet Resort in the Gardens is that dream come true,” she says. With comfortable lofts and suites, indoor/outdoor play yards, obedience training and premium bathing and spa services, Pet Resort in the Gardens provides your pet with personalized, protected play and a pampered stay. Mary adds, “Our dedicated team members are the real winners of this award! They give heart and soul to the well-being of our guests and provide exceptional customer care.”

Pet Resort in the Gardens
2890-A W. Pioneer Pkwy. • 817-635-5510
petresortinthegardens.com
Don Davis Auto Group

Winner: Auto Dealer

Clearly, our readers are big fans of Don Davis Auto Group – this is the fifth straight year the company has been named the winner in this category.

In 2019, Don Davis Auto Group is celebrating its 40th year of offering quality cars of many makes and models, including Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep, Ram, Ford, Lincoln and Nissan. The dealership has long been recognized for its commitment to excellent customer service – regardless of the vehicle that buyers drive off of the lot.

In addition to selling new cars, Don Davis Auto Group offers a wide selection of pre-owned vehicles at each location.

To meet the needs of local would-be car buyers, Don Davis Auto Group holds a yearly “Garage Sale” that has been a dealership staple for more than three decades.

As if all that pertains to automobiles weren’t enough to show how special Don Davis Auto Group is, the dealership is also active in the community as a long-time supporter of WFAA Channel 8’s popular Santa’s Helpers Toy Drive.

It holds an annual “Drive-through” each year, which has contributed thousands of toys distributed through Mission Arlington during Christmas season.

To give you one final idea why Don Davis Auto Group is the readers’ choice for an automobile dealership, consider the glowing reviews that routinely are submitted by satisfied customers, such as this one:

“My sales guy was not only extremely helpful, but he truly seemed to be as excited about my Jeep as I was. Whenever a question came up that he couldn’t answer, there was no shortage of help from any one of the other guys in the showroom. The experience then extended to the parts and service department where they beat the prices for products and service elsewhere, and covered the parts under my Mopar warranty.”

Don Davis Auto Group
1901 N. Collins (Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep, Ram) • 877-377-6801
633 N. Hwy. 360 (Ford, Lincoln) • 877-424-2942
1320 E. I-20 (Nissan) • 877-379-3670
dondevasautogroup.com

BMW of Arlington

Winner: Luxury Auto Dealer

Making its second appearance on our All Star team, BMW of Arlington strives to give you the premier experience, whether you’re stepping into the showroom for a new BMW or visiting the service center for expert maintenance.

The Arlington dealership stocks the full range of BMW models, including cars from the 2 Series all the way up to the 7 Series, as well as SUVs from the X1 to X7. There’s also sporty sedans, coupes, and convertibles from BMW’s storied M Series. All of these lineups come equipped with the latest in BMW technology and performance features.

In addition to a wide variety of new BMWs, the dealership offers a range of popular makes and models of lightly pre-owned BMW models that are rigorously inspected prior as they are prepared for sale. Each of these cars comes with a protection plan to give new owners peace of mind, should the need arise for any repairs early in the ownership.

At BMW of Arlington, the entire team is dedicated to helping prospective clients find the path of least resistance to a luxury car they can feel good about. That’s why the dealership offers a variety of car model reviews, so buyers can delve deeper into the specs and features of all the options and find the right BMW for their particular needs or desires.

BMW of Arlington’s finance center offers a variety of lease and finance offers to make it easier to get behind the wheel of a luxury ride, whether it be your first or next. Even if you choose a model that isn’t subject to those offers, the dealership’s team will fight hard to get you the best terms and rates possible for your auto loan.

Plus, BMW of Arlington’s service center offers a variety of service specials to help you save on crucial preventative service items down the road. The dealership is eager to help incentivize you to follow your maintenance schedule and get the most value and security out of your ride.

BMW of Arlington
1105 E. Lamar Blvd. • 817-968-1153
bmwofarlington.com
Jim Ross Law Group

Winner: Litigation/Business Attorney

For the fourth year in a row, Jim Ross, founder of Jim Ross Law Group, has been named an All Star by our readers. The reason behind his popularity is obvious the moment you meet him.

"Since our practice was founded, we have been based on the principle of people," Ross says. "We’re dedicated to the people we call ‘ours’ and that includes not only our clients, but our community, our colleagues, and the collective group that comes through our doors or calls our phone lines. It means that every case, every call, and every client interaction is seen as an opportunity to better serve the people we represent – as well as those we don’t. It’s the belief that people – even more than our product – are worth our time, resources, and investment."

Ross says the firm is a place where family comes first. "When family is the foundation," he says, "you can trust that you will be strong – because your family is behind you."

Harris Cook, LLP

Winner: Real Estate Attorney

Harris Cook, LLP, has built a reputation for professionalism and effectiveness in a wide range of legal matters and now features a team composed of David L. Cook, Rachel L. Wright, Lin Morrisett, Garrett T. Reece and Patrick L. Dooley.

A four-time All Star, Harris Cook is an AV rated firm, which represents the gold standard in attorney ratings.

By increasing the depth of experience and talent across multiple practice areas, Harris Cook can continue to provide dedicated, high-level legal services to its existing clients while creating opportunities for future growth in the areas of business, personal injury, estate planning/probate and family law matters.

Harris Cook is able to offer outstanding, full-service firm experience to its roster of clients, including the many businesses throughout Tarrant County for which Harris Cook currently serves as outside general counsel.

The Farah Law Firm, P.C.

Honorable Mention: Real Estate Attorney

The Farah Law Firm is making its All Star debut, but it has long held a reputation for having some of the most reliable real estate attorneys in Texas on its team. These attorneys know how to deal with brokers, real estate agents, title companies, and anyone else you may encounter in your real estate dealings. They have extensive experience in all aspects of real estate transactions in both the residential and commercial realms.

Michael Farah, the founder and managing attorney of The Farah Law Firm, takes extensive pride in every aspect of law. In addition to his work as an attorney, Farah also manages a real estate brokerage firm and is a highly experienced real estate investor. His passion for real estate started at the early age of 15 when he purchased his first house. His knowledge of the North Texas real estate market has grown exponentially over the years, and in turn, so has his portfolio of properties. His success has inspired him to share his expertise with others who are interested in and passionate about investing in Texas real estate.

Stephanie A. Foster, P.C.

Winner: Divorce Attorney

Stephanie Foster has been named an All Star for the second year in a row, thanks to readers/clients who appreciate her compassion and persistence while dealing with one of the more important legal decisions a person can make: divorce.

Foster is a strong litigator who effectively articulates and argues for her clients’ interests in contested divorce cases. But her main priority is finding solutions that are beneficial to the family as a whole. "One option is traditional courtroom litigation. Another option is collaborative divorce," Foster says. "Although I am prepared to be the warrior in your courtroom battle as I have been in thousands of Tarrant County divorce cases over the past 28 years, my preference is to be the peacemaker in your interest-based negotiations through the dignified, private, child-protecting process known as collaborative divorce, which involves no court."

