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# EDITOR'S NOTE



Two years ago, I was nothing more than just an incoming freshman to CSU and new to Fort Collins. I knew this was a college town, but I had no idea just how many amazing local businesses there were.

Fort Collins prides itself on locally owned businesses. Old Town is packed with them. Around every corner, there is a new boutique to shop at or a restaurant to try, and if you are lucky to have lived in Fort Collins long enough, you have begun to develop your own list of go-to places.

Over the last two years that I have been involved with Best of CSU as a College Avenue writer, it constantly amazes me how many truly local places have won over the minds of the community.

This is the fourth year that College Avenue has put out the Best of CSU, an annual guide that features places covering various categories voted on by CSU students and the Fort Collins community.

Instead of highlighting the winners in features stories as in years past, I wanted to hear from the voters themselves; testimonials on why their pick is the best place in that said category. My reasoning for wanting to do this was to find the hidden gems that aren't in the top three winners.

I see this issue as a guide to help those new to Fort Collins (or in a rut) to discover what this city has to offer. I have even used this as a guide to help me find new places to try. Most of us are only in college for four years and even that doesn't seem like enough time to try everything in this town.

Fort Collins is truly a special place for the amount of local businesses in a broad range of categories. So go out and see how many local places you can try. You might just find your new go-to.

I know I've already begun to compile a list of places for new-to-CSU freshman sister.

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# Congratulations

to the **Lory Student Center** for being voted...

## Best On-Campus Lunch

#1 **Spoons** soups, salads & sandwiches

#2



#3



## Best Radio Station

#1



## Best Bike Shop

#2



## Best Hair Salon

#3



## Best Bookstore

#3



## Best Bagel

#3



## Sandwich

1. Cheba Hut
2. Pickle Barrel
3. Choice City

## Breakfast

1. Silver Grill Cafe
2. Snooze
3. Lucile's

## Wings

1. Jim's Wings
2. Buffalo Wild Wings
3. Krazy Karl's

## Burger

1. Stuff
2. Big Al's
3. Five Guys

## Italian

1. Bisetti's
2. Canino's
3. Enzo's

## Mexican

1. Cafe Mexicali
2. Fuzzy's
3. Blue Agave

## Asian

1. Yung's
2. Hibachi
3. Lulu Asian

## Other International

1. Yum Yum's
2. Mt. Everest Cafe
3. Taj Mahal

## Bagels

1. Gib's
2. Rocky Mountain Bagel Works
3. The Bagel Place

## Sweets

1. Mary's Mountain Cookies
2. The Chocolate Cafe
3. Kilwins

## Ice Cream

1. Walrus
2. Cold Stone
3. Ben & Jerry's

## Pizza

1. Krazy Karl's
2. Pizza Casbah
3. Panhandler's

## Burrito

1. Big City Burrito
2. Cafe Mexicali
3. Chipotle

## Sushi

1. Jaws
2. Suehiro
3. Suh Sushi

## Vegetarian

1. Avogadro's Number
2. Restaurant 415
3. Jax

## Late Night

1. Cheba Hut
2. Pizza Casbah
3. Fat Shack

## Thai Food

1. Thai Pepper
2. Caf é de Bangkok
3. Simply Thai

## Coffee

1. The Human Bean
2. Alley Cat
3. Mugs

## Margarita

1. Rio Grande
2. Fuzzy's
3. Blue Agave

## Beer Selection

1. The Mayor
2. Krazy Karl's
3. Old Chicago



## Brewery

1. New Belgium
2. Odell
3. Horse & Dragon

## Bar

1. Lucky Joe's
2. Social
3. Krazy Karl's

## Liquor Store

1. Campus West
2. Wilbur's
3. Super Market Liquors

## Bike Shop

1. Lee's Cyclery
2. Recycled Cycles
3. Brave New Wheel



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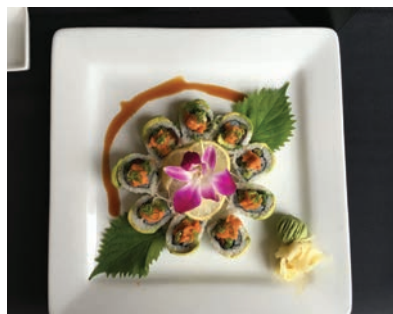