Foster believes the collaborative process is a powerful way to generate creative solutions in family law disputes while minimizing financial and emotional damage to families facing divorce.
Karen Schroeder Law

Winner: Elder Law Attorney

Two-time All Star Karen Schroeder is a fourth-generation Texan and a hometown girl who grew up in Arlington, graduated from Arlington High School in 1985 and continues to reside here with her family. She opened her solo practice in Mansfield in 2009 after almost 15 years serving as in-house counsel for multiple corporations, and as an Assistant District Attorney. Her law firm specializes in wills and trusts (including gun trusts), elder law and guardianships, asset and wealth protection and probate. Licensed as a Texas attorney since 1994, Schroeder has built a reputation as a problem-solver who serves clients’ needs with legal professionalism and a commitment to individualized attention. “I believe in long-term partnerships and in building relationships in the community I still live in and love,” she says. “I strive to gain my clients’ trust, one case at a time. My passion is educating clients and the public on estate planning options with a goal of equipping them with the legal tools necessary to avoid costly and time-consuming probate.”

Karen Schroeder
550 N. Walnut Creek, #110, Mansfield • 817-842-0220
KarenSchroederLaw.com

Norred Law, PLLC

Winner: Attorney

Norred Law is making its debut on the All Star team, earning our readers’ vote during the balloting period earlier this year as their favorite attorney. Norred Law is a premier boutique law firm in the heart of the Metroplex, next to the Greater Arlington Chamber of Commerce. Norred Law has a reputation for “doing the hard things.” The firm represents individuals, and small to mid-size businesses in state and federal litigation, intellectual property, bankruptcy, probate and estates, business formations and contract matters. They are known for resolving complicated issues while caring for their clients. Norred Law has the expertise to provide confidence and peace of mind when the issues are complex and a personal touch is required.

Norred Law, PLLC
515 E. Border St. • 817-500-9433
norredlaw.com

Comet Cleaners

Winner: Dry Cleaner

An All Star winner every year in which this category was present on the readers choice ballot, Comet Cleaners has locations all over the country – and, even, outside it. Locally, you can easily find a Comet Cleaners near you. And, if you look in the history files, you’ll also find that the precursor to Comet Cleaners started in Arlington in 1924. The original business began after R.L. “Jack” Godfrey left home in 1920 to go work in a tailor’s shop and then decided to open his own dry cleaning company four years later. Now, nearly a century later, Comet Cleaners operates more than 185 locations internationally, and the ones in our area consistently live up to the legacy of service and quality Godfrey established during the company’s genesis.

Comet Cleaners

1207 W. Randol Mill Road • 817-795-3103 • 1507 S. Bowen Road • 817-277-2753
410 W. Division St. • 817-460-0071 • 2501 E. Mayfield Road • 817-468-2624
2200 N.E. Green Oaks Blvd. • 817-649-3453 • 2425 SE Green Oaks Blvd. • 817-419-9422
cometcleaners.com
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If there were a Mount Rushmore for All Star winners, Gracie Lane would certainly be a candidate for a distinguished spot – in each of the six years we’ve had an All Star edition, the popular local retail center has been chosen a winner all six times.

Since opening in 2014, Gracie Lane has rapidly become recognized as the Arlington area’s “go to” shopping destination for clothing, jewelry, home decor, gifts and more.

But that’s just what’s inside the collection of boutiques. Gracie Lane is also renowned for great value and a regularly rotating stream of products, the combination of which makes this Arlington treasure a one-of-a-kind shopping experience customers love – and love again and again as they return for more.

Manager Mary Macken says the real key to Gracie Lane’s success, though, is the relationships she and the team build: “I believe our philosophy of treating every person that walks through our doors as a family member really resonates with our customers.”

Macken says Gracie Lane is like a collection of your favorite things – and those you haven’t yet found – all in one pretty package.

Gracie Lane
4720 S. Cooper St. • 817-468-5263
gracielanecollection.com

**Maggie and Me Boutique**

**Winner: Baby/Children’s Boutique**

First-time All Star Maggie and Me Boutique is a family owned classic children’s clothing store located in the heart of Arlington. The shop carries noted brands, including The Proper Peony, The Beaufort Bonnet Company, Kissy Kissy, JoJo Maman Bébé, James and Lottie, Feltman Brothers and many more.

Maggie and Me Boutique has everything you will need to dress your infant through size 4 toddler. Maggie and Me Boutique offers a one-stop shop for parents and grandparents who believe that every day is worth celebrating with their little ones.

Owner Karen Tilley has over 10 years of retail experience. Her family members are longtime residents of Arlington. “After my first grandchild was born, I realized there was a need for a quality children’s store in the area,” Tilley says. “The store is located in the Village Park Shopping Center, so it is accessible to all areas in Arlington, Dalworthington Gardens, Mansfield and Pantego.”

Maggie and Me Boutique
2200 W. Park Row, Suite C, Pantego • 817-987-1100
maggieandmeboutique.com

**Anything Goes**

**Winner: Gift Shop**

In 2012, Mary Davis’ dream of opening an eclectic gift shop became a reality when Anything Goes opened its doors at 2504 W. Park Row in Pantego. Seven years later, she’s celebrating her fourth All Star award.

Mary and her husband Doug are longtime residents of Pantego/Arlington. She grew up in the Woodland West area, graduated from Arlington High School and worked for Arlington OB/GYN Associates for more than 30 years. Doug worked for the Town of Pantego for more than 30 years as Police Chief, Director of Public Safety and, currently, as the town’s mayor.

Since opening, Anything Goes has grown from 1,200 square feet to almost 4,000 square feet of retail space that features products that meet the needs of customers of all ages. Traveling to different markets such as Las Vegas, New York and Atlanta allows Anything Goes to bring diverse and unique products from across the country. “I work hard to find our customers new products so they have the diversity in the gifts that they’re giving and there’s always something new and fresh for them on the shelves,” Mary says. “Anything Goes prides itself in the level of customer service that we provide and making everyone feel at home the minute they walk in the door.”

Anything Goes
2504 W. Park Row Drive, Suite A, Pantego • 817-542-0862
anythinggoesgiftshop.com

**Hilton’s Flooring**

**Winner: Flooring Store**

An All Star for the fourth straight year, Hilton’s Flooring has become a staple in this edition. It’s obvious that our readers’ preferred destination is an ideal one-stop showroom for practically any floor-covering need.

Since 2013, Hilton’s Flooring has been an accredited business with an A+ Rating from the Better Business Bureau.

Hilton’s Vice President of Sales, Kateri Dodson, says the company is devoted to providing the best hardwood, laminate vinyl, tile and stone in a friendly, comfortable and helpful atmosphere.

“We offer the largest selection of floor covering in the Tarrant County area,” she says. “We also have design professionals on premise, complimentary in-home design consultation, free in-home measuring and estimates and installation.”

Hilton’s carries most name brands of flooring and now offers materials for cabinets and tabletops, making it the ideal place to shop for practically any home improvement enhancement project.

Hilton’s Flooring
2800 W. Division St. • 817-461-5189
hiltonsflooring.com
C & W Antiques
Winner: Antiques

A back-to-back All Star-award winner, C & W Antiques offers unique, rare and interesting furniture and accessories not found at most stores stateside. From their flagship showroom in Grand Prairie, Co-proprietors Jim Carpenter and Patrick Walsh create an inviting ambiance with fragrant Market candles, music and vignettes of old-world rooms that stimulate the senses.

“C & W Antiques’ philosophy is to make each customer feel welcome,” Walsh says. “With our passion for antiques, we welcome each customer and provide a friendly atmosphere for their unique shopping experience. We treat each customer like family.”

C & W Antiques specializes in 17th, 18th and 19th century English and French furniture. It also has an exquisite collection of original fine art by Italian, French, Russian, English and U.S. artists, and its Faberge Collection is the largest in the state of Texas and perhaps the world.

C & W Antiques
2100 N. Hwy. 360, Suite 705-706, Grand Prairie • 817-637-7637
candwantiques.com

Urban Country Flower Co.
Winner: Florist

Urban Country Flower Co. is making its debut on our readers’ choice All Star team. The unique business has captured the hearts of area shoppers as a European-style fresh/silk bucket shop that has something for just about everyone.

Urban Country Flower Co. has become a go-to place for flowers for events, weddings, parties, and holiday decorations. It also specializes in arrangements for anniversaries, birthdays, get well, “I’m sorry,” “Congratulations!” and “Just because.”

Its retail shop also carries home gifts, garden gifts and accessories, both vintage and new. Gift and accessory items include gourmet food, coffee, fragrances, t-shirts and hats.

Urban Country Flower Co. also recently began offering local deliveries. Urban Country Flower Co. is a Premier Florist on Bloom Nation (bloomnation.com), which arranges flower deliveries all across the country at the click of a mouse.

Urban Country Flower Co.
2234 W. Park Row Drive, Suite D Village Park • 817-987-9228
urbancountryflowerco.com

Dixie’s Charms & More
Winner: Jeweler

As Dixie’s celebrates its 39th year in business, the popular retailer also gets to celebrate its fourth All Star award. Owners Kandy King and Glenn Hargrove continue to enhance a tradition established by their late mother Dixie, helping the business evolve from primarily a wholesaler of fashion jewelry and sterling silver to a retail operation that also sells a wide range of gift items.

“We’re so proud to operate our business here in our hometown of Arlington,” King says. “We’ve loved being a part of the Gracie Lane family for the past five years.”

King says she and her team have a simple philosophy. “Mom (Dixie) always said ‘Take care of your customers, and everything else will take care of itself,’” she says. “The top priority for myself, Glenn and our great staff is to make every shopping experience at Dixie’s a great one. We work at seeking out unique and quality gift items that are reasonably priced. Value and selection are critical, but those don’t mean much without great customer service. We lost our precious Mom to Alzheimer’s disease this year. Our hope is to carry on her legacy in a way that would make her proud.”

Dixie’s
4720 S. Cooper St. • 817-649-1112
dixiesonline.com

Arlington Family Practice
Winner: Family Physician

Two-time All Star Arlington Family Practice, P.A. was established in 1977 by Dr. Dean Peyton and a partner. Since that time the practice has believed – and continues to believe – that quality is more important than quantity.

Practice principals Sherley Aramath, M.D., Laura Rice, D.O., Tien Truong, D.O., and Kaitlyn Gorman, FNP-C, want their patients to feel like this is where they belong and that they can trust Arlington Family Practice with their health care and help them become healthier individuals. The practice motto is “modern medicine with old fashioned care.”

“We treat each other with respect, and like family,” says Practice Administrator Patricia Gouldy. “I believe this feeling is reflected to our patients when they come. If a patient comes in with an acute illness, we want to make sure we try and follow up with them in 48 hours to make sure they are doing better.”

Arlington Family Practice, P.A.
2415 Matlock Road • 817-277-6444
arlingtonfp.com
Methodist Mansfield Medical Center

Winner: Hospital

Methodist Mansfield Medical Center, a 254-bed acute care hospital, has been serving the community for more than 12 years. Methodist Mansfield continues to expand to meet patients’ needs.

In just the past few years, the hospital opened an Amon G. Carter Foundation Kids Zone in the Emergency Department, a third cardiac catheterization lab for interventional cardiology and added 3D mammography and a second daVinci® Xi Surgical System for robotically-assisted minimally invasive procedures.

In June, the new 82-thousand-square foot, four-story professional office building II opened on the 23-acre south campus. The addition of the Professional Office Building (POB) II accommodates the ever-growing number of specialty and primary care physicians who have joined Methodist Mansfield’s medical team to bring advanced health care to the region.

To enhance outpatient care for infants in Methodist Mansfield’s neonatal intensive care unit the hospital has added a telemedicine robot to treat the youngest and sickest patients. This robot can monitor and detect vital signs of the tiniest of babies and help save lives when time is of the essence.

A new Methodist Center for Diagnostic Imaging (CDI) opened in 2017 and offers advanced outpatient diagnostic equipment including the community’s first high-field open MRI. The hospital also launched a patient portal, “Epic MyChart,” which allows patients to have personal and family health information at their fingertips from a computer or an app on a smartphone or tablet.

Moreover, the hospital has achieved exceptional safety scores and key quality measures to provide excellent patient care, and offers some of the latest in medical advancements. Methodist Mansfield has also received the highest rating possible by Leapfrog, the independent hospital safety watchdog, as well as Magnet Recognition®, the highest distinction a healthcare organization can receive for nursing excellence and high-quality patient care.

Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital

Winner: Hospital

Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital has earned Readers’ Choice All Star awards in each of the six polls we’ve published, so it’s obvious that the celebrated medical center has gained the trust of its North Texas patients.

Texas Health Arlington Memorial is a 369-bed, acute-care hospital that is ranked among the best hospitals in Dallas-Fort Worth by U.S. News & World Report.

With a mission of improving the health of the people in the community, the hospital and physicians on its medical staff are committed to every patient’s well-being.

Texas Health Arlington Memorial offers the gamut of health care services, including: behavioral health; cancer care; cardiac rehabilitation; Diabetes care; digestive health; emergency department; ear, nose and throat care; fitness center; heart and vascular; hospice care; imaging; neurosciences; nutrition; orthopedics; rehabilitation; respiratory therapy; sports therapy; women and infants care and wound care.

In addition to the aforementioned services, Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital fortifies its bond with the community by offering regular classes focusing on health-related topics, such as childbirth education, family education, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and wellness and prevention.

The hospital has received acclaim on many fronts in recent years. Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital has received the Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval for Fragility Fracture Certification, the first health care facility in the country to receive Joint Commission certification for a fragility fracture program.

It is also designated as a Magnet hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center, an honor that recognizes hospitals for excellence in nursing, and was the first facility in Arlington to earn the designation.

In 2019, Texas Health Arlington Memorial received a Get With The Guidelines® award for stroke and/or heart failure care, earning Gold Plus and Target Heart Failure Honor Roll award levels.
All Star Spotlight: Wellness

Medical City Arlington

Winner: Emergency Department

Ever evolving to meet the needs of patients, Medical City Arlington earned its sixth consecutive All Star award this year as our voters’ preferred emergency department.

Medical City Arlington has been designated a Level II Trauma Center by the Texas Department of State Health Services, making it the first and only hospital in Arlington to achieve this distinguished classification. A Level II trauma designation represents the second-highest level of trauma designation available.