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### Outdoor Shop

1. Jax Mercantile
2. REI
3. Gearage Outdoor Shop

### Tattoo/Piercing

1. Freakshow
2. Tribal Rites
3. Tobi Tattoo

### Wax Studio

1. The Screamin Peach
2. The Wax Factory
3. Waxing the City

### Tanning

1. Sienna Tan
2. At the Beach
3. Sun Bear

### Ski Resort

1. Breckenridge
2. Steamboat
3. Winter Park

### Dispensary

1. Organic Alternatives
2. Infinite Wellness
3. Flower Pot Botanicals

### Smoke Shop

1. Kind Creations
2. Mellow Yellow
3. The Joint

### Thrift Store

1. Arc
2. Goodwill
3. A Change of A Dress

### Dancing

1. Sundance Saloon
2. Rec Room
3. Downtown Artery

### Live Music

1. Aggie Theatre
2. Mishawaka
3. Hodi's Half Note

### Movie Theatre

1. Cinemark
2. The Lyric
3. Carmike

### Bookstore

1. Barnes & Noble
2. Old Firehouse Books
3. CSU Bookstore/  
Wolverine Farm  
Bookstore

### Health Club

1. CSU Rec Center
2. Miramount
3. Raintree

### Nail Salon

1. LA Nails
2. She She
3. Paradise Nails and Spa

### Hair Salon

1. Studio Be
2. Europa
3. James Salon

### Boutique

1. Kansas City Kitty
2. GG Boutique
3. Cira

### Apartment Complex

1. Ram's Village
2. The District
3. Summit on College

### On-Campus Lunch

1. Spoons
2. Panda Express
3. Ramskeller

### Dorm Cafeteria

1. Durrell Center
2. Ram's Horn (AV)
3. Corbett

### Residence Hall

1. Summit
2. Braiden
3. Parmalee/Aspen

### Radio Station

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Rock
3. 96.1 Colorado's #1 Hit  
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### Hangout Spot

1. Horsetooth
2. City Park
3. Oval

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# Best Sushi

By Alexa Minter  
College Avenue Magazine

## Suh Sushi

“Suh Sushi has a great lunch deal. You can get three rolls for a decent price, and the sushi is amazing.”

- Daniel Wakefield,  
*Journalism senior.*

## Suehiro

“Suehiro has a really cool vibe. The sushi is a little expensive, but so worth it! It's also a perfect first date spot.”

- Logan Hicks,  
*Business junior.*



Photo by Alexa Minter

# Best Asian Food

## Suehiro

“I love the yakitori chicken at Suehiro, it is definitely my favorite restaurant in Fort Collins. I keep going back for the experience.”

- Courtney Meredith,  
*Journalism senior.*

## East Moon Asian Bistro

“The food is surprisingly good! It's great quality and they deliver really fast.”

- Lindsay Dutch,  
*Biological sciences sophomore.*



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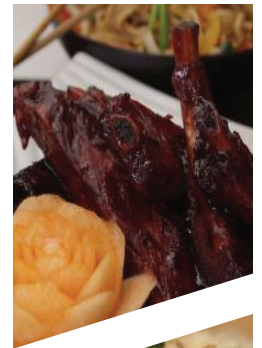


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# American Food

By Alex Rager & Erin Douglas  
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“I love a good big bacon cheese-burger from **Wendy's**, or really anywhere. I love bacon and food—a lot.

-Luke Goforth,  
*Undeclared sophomore.*

“I like American food because there is nothing like a **greasy cheese-burger** or finding the best pizza parlor in your community, which I think is **Krazy Karl's**.