The hospital’s emergency medicine team, made up of board-certified physicians, nurses and specialists, treats about 2,000 trauma patients annually and cared for 80,000 patients in the ER last year.

As a Level II Trauma Center, Medical City Arlington provides:

• Dedicated trauma resuscitation rooms in the 56-bed emergency department
• Dedicated trauma operating rooms available 24/7
• Dedicated 24-bed neuro-trauma ICU
• Continuous availability of neurosurgery, orthopedic surgery, interventional radiology, laboratory services, radiology and blood bank
• On-campus inpatient rehabilitation unit

In addition to advanced, comprehensive adult emergency care, Medical City Arlington offers full-service emergency diagnosis and treatment for infants and children of all ages. It’s like having the pediatric emergency care of Medical City Children’s Hospital in your neighborhood. The staff and specially trained physicians provide the highest quality healthcare according to guidelines for care set by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Emergency Physicians and the Emergency Nurses Association.

Medical City Arlington was Arlington’s first Chest Pain Center accredited by The Society for Chest Pain Centers and has a Cycle V Designation. The hospital is also certified by the Joint Commission as Primary Stroke Center with an on-site dedicated Stroke Team and a dedicated CT Scan in the ER to help facilitate protocol-driven care when minutes matter most.

Medical City Arlington
3301 Matlock Road • 682-509-6200
medicalcityarlington.com

Dr. Alfred DiStefano

Winner: Oncologist

For the fourth year in a row, Dr. Alfred DiStefano has been honored by our readers as the area’s top oncologist – and with good cause. He founded Arlington Cancer Center nearly four decades ago with a vision to craft a medical facility that would be all-inclusive for patients undergoing cancer treatment – the diagnostic and therapeutic modalities would all take place under one roof.

It was a revolutionary concept in 1980, and it not only became the norm for the center, but a model for effective cancer treatment all around the country.

This year, Arlington Cancer Center became part of Texas Oncology and is now Texas Oncology-Arlington Cancer Center North. Dr. DiStefano says he is proud of the direction Arlington Cancer Center took at the outset of the practice – and still takes today. “Over the years, we have stayed true to that principle,” he says. “Our dedication to providing a broad range of services, in combination with compassionate patient-oriented care, allows us to give our patients the opportunity to access high quality care while remaining outpatient and close to home.”

Dr. DiStefano is joined at the center by four other cancer specialists: Dr. John Adams, Dr. Chad Amosson, Dr. Barry Firstenberg and Dr. Anwar Khurshid. Together, they offer more than 100 years of combined research, teaching and practical experience in treating solid tumors, blood cancers and blood disorders at some of the premier national and international cancer centers and medical schools. They understand that patients want an innovative partner to help them make the most informed decisions about their care and future. That’s why Texas Oncology-Arlington Cancer Center North offers a comprehensive outpatient environment and why the doctors take pride in providing diagnosis, treatment, education and support services to adult cancer patients from around the world.

“Our goal is to lessen the stress of treatment so you can focus on your recovery,” Dr. DiStefano says. “We make it easier by offering all of our services under one roof.”

Texas Oncology - Arlington Cancer Center North
906 W. Randol Mill Road • 817-261-4906
texasoncology.com/arlington-cancer-center-north
Dr. Joan Bergstrom

Winner: Ob/Gyn

For the fifth straight year, Dr. Joan Bergstrom, founder of Women’s Health Services, has been chosen by our readers as the All Star winner in the Ob/Gyn category.

Dr. Bergstrom started Women’s Health Services in 1986 when she completed her residency in Kansas City, Kansas, and moved to Arlington to become the first female Ob-Gyn in the city. Over the years the group has grown to include a total of six physicians: Joan Bergstrom, Dawnette Pepper, Kiran Nangrani, Sheri Puffer, Joy Carter and Jessica Brown.

WHS opened its second location in Arlington in 2017. The group is aligned to provide consistent treatment amongst all doctors so patients will have a continuum of care in a setting of comfort.

Women’s Health Services offers full obstetrical and gynecological services, and the team’s philosophy is to promote a comfortable atmosphere with expert services in all aspects of female health. The practice has on-line appointment booking for efficiency. It also offers services to provide care for all situations in the timeline of a woman’s life, from puberty through menopause.

Women’s Health Services has been a steady provider of women’s health care for over 30 years. Patients can count on Dr. Bergstrom and her colleagues to be accessible for any issues that come up in a woman’s life. The doctors of WHS provide services for pregnancy, birth control, heavy periods, treatment for uterine prolapse and urinary incontinence, hormonal changes and woman exams.

For patient convenience, the doctors practice out of a north and south office in Arlington. They offer all of their patient hospital services at Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital, Arlington’s Community Hospital, which promotes the highest standard of health care for all patients in the Metroplex. Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital is planning a complete renovation of the Women’s Services that will be unveiled later in 2019. WHS has recently upgraded its website to provide easier access to each patient’s medical records and to enhance the communication with their doctor on-line.

Women’s Health Services
1101 N. Waldrop, Suite 505 • 5005 S. Cooper St., Suite 275
817-277-9415 • womenshealthservices.com

Baylor Scott & White Orthopedic and Spine Hospital - Arlington

Winner: Orthopedic Care

Baylor Scott & White Orthopedic and Spine Hospital – Arlington is proud to be named the Arlington Today All Star for Orthopedic Care for the second consecutive year. We’re honored that Arlington Today readers have chosen us as one of its top medical providers.

Baylor Scott & White Arlington is a unique, industry-leading specialty hospital focused on comprehensive outpatient and inpatient treatment of orthopedic and spine disorders. In fact, it’s the only orthopedic surgery and specialty hospital of its kind in Dallas/Fort Worth, bringing experts close to home.

In addition to spine care, Baylor Scott & White Arlington provides unsurpassed treatment for various other orthopedic injuries, from simple strains to broken bones to the need for full joint replacement. The hospital’s 24 staff physicians focus on attentive, patient-centered care, actively involving patients and their families in each step and decision of their treatment. Because the entire staff is focused strictly on orthopedic and spine care, patients receive a level of care and expertise that’s unmatched by any other area hospital.

Baylor Scott & White Arlington also provides a full-service ER, complete diagnostic imaging capabilities and on-site physical therapy, rehab and a comprehensive Pain Management Center.

“We’re focused on providing a level of patient-focused care, understanding, diagnosis and treatment of spine and orthopedic issues that typical hospitals can’t,” said Allan Beck, Chief Executive Officer. “Our comprehensive on-site services offer convenience along with expert orthopedic care, helping our patients get back to doing what they love with as little down time as possible.”

In addition to providing expert medical care, Baylor Scott & White Arlington is an active, committed partner to the Arlington community. Current support includes River Legacy Living Science Center, the Levitt Pavilion, The LOT Mansfield, Salvation Army, Boys & Girls Club of Arlington, Arlington Urban Ministries, YoungLife and UTA Athletics.

Baylor Scott & White Orthopedic and Spine Hospital
707 Highlander Blvd. • 855-41-ORTHO
bswarlington.com
Dr. Jay Pond
Winner: Orthopedic Surgeon

Making his debut on our All Star team, Dr. Jay Pond is a founding member of AOA Orthopedic Specialists and practices general orthopedics.