-Jake Epperson,  
*Undeclared freshman.*

“**Taste of Philly** is a **great restaurant** with a lot of options and **quick service!** Whenever I crave a **delicious sandwich**, Taste of Philly is my first choice.

-Wesley Back,  
*Civil engineering junior.*

“I have been to **Stuff** a couple of times and I always get a **Hangover burger**. We do not have anything like that in Grand Junction. Stuff is **really good**.

-Taylor Rivas,  
*Biological sciences freshman.*



## History of American Fast Food

### 1869 Heinz

→ Heinz was founded by Henry Heinz. Heinz wanted people to see the quality in their product, so they introduced a clear bottle for packaging.

### 1914-1918 “French” Fries

→ American soldiers in Belgium during World War I discovered a dish that villagers made during the winter, according to National Geographic. Villagers traditionally ate thinly sliced fried fish, but when the river froze, they substituted the dish with potatoes. American soldiers called them “French” since the dominant language of southern Belgium is French.

### 1940 McDonald's

→ Dick and Mac McDonald founded McDonald's. The staple of the menu at the time was the 15 cent hamburger.

### 1969 Wendy's

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# Best Breakfast

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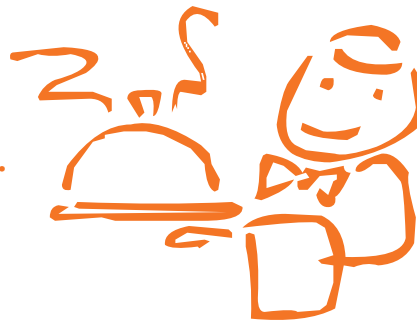
## “The Egg and I.

They have skilletts that I really like. It’s cozy as well, I like the atmosphere. The décor is kind of country and sweet.”

**-Marika Lynch,**  
*Art senior.*

“Mugs is a cute little area to study that’s off campus but still close.”

**-Emily Crease,**  
*Biomedical sciences freshman.*



“Snooze is my favorite place to go if I’m going to sit down and have breakfast. They have unique food and I think it’s really good. They also have really good Bloody Marys. I think the atmosphere is really nice as well, even though you have to wait it’s worth it.”

**-Alyssa White,**  
*Natural resource recreation and tourism senior.*

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# Best Sweets

By Rachael Worthington  
College Avenue Magazine

## Desserts

“**Fat Shack** because you can literally go there **any time**. Also, because it is stuff you can't make yourself, like **deep-fried cookies.**”

-Audrey Zanetti,  
*Agricultural education  
freshman.*

“ I like **Mary's Mountain Cookies** because they have well-baked, soft cookies. You can make ice cream sandwiches there too. The cookies are **just so soft.**”

-Selena Rodriguez,  
*Communication studies  
junior.*



Photo by Rachael Worthington



## Ice Cream

“ I like **Kilwins** hand-dipped waffle cones because sometimes they dip them in **milk chocolate** and then do white chocolate designs on them.”

-Emily Pantoja,  
*Art sophomore.*

“ **Kilwins** has everything and it is right **next to a coffee shop**. You can have coffee and study, then **reward yourself.**”

-Sage Sullivan,  
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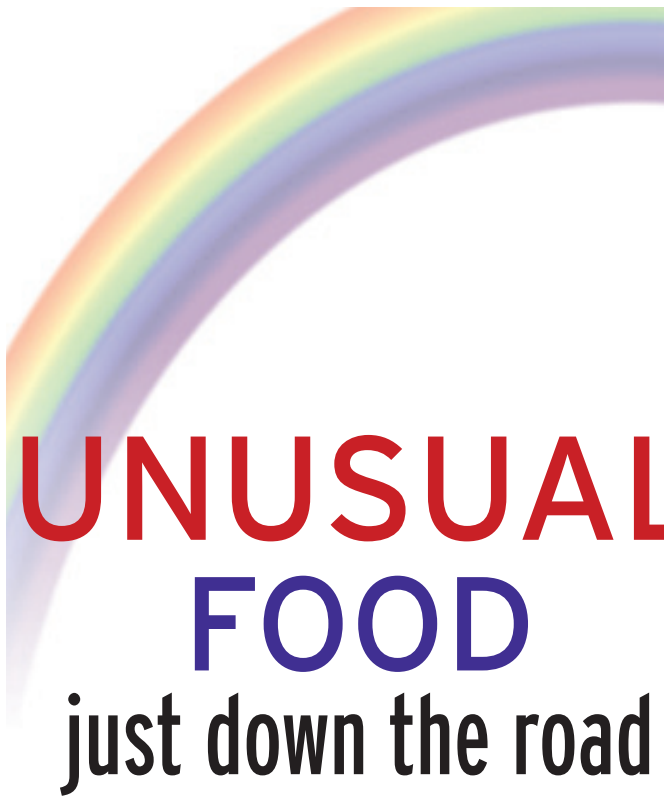


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# UNUSUAL FOOD just down the road

By Sarah Hansen  
College Avenue Magazine



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Italian:

## Enzio's

"It is a nice setting but **casual style** of yummy food. My mom and I always show up here when is in town. They have **lots of options** that are all really good and **average pricing** as well. I get the calamari every time!"

**-Haylee Rodgers,**  
*Human development  
and family studies  
sophomore.*

International:

## Café de Bangkok

"I enjoy their Pad Thai, it has the perfect amount of peanut to **pad thai** ratio. I really enjoy the restaurant because of the **family feel** to it."

**-Hillary Lorsch,**  
*Undeclared  
sophomore.*

"It is one of the best restaurants in Fort Collins and their food is worth a try even if you don't like Thai food...I know you won't be disappointed! The food is so **fresh** and they give you enough food to eat two or three meals for **under \$12.**"

**-Katelyn Valasek,**  
*Business senior.*

Vegetarian:

## Rainbow

"Favorite restaurant to eat at is Rainbow. I get the veggie eggs benedict there. They have so many great vegetarian or **gluten-free** breakfast options, as well as non-vegetarian options. And the **quality service** is amazing."

**-Annie Stimson,**  
*Psychology senior.*



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# Date Night Restaurants

By Lexi Elio  
College Avenue Magazine

“The Kitchen is a good place for date night because it’s classy. It can make a girl feel really special.”

-Mason Mill,  
*Engineering sophomore.*



Photo by Sydney Izienicki

“The Melting Pot is super expensive, but **classy**. It’s good to take someone out for the really special occasions, like an **anniversary**.”

-Peter Dickerson,  
*Biological sciences freshman.*

“**Stuff** is a good restaurant for date night. You can get a burger on a **glazed donut**. I know it seems really gross, but I tried it, and it is actually pretty good. You would be **surprised**.”

-Isabel Brown,  
*Biomedical sciences sophomore.*

“My boyfriend and I like **Austin’s** [American Grill.] It’s fun because you can walk around and **explore** Old Town and get a nice meal that makes you **feel fancy**. It’s nice to have an excuse to dress up and feel cute together.”

-Brookie Hitt,  
*Human development and family studies freshman.*

“**Bisetti’s** has the perfect vibe you want to give off for a **first date**. I usually follow a standard form like dinner, something really laid back and fun, then **stargazing** at Horsetooth.”

-Liam Huber,  
*International Studies freshman.*

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By Alexa Minter  
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## ON-CAMPUS:

### INTERMISSIONS

“I work at Intermissions and I love that I get to experiment with different coffees and create fun drinks all day. It’s also helped me like coffee more because I’m much more of a tea person.”

– **Kelsi Bradley**  
*Biological sciences senior.*



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## OFF-CAMPUS:

### ALLEY CAT

“They have a fun and colorful environment. Plus it’s open 24 hours a day!”