He is certified by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery, and he specializes in silver-coated implants for joint replacements, which drastically reduces the chance of infection during recovery.

Dr. Pond completed medical school at UT Southwestern Medical School in Dallas in 1990. He then completed his internship and his specialty training at Barnes Hosp/Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri from 1991 to 1995.

Dr. Pond participates in mission work through Faith in Practice, which is a faith-based medical mission team that travels to Guatemala numerous times each year to perform surgeries on underprivileged patients. He has been affiliated with the organization for the past five years.

Dr. Pond spends his free time playing sports with his three children and maintaining a healthy lifestyle by cycling.

AOA Orthopedic Specialists
Arlington: 800 Orthopedic Way • 817-375-5200 • Mansfield: 2801 E. Broad St. • 817-375-5200
ArlingtonOrtho.com

Family HealthCare Associates
Winner: Family Physician Practice

A back-to-back All Star winner, Family HealthCare Associates is a physician-owned organization that has served the healthcare needs of the Arlington/Mansfield area for over 60 years. Its commitment to delivering quality care has allowed the practice to grow from two physicians in 1958 to 30 physicians in four locations today.

Healthcare services include onsite diagnostic testing, online registration, text reminders and a patient portal for enhanced communication between you and your physician. FHCA's After Hours Care Clinic was created over 20 years ago and has been the go-to place in the community for treatment of minor illnesses and injuries.

The physicians at Family HealthCare Associates have been recognized by multiple health organizations for achieving their highest quality standards. The practice has been recognized as a Patient Centered Medical Home by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). FCHA's focus has always been on providing high-quality care to its patients. The practice’s primary services include gynecological exams, pediatric care, dermatological procedures, well exams and care of chronic conditions.

Family HealthCare Associates
1300 S. Fielder Road • 817-277-2221 • 1926 S.W. Green Oaks Blvd. • 817-472-5522
13601 N. Hwy-157, Mansfield • 817-473-7962 • 4100 N. Collins, Suite 200 • 817-860-1309 • fhcatx.com

Randol Mill Pharmacy
Winner: Pharmacy

With its second win in a row in our readers’ choice poll, Randol Mill Pharmacy continues to be an area favorite – and it has been for over 50 years.

Randol Mill Pharmacy has been an Arlington staple since 1965. Its talented staff strives to provide the friendliest, most professional and efficient pharmacy service in town.

Five words embrace the Randol Mill Pharmacy team’s philosophy, highlighted in the company’s “5-C’s”: Care, Convenience, Cost-effectiveness, Confidentiality and Communication.

Randol Mill Pharmacy is one of the area’s premier resources for prescription medications, over the counter (OTC) medications, flu shots, shingles shots, pneumonia shots, tetanus shots and compounding (where you are not bound by commercial medications, but can have medications in the strengths and dosages that fit your particular needs).

The pharmacy accepts most insurance plans, provides complementary local delivery for your convenience – and now Randol Mill Pharmacy is a package pickup Hub for Amazon.

At Randol Mill Pharmacy you will find 6,000 square feet of shopping space stocked with a full range of medical equipment, including a huge selection of canes, 4-wheel walkers, wheelchairs, bath safety equipment, hospital beds, compression hosiery and lift chairs.

The pharmacy also carries unique upscale gifts, greeting cards, seasonal gifts and candies. As always, it offers complementary gift bags with any gift purchase.

Randol Mill Pharmacy can be your problem solver. Tell the staff members your needs, and they will work with you to meet them – and to exceed your expectations – every time you pay a visit, call them on the phone or check in online.

Randol Mill Pharmacy … it’s More Than A Pharmacy.

Randol Mill Pharmacy
1014 N. Fielder Road • 817-274-1883
randolmillpharmacy.com
Key-Whitman Eye Center

Winner: LASIK

The All Star Key-Whitman Eye Center team is consistently recognized as one of the leaders in eye care. As a patient, you’ll have access to the full range of options for vision procedures and high-tech lenses to enhance your lifestyle.

Key-Whitman is known for providing individualized care, from annual eye exams to the treatment of cataracts, glaucoma and dry eyes, as well as the precise fitting of glasses and contacts at their optical center.

Wish you didn’t need to wear glasses or contacts? Key-Whitman has helped thousands of people improve their vision with LASIK. They are one of the first LASIK centers in the Dallas/Fort Worth area to perform LASIK and PRK with the WaveLight® Refractive Suite. This is the most advanced state-of-the-art technology available in the United States.

Key-Whitman also offers patients the high-tech option of Contoura Vision. In research, 92% of patients achieved 20/20 vision or better within one year of their Contoura Vision procedure.

The Key-Whitman team is led by Dr. Jeffrey Whitman, who has been recognized by peer reviews as one of the leading Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex Eye Doctors for 17 years in a row.

Key-Whitman Eye Center has two area offices: North Arlington and South Arlington. This means you can have great eye care and convenience. The Key-Whitman doctors and staff look forward to seeing you and helping you achieve your best possible vision.

Key-Whitman Eye Center
North Arlington: 910 N. Davis Drive, #400
South Arlington: 400 W. Arbrook Blvd., Suite 121
214-220-3937 • keywhitman.com

Accent Podiatry Associates

Honorable Mention: Podiatrist

Making its second All Star appearance, Accent Podiatry Associates is dedicated to getting to the root of your foot or ankle problem.

With offices in both Arlington and Mansfield, Accent Podiatry Associates addresses a wide range of foot and ankle issues, including:
- Foot and ankle pain
- Bunions
- Heel pain
- Plantar fasciitis
- Diabetic wound care
- Flat feet
- Neuromas
- Children’s foot care
- Hammertoes
- Achilles tendonitis

Dr. Dharmesh “Dan” Bhakta heads the Accent Podiatry team of physicians, which also includes Dr. Keyvan Ganz, Dr. Jacob Jasper, Dr. Shae Paschal and Dr. Jinal Mehta.

Dr. Bhakta is board certified in foot surgery by the American Board of Podiatric Surgery, a Diplomat of the American Board of Podiatric Surgery, and is a Fellow of the American College of Foot-ankle Surgeons.

He also has made it a priority at the practice to render aid to patients in a compassionate manner. “Having chronic foot and ankle pain can greatly affect the quality of your life, and our doctors understand that,” he says. “They also know how hectic things can be and are committed to making the practice and care convenient and accessible.”

Accent Podiatry Associates accepts most insurance plans and welcomes new patients.

Accent Podiatry Associates
Arlington: 3050 S. Center St., Suite 140 • 817-557-1006
Mansfield: 221 Regency Pkwy., Suite 117 • 817-477-3611
accentpodiatry.com
Dr. Moody Alexander

Winner: Orthodontist

Five-time All Star Dr. Moody Alexander heads Drs Alexander Orthodontics, which has long been known as one of Arlington’s more prominent family practices.

Over the past five and a half decades, Drs Alexander Orthodontics has focused on providing orthodontic treatment for children and adults, many of whom have become like family to Dr. Alexander and his staff.

“We work hard to provide a 5-star service experience for our patients, from their initial phone call to the ‘getting braces off’ celebration,” Dr. Alexander says. “We understand that the orthodontic journey is so much more than just straightening teeth. We count it a privilege to get to know our patients and their families and strive to be the best part of our patients’ day.”