– **Lindsey Brookbank**  
*Biological sciences junior.*



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– **Wayne Shaffer**  
*Construction management senior.*



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# Food On Campus

By Sarah Hansen  
College Avenue Magazine



“I love **Bagel Place**. I like their **friendly and quick service**, and their **good prices**. I would say Bagel Place hits all these standards!”

-**Katherine Sims**,  
*Human development and family studies junior.*

“**Spoons** is just really **yummy**. It is **good hearty food**, and it is quick.”

-**Anna Banwart**,  
*Ecosystem science and sustainability sophomore.*

“**That’s a Wrap** has a variety of different dishes and lunches. I think it is **great for lunch** because it is **delicious** and it meets my standards because it is **healthy** and relatively cheap!”

-**Aly Dressler**,  
*Communication studies junior.*

“The atmosphere at the **the Skeller** is unlike anything else we have on campus. It’s a **great place** to come between classes and **shoot pool, watch sports, eat some great food** and hang out with your **friends.**”

-**Naomi Sjoquist**,  
*Natural resources recreation & tourism senior.*

“**Spoons** is a really nice place to get a nice bowl of soup or a salad. I feel like it is a **lighter option** as opposed to Panda or Carl’s Junior.”

-**Courtney Higgins**,  
*Equine Science freshman.*



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# Best Mexican

By Alexa Minter  
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## Best Food



**Lupita's**  
“Lupita’s has the best Mexican food. The chicken flautas are my favorite dish.”  
–Rachel Smith,  
*Communication studies senior.*

## Best Burrito



**Cafe Mexicali**  
“My go-to burrito at Cafe Mex is the sweet pork burrito with creamy habanero sauce; it’s fantastic.”  
–Cassidy Hirsch,  
*English sophomore.*

## Best Margaritas

### The Rio Grande

“The Rio has the really good strawberry and lime frozen margaritas. It’s even better half-price on Thursdays.”  
–Gabe Larson,  
*Hospitality management sophomore.*

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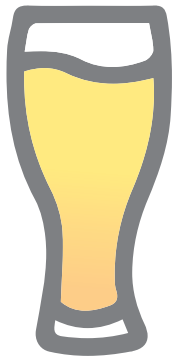


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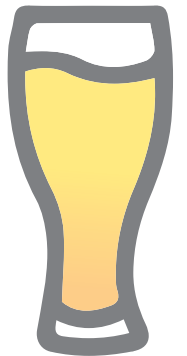


“Mayor’s is my favorite (bar). There are free pretzels when you order a beer. It’s relaxing, I like the outside and pretzels are nice on Fridays after class.”  
-Adam Neilson  
*Geosciences graduate student.*

“Horse & Dragon is a really good place. They have these big Japanese hats that they let you borrow to wear while you’re there. Black Bottle has also popped up on my radar, it’s close and we went there on a Friday night and it was really mellow.”  
-Anders Van Sandt  
*Agriculture and resource economics graduate student.*

“The Ramskeller is one of my favorite places to drink. It’s close and you can just go there after an exam. They have a surprising amount of taps on hand, and they have gradstudent trivia at the Skeller four times a year.”  
-Anne Byrne  
*Agriculture and resource economics graduate student.*

“Social. It’s like this underground bar, that looks like a speakeasy back in the day. It has really good food, really good drinks. It has this old time feel to it. I just think because it’s a sit down bar, it makes it unique. Like you have to sit down, and you have to talk about it. The speakeasy place is what makes it really cool, and the staff is awesome.”  
-Robin Voegtle  
*Communication studies senior.*