Another thing that sets the practice apart is its yearning to “give back.”

“We realize the incredible blessings that we have in our lives and try to live by the passage from Luke that says ‘to whom much is given, much is required,’” Dr. Alexander says. “That’s why we developed our wooden nickel program. Twice a year, we provide an opportunity for patients to be involved with a humanitarian project by donating wooden nickels they earned by being good patients. It is a beautiful thing watching patients give back out of their nickels they have worked hard to earn.”

Dr. Alexander and his wife Emily have seven children, including three adopted children from Ethiopia, where he conducted dental health-based mission trips for several years before the political climate made it difficult to return. That did not deter him from giving back, however, especially in the local community, where Drs Alexander Orthodontics partners with like-minded organizations in town: Young Life, Arlington Southwest Little League, Gospel City Church, Pantego Christian Academy, Alliance for Children, Mission Arlington, Dental Health of Arlington, “and various organizations that we support through our patients, also.”

Dr. Alexander was named the 2019 Humanitarian Award winner by the American Association of Orthodontists.

Drs Alexander Orthodontics
840 W. Mitchell St. • 817-275-3233
drsalexander.com

Drs. Hyde, Miller & Associates

Winner: Pediatric Dentist

The pediatric dentists at Drs. Hyde, Miller & Associates believe that a child’s visit to the dentist – whether it’s the first or the 21st – should not only be as painless as possible, but enjoyable, as well.

That’s why they have crafted four offices in the area filled with children-friendly decor and interactive items that help ease the fear that might be associated with a dental visit.

In turn, their patients’ parents have crafted a “thank you” note in the form of a vote for the “Fun Dentists” as a 2019 All Star.

The offices at Drs. Hyde, Bailey & Associates offer a unique open concept that provides a cheerful and enthusiastic environment to educate and promote oral health for the children of the community.

While they’re awaiting the dentist, the kids often get to meet a practice staple: Adam the Alligator, who also helps keep things fun.

Drs. Hyde, Miller & Associates
North: 606 N. Fielder, Suite 102 • 817-459-1313 • South: 4220 Little Road • 817-478-3300
Central: 3101 S. Center St. • 817-466-7057 • Mansfield: 2300 Matlock Road, Suite 28 • 817-539-0500
dfundentist.com

Dr. Jennifer Ketchel

Honorable Mention: Pediatric Dentist

An All Star for the third year in a row, Dr. Jennifer Ketchel takes pride in being able to serve her home town since opening Arlington Pediatric Dentistry in 2012.

“As an Arlington Martin High School graduate, it’s been a special opportunity to serve the community I grew up in,” she says.

Dr. Ketchel and her office staff have built the reputation of a warm and friendly environment. Dr. Ketchel continues to earn the trust of families and other healthcare providers in the community as she brings the very latest research and working knowledge to all of her patients.

“As the years go by, it’s been a joy for me to watch patients grow up into amazing teenagers and adults,” she says.

Dr. Ketchel’s vision has always been to serve the Arlington and Mansfield communities with integrity and kindness. She does this by providing children with excellent dental care along with educating them to maintain a life-long healthy smile. She always makes time to explain and encourage, all while having fun.

Arlington Pediatric Dentistry
7410 S. Cooper St. • 817-465-0044
arlingtonkidsdentist.com
All Star Spotlight: Wellness

Kos/Danchak Audiology & Hearing Aids
Winner: Audiologist

An All Star for the third straight year, Kos/Danchak Audiology & Hearing Aids has been helping people in the Arlington/North Texas area hear the best they can for over 35 years! Susanne Kos, the original owner, began helping North Texans hear better in 1984. The practice still honors her name even though she retired several years ago.

Kos/Danchak has over 40 community physicians that refer their patients in need of hearing health care services – some of the physicians have been doing so since Susanne Kos was helping people hear better.

Dr. Melissa Danchak says that kind of trust has been paved by a patient-first focus and a commitment to deliver the best hearing solutions possible for each person they meet with.

“What we say we do, we do. That is being verified publicly by the community of physicians that consistently place their trust in us as well as the the online reviews and recommendations our patients are posting about their experiences with us,” Dr. Danchak says.

“There are not many audiology practices in the North Texas area that can say they’ve been helping people hear better for over 35 years. We believe that how we meet with people and the delivery of the services we provide is ultimately about giving an experience that makes them feel confident in their decision to address their hearing health care needs - with us!”

Dr. Danchak says the practice’s first, and main, priority is to honor its commitments to each patient. “Better hearing health care is a journey – not a transaction! Each day, we meet with people that have trusted their hearing health care needs to us for 10 years, 15 years – some even 20 years. Their confidence in us and the online reviews are humbling to say the least. These reviews provide those searching for hearing health care with the confidence they need to take their first step towards better hearing.”

Kos/Danchak Audiology & Hearing Aids
101 W. Randol Mill Road • 817-277-7039
northtxhearing.com

Audiology Experts
Honorable Mention: Audiologist

Audiology Experts was chosen for its fourth consecutive All Star award this year, underscoring the gratitude patients have for the work of Dr. Lisa B. Fell and her team.

Since opening in 2008, Audiology Experts has steadily grown its practice by providing patient-friendly service and by implementing state-of-the-industry technology to help patients successfully address their hearing issues.

In addition to hearing evaluations and hearing aid fitting, the practice offers tinnitus evaluation and management, custom solutions for hearing protection, assistive listening devices and hearing aid supplies.

“Hearing healthcare is more than just fitting hearing aids,” Dr. Fell says. “We take time to look at the individual concerns and medical health – more studies are showing how health conditions like diabetes, dementia and heart disease are being linked to hearing loss. We take a comprehensive approach. We always have, and we always will.”

Audiology Experts
1261 W. Green Oaks Blvd., Suite 105 • 817-451-4818
audiologyexperts.com

Resurgence Wellness
Winner: Rejuvination Center

Last September, Resurgence Wellness opened its doors in Arlington and introduced a new realm of healthcare to the North Texas region. Less than a year later, founder Christopher Chappell’s wellness clinic is an Arlington-area All Star.

Resurgence Wellness specializes in providing advanced medical solutions to help patients reach optimal health. The clinic methodically analyzes the cause of each patient’s health issues to create effective – even, life-changing – results, whether a patient’s goal is to lose weight, stabilize hormone levels, or boost his/her immune system. The gamut of solutions is based on treatments that are safe and non-invasive ways to get to the root cause of health problems to help restore the patient's vitality so he or she can get back to feeling well. “Resurgence Wellness was created to help patients ‘Own the Day,’” says Chappell.

A lot of our readers obviously believe the clinic is doing just that.

Resurgence Wellness
2701 Matlock Road, #105 • 833-696-2329
resurgencewellness.com
Central Park ENT

Winner: Ear/Nose/Throat

For the second consecutive year, Central Park ENT has been chosen by our readers as their favorite area Ear/Nose/Throat practice.

The board certified physicians of Central Park Ear Nose Throat work as a team to provide the best quality of service to their patients. Drs. Mark Palmer, Chris Lee, Stuart Thomas, Rene Pena, Dana Gibbs and Tyler Scoresby help countless people with allergy issues, ear infections, hearing impairments, colds and sinus infections.