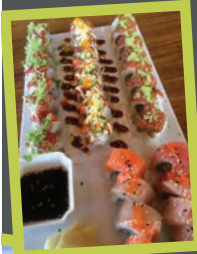


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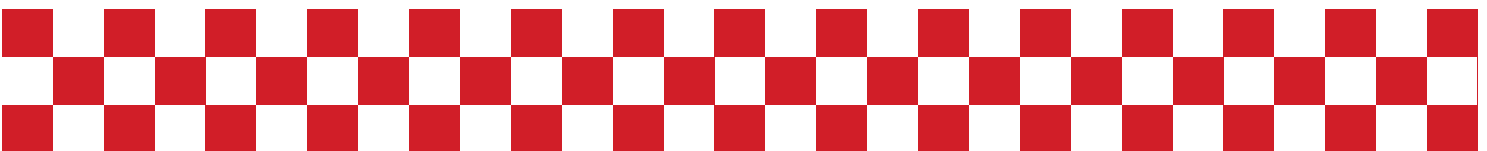




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# BEER

By James D. Cao  
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“I guess my favorite beer would be an imperial stout, if I had to choose a favorite. Coffee stouts are really good. I like full-bodied beers. You can do a lot with the flavor of stouts, you can have coffee and chocolate stouts. Stouts and porters are really similar.”

-Andrew Allsup  
Natural sciences junior.

“Easy Street Wheat is good and it rhymes with my name.”

-Breezy Rentos  
Communications senior.

“St. Lupulin is my favorite beer, because it’s by Odell’s and I really like Odell’s brewery. The artwork of the label is cool and it’s a native Fort Collins beer.”

-Nicole Cortina  
Communication studies junior.

“I would have to go Heineken, it has that crisp, smooth watery, still super dank pale ale.”

-Alex Russo  
Engineering freshman.

“Liliko’i Kepolo, it has the tiki on it. It’s also 5.6%, it’ll get you drunk. The label is super appealing, and it gives you that Hawaiian drinking on a beach, beachy feel.”

-Cullen Gordon  
Communication studies junior.

“I’m a Coors Banquet kind of guy, but I also love Bud Light. Bud Light tastes good to me and it’s easy to put down.”

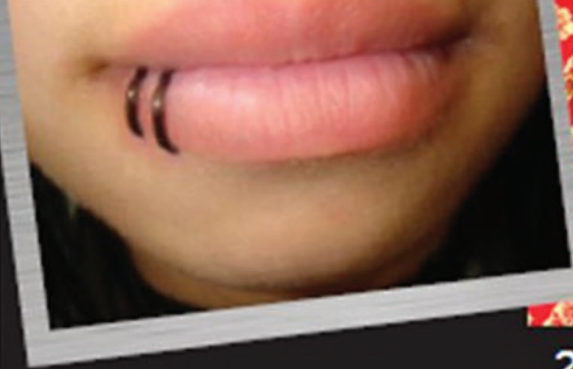
-Wilson George  
Undeclared freshman.

“I can only drink gluten-free beer. New Planet Raspberry Ale is good, because it’s gluten free, and out of Boulder. It reminds me of the good ole days.”

-Amanda Sward  
Art senior.



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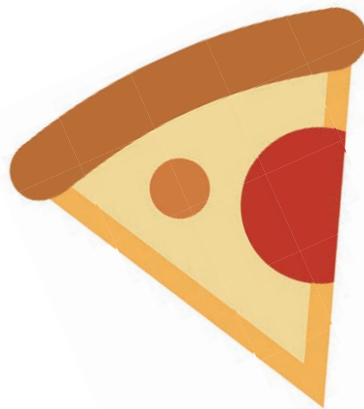
# Restaurants for the Munchies

By Lexi Elio  
College Avenue Magazine



“**Alley Cat** because they are open all the time. You can get good **coffee** any time. It has an amazing atmosphere. The decorations are **eclectic** and it has a very clear vibe. Good music, interesting people and board games.”  
-Jen Fischer,  
*Journalism sophomore.*

“**Gas stations** are the place to go, really. They have the saltiest, most **unhealthy** things and they are so easy to find. You don't even have to wait for your food to come out.”  
-Claire Crookston,  
*Zoology freshman.*



“**I go anywhere that's open**, honestly. I do really like **Fat Shack**. They have a lot to choose from and everything is delicious. They have weird combinations that work, like chicken fingers on a sandwich. A **good stop** when you're on your way back home at night.”  
-Trevyn Maruyama,  
*Engineering freshman.*