The Central Park ENT healthcare providers believe that by assisting others through education and compassion, they can improve and restore quality of life for patients and their loved ones.

With offices located throughout the Metroplex (including sites in Arlington, Mansfield, Dallas and Fort Worth), Central Park ENT has experienced and compassionate doctors and practitioners who can help with any ear, nose, or throat condition you may have. From allergy treatment to hearing aids, sinus surgery, thyroid conditions, and much more, the team of caring ENT doctors is easily accessible to help patients and their families.

The doctors encourage patients to take a few moments to visit the practice website, centralparkent.net, for information on allergies, preparing for your visit and the doctors. You can also view videos, and once your visit is complete, you can take a short satisfaction survey.

The in-depth explanations on the website can help you determine if and when visiting the clinic will benefit you the most. For general health information, Central Park ENT’s blogs are posted on a regular basis to help patients get information on how to prevent diseases, illness and discomfort in their daily lives.

The Mission at Central Park ENT is to provide the highest quality treatment for all ear, nose and throat problems by emphasizing patient education, incorporating the latest technology and making your individual needs a first priority.

Central Park ENT
409 Central Park Drive • 817-261-9191
centralparkent.net

Diet Solution Weight Loss Centers

Winner: Weight Loss Solutions

A back-to-back All Star winner, Diet Solution Weight Loss Centers were created by Dr. Richard Knight in Mansfield in 2011 with a mission to help the community get healthy and lose excess weight.

Diet Solution Weight Loss Centers provide a medically monitored weight loss program that specializes in personal treatment for each patient. Before patients even begin the program they receive an EKG and undergo blood work that tests for cholesterol and thyroid levels. This evaluation also includes: BMI, weight, height, vitals, a B12 injection and Amino appetite suppressants.

DSWLC has an array of caffeine-free, natural and effective aides for weight loss, including: Fat Burners; Fat Blockers; B12 injections; Multi-Vitamins; Hair, Skin and Vitamin products; Trim Slim and Cascara Sagrada.

The initial examination takes an hour. Thereafter, patients come in weekly to receive vitals, BMI, weigh in, and they are able to meet with Dr. Richard Knight to determine how they can achieve the healthiest of results.

Central Park ENT

The Pilates Effect

Winner: Exercise/Fitness Studio

A readers’ choice All Star for the second year in a row, The Pilates Effect opened in April 2017 and is a fully equipped Pilates Studio dedicated to the overall well being of its clients.

Studio Owner/Instructor Cami Green says she has long wanted to teach and help people accomplish their health and fitness goals by means of Pilates.

“The Pilates training that we offer is geared toward the individual, their needs and specifications to their body type, fitness level and or any issues keeping them from their goals,” Green says. “We are trained to deal with these different body types and needs and on how to correct them. Our studio and type of Pilates training isn’t a one-size-fits-all; it’s specific to the individual.”

The Pilates Effect is a fully equipped Pilates studio, offering classes for every fitness level and private sessions for more individualized private Pilates training.

Central Park ENT
409 Central Park Drive • 817-261-9191
centralparkent.net

Diet Solution Weight Loss Centers
Mansfield: 920 Hwy. 287 N., Ste 306 • 817-453-3438 • Pantego: 2542 W. Pioneer Pkwy. • 817-277-3438
dietsolutioncenters.com

The Pilates Effect
Shoppes at Brownstone Village, 2410 W. Abram St., Suite 112
214-558-0996 • thepilateseffect.com
Low T Center Arlington

Honorable Mention: Hormone Therapy

Making its All Star debut, Low T Center Arlington offers wellness services exclusively for men who are looking for an annual wellness exam, as well as treatment for sleep apnea, low testosterone, severe allergies, high blood pressure, cholesterol or diabetes.

Low T Center’s patients experience advanced treatments designed to restore normal function and improve their quality of life and help them feel like the best version of themselves.

Testosterone replacement therapy (TRT) options are formulated specifically to suit each individual. Some of the more common symptoms of low T include lack of energy/chronic fatigue, depression, increased tendency to retain fat, reduced muscle tone and loss of facial or body hair. Many men with low T issues also suffer from lack of sexual desire and infrequent erections. Replacement therapies provide help for men who suffer from these issues.

Low T Center
2701 Matlock Road, Suite 109 • 817-717-9002
lowtcenter.com/locations/arlington

Active Family Wellness Center

Winner: Wellness Center

Founded by Dr. Kenyon Godwin in 2010, Active Family Wellness Center has been named Arlington’s top chiropractic and/or wellness practice the past six years. It also won the Arlington Chamber of Commerce’s 2016 Veteran-owned Small Business of the Year.

Dr. Godwin recently opened a second office in the North Arlington area.

“We believe people should have the freedom to pursue their purpose without limitations!” Dr. Godwin says.

“AFWC combines education, lifestyle modification and people-personalized services to help people live their best life. AFWC offers an effective lifestyle modification program called 8 Weeks to Wellness. This program incorporates the best of wellness: Chiropractic, Nutrition, Massage, Fitness and Meditation/Prayer. Our catalyzing statement is to make Arlington the healthiest city in the state of Texas.”

Active Family Wellness Center
4927 S. Collins St., Suite 105 • 817-618-6730
4120 N. Collins St., Ste 200 • 817-557-2770
txwellnessdoc.com

TPMC Billing Services LLC

Winner: Billing Services

First-time All Star TPMC Billing Services LLC is located in downtown Arlington next to the city hall. TPMC was born in February 2018 to promote a better medical billing experience for healthcare providers and their patients.

With more than 16 years of medical billing experience and as medical office management within staff, TPMC knows the value of good communication between the office staff and the billing department. We know each practice’s needs are different. We know your patients are the most important thing in your practice. TPMC will work with each individual provider to customize a billing plan for each practice and find where it can improve. We will work with each patient to provide a better experience when managing their medical bill.

As a member of AAPC we offer nationwide medical billing services and revenue cycle solutions for medical billing. We work with you and your staff closely as an in-house biller and save you money by eliminating in-house medical billing employee expenses and lowering the cost of forms, supplies, and reducing your telephone expenses.

TPMC Billing Services LLC
318 W. Main St., Suite 101 • 817-717-8895
tpmcbilling.com

Maren Karsen Salon

Honorable Mention: Hair Salon

An All Star in back-to-back years, Maren Karsen Salon is a full-service hair salon & Aveda Experience Center located in the heart of Downtown Arlington.

“Our guests are always telling us how ‘at home’ they feel at Maren Karsen Aveda Salon,” says Owner/Master Stylist and Colorist Kellie Morris.

“We are professionals, but we strive to provide a relaxed, yet fun, atmosphere. We want you to feel comfortable here.”

Maren Karsen is an Aveda Concept Salon with more than 20 years in the industry. It carries the full line of Aveda products, including hair care, skin care, body care and cosmetics.

“Our hairdressers are continually educated on the latest trends in hair cutting and hair color, regardless of experience, in order to provide our clients with the highest quality services, bar none,” says Morris. “We promise to make your experience the best it can possibly be. We want you to tell everyone when you leave that you just went to the best salon in Arlington, Texas, or anywhere else.”

Maren Karsen Salon
200 N. Mesquite St., Suite 109 • 817-275-8686
marenkarsen.com
For each of the past five years, The Sanford House has earned a spot on the All Star team – and with good reason: it consistently exceeds visitor expectations.

General Manager Valerie Landry proudly notes that the venerable inn has been in Arlington for over 20 years now. “We opened in 1997, and originally my grandparents lived on property and ran the business as a true bed and breakfast,” she says. “As the business developed, my grandparents eventually decided to retire completely, and my Mom, Dr. Joan Bergstrom, ran the business with various managers at the helm. Through this time frame, the business expanded to include our Cottage Suites, and our full-service Spa and Salon came to fruition.”

Once Landry came on board in 2008, she worked with her mom to start creating “House Hosted” events, and the principals started putting a more strategic management plan in place. “We added our Villa Suites in 2009, and the restaurant was re-branded to Restaurant506 in 2013,” Landry says. “We have continually put a lot of effort into the quality of products we provide and the quality of services available at the Spa & Salon to ensure our guests can truly feel relaxed and rejuvenated. Our goal is to truly make our guest's day when they have a chance to experience any facet of The Sanford House.

Landry says the company’s professional philosophy is to provide a world-class experience for everyone. “The Sanford House is most special because of the unparalleled service we provide,” Landry says. “We strive for excellence in every guest encounter. A visit to The Sanford House is unique in all aspects from the visual beauty of our grounds, the passion we have for our guests and the ability for guests to experience a truly memorable event. We genuinely love what we do, and it shows.”

The Sanford House
506 N. Center St. • 817-861-2129
thesanfordhouse.com

An All Star for the second consecutive year, The Sheraton Arlington opened in 1985 on the grounds of the former Seven Seas Marine Life Park that closed in 1976. The hotel still has several unique venues on the property that date back to the park – including the Plaza on the Hill that provides a natural setting surrounded by lush landscaping and waterfalls, making it the perfect choice for weddings, social events and corporate receptions. The Hotel completed the final phase of the multi-million dollar renovation led by Urbana Varro, LLC including a revitalization of all 311 guestrooms, all 22,000 square feet of meeting space and the complete transformation of the lobby, restaurants, and bar.

Sheraton became part of the world's largest hotel company as Starwood Hotels and Resorts was purchased by Marriott International in 2016. Sheraton's philosophy is “The Best Work is Done Together.” The Sheraton Arlington invites guests to experience a feeling of welcome unlike any other at the newly transformed property.

The Sheraton Arlington
1500 Convention Center Drive • 817-261-8200
sherotonarlingtonhotel.com

Earning its fourth All Star win in a row, Shelton’s Salon & Spa was started in 1965 in what was Stripling’s Department Store, prompting Shelton Ogle to follow his entrepreneurial instincts to open three more salons and the Ogle School of Hair Design, which grew to four locations. Shelton, along with his wife Linda, have always tried to inspire the staff and students to the value they each bring to their clients. There has always been a passion to present the Beauty Industry in a creative, professional and client centered environment. In staffing the salons, spas and schools, Shelton and Linda have been selective in choosing people who share their desire for being a leader in the industry.

Ogle School was sold in 2006. Shelton’s Salon and Spas have continued to evolve with the goal of offering clients fresh and creative styling. There is great pride in continuing to serve clients and stand in high regards in the community. Thank you Arlington.

Shelton’s Salon & Spa
2122 W. Park Row Drive • 817-277-6339
sheltonssalon.com
Great Skin Spa & Facial Club

Winner: Skin Care

Great Skin Spa & Facial Club has been an All Star every year we’ve had skin care as a category in the readers’ choice poll.

Brenda Cureton Smith, owner of Great Skin Spa & Facial Club, Great Skin Franchising Company and The Great Skin Care Co., LLC, began her career in the beauty business 13 years ago as the first U.S. franchisee of Canadian-based FACES Cosmetics. From the multitude of experiences she gained from such, Brenda developed Great Skin in Arlington nine years ago, and the company has continued to grow and gain notoriety as an exceptional day spa and skin care provider.

Great Skin specializes in Anti Aging; Acne; hyperpigmentation skin treatments; Facials; Chemical Peels; LED; Microneedling; Microdermabrasion; Waxing; Slimming Body Treatment, including non-surgical Fat Cavitation; Cellulite Treatments (Endermologie); Foot Detoxing, Makeovers, Teeth Whitening and their award-winning Skin Care. Their signature product series is their Anti Aging Gold Tox System, a home care system that reduces wrinkles, dark spots, fine lines and increases collagen. Cureton Smith also recently developed a product paying homage to her mother, Mattie, who was afflicted with Alzheimer’s: “Hemp Healing Cream” for skin and body care. Great Skin specializes in instant body slimming and contouring, non surgical fat cavitation, cellulite reduction (Endermologie) and skin treatments for teens.

Great Skin is now a franchise company, and while Brenda is an operating Master Esthetician, she is also the CEO of the company. The award-winning Great Skin is well known for highly respecting each client’s goals and working with them to achieve those goals by fully understanding and matching their needs to the perfect skin care treatment plan and home care system.

If you are looking for a great spa to beautify your skin and slim your body, or if you are looking for a business opportunity where you help others, contact Great Skin Spa & Facial Club.

Great Skin Spa & Facial Club
3851 S.W. Green Oaks Blvd. • 817-478-2114
greatskin4you.com

The Levitt Pavilion

Winner: Place for Live Music

It's pretty much a given that this category belongs to the Levitt Pavilion. And, why not? The Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts in Arlington provides more than 50 free concerts a year with a broad-based concert calendar of original music by professional musical artists from world music to jazz and country to Indie artists.

The Levitt Pavilion’s concerts provide our community with an accessible, safe gathering place for free music and performing arts open to everyone – all ages, ethnicities, neighborhoods and income levels, especially those who could not afford to enjoy and benefit from live music and the performing arts in any other way.

In 2018, more than 103,800 people attended concerts at the Levitt, and these numbers reflect visitors from five countries, 24 states and 134 cities, per statistics provided by the venue and The Arlington Police Department. Plus – and this is kind of important – the music rocked!

The Levitt Pavilion
100 W. Abram St. • 817-543-4308
levanttpavilionarlington.org

Texas Live!

Honorable Mention: Place for Live Music

It didn’t take long for Texas Live! to make an impression on our reader voters – less than a year after its grand opening it found its way onto our All Star team. The unique attraction combines entertainment, restaurants and accommodations into one exciting destination.

Perfect for sports and live music fans, the complex is nestled between two legendary arenas, AT&T Stadium and Globe Life Park in Arlington (not to mention Globe Life Field, which will open next baseball season). Texas Live! is, indeed, a great place to go before/after/during sporting events, but it’s also gaining renown as one of the area’s premier showcases for local, national and international music artists who play on stages at Live! Arena, Troy’s, Arlington Backyard and Lockhart Smokehouse.

With this month’s opening of the Live! by Loews hotel, the venue will now be able to attract even more big-name bands and their fans.

Texas Live!
1650 E. Randol Mill Road • 817-852-6688
texas-live.com