“**Silver Mine Subs** is really good, and they are open until **3 a.m.** Everything tastes really authentic and fresh. **Mary's Mountain Cookies** are really good, too.”  
-Maddie Sweeney,  
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## BEST SMOKE SHOP

*"My favorite smoke shop is a toss up between One Love and the Smokey Monkey. I like the Smokey Monkey because they have pets that you can play with in the store, which really attracts customers. I like One Love because they have really good prices."*

**- John Turner**  
Ecosystem science and sustainability sophomore.

*"Smokey Monkey. They're pricey, but I like the vibe."*

**- Lex Lubinski**  
Economics junior.



Photo by Veronica Baas



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## BEST PLACE TO SMOKE HOOKAH

*"Algier's. It has a lot of cool seating. Its couches, and big tables and small tables. They serve you tea and water, which is really cool. And they serve you really well compared to a lot of hookah bars that I've been too. They have a lot of cool named flavors, just really wild flavors."*

**- Kelly Cordes**  
Undeclared freshman.

*"I love sitting on the floor at Narghile [Narghile Nights]. It's a spot where I'd meet friends a lot."*

**-Holly Baker, 20**

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**- Brad Lanphere**  
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*"I prefer homegrown, or Flower Power if I have to."*

**- Shianne Quintana, 19**



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# BEST BOUTIQUE

By Veronica Baas  
College Avenue Magazine

“Flamingo Boutique because you can sell your clothes there and they give you 50 percent profit. And I like the owner, she’s just really nice, super friendly.”

- Brianna Anthony,  
*Natural resource recreation and tourism senior.*



“I don’t do a lot of boutique shopping, but I really like Kansas City Kitty because there clothes are so cute there.”

- Ellie Wernsman, 20

“Repeat Boutique, which is also like a thrift store, but it’s a boutique. They have a good clothes selection there, and it’s cheap.”

- Jessica Egnatovich,  
*International studies senior.*



# BEST THRIFT STORE

“Gearage. I have a difficult problem walking out without buying anything. They had a ton of Patagonia stuff for like 50 percent of what the original price would be. It’s the greatest place in the world, at least my favorite store in the world.”

-Ian Moran  
*Health and exercise science senior.*

“I like Arc over on College and Drake. They always have different stuff in there, and they have 50 percent off sometimes so I try to maximize on that.”

-Benhur Desta  
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# Dancing & LIVE MUSIC

By Lexi Elio  
College Avenue Magazine

“Sundance has live music. It’s fun to go with friends and hang out. It’s a good place to meet other people that go to CSU. A lot of students go there. On Thursdays it’s all you can drink.”

-Josh Griesemer  
Undeclared freshman.

“I usually travel down to **Red Rocks**, it’s a beautiful place and I like that we’re so close. It’s the only natural amphitheater in the world, so it’s very unique. [It] gives the perfect Colorado experience.”

-Brendan Unity

“Sundance is an awesome place to dance. It’s very casual and low-key, but fun for a night out with the girls.”

- Bobbie Nathan  
Psychology freshman.



“I like **New West Fest**. It’s an annual music festival in Old Town. It’s free and it’s good music, and free good music is a pretty good thing thanks.”

- Pete Aplet  
Undeclared sophomore.

“I’ve heard some pretty good jams at **Hodi’s Half Note**.”

- Donnie Phillips  
Undeclared freshman.

“The Aggie Theatre is a good venue because they have good bands, kind staff, and positive atmosphere. They really care about making their shows a worthwhile experience.”

- Gabe Weiss  
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# ski resorts

By Alexa Minter  
College Avenue Magazine

## Vail

"In Vail I like the terrain. There's a lot of trees you can ski through, and it's not as crowded as other resorts. There's always good snow there."

-Hunter Flint

*Undeclared freshman.*

## Breckenridge/Keystone

"Breckenridge is really big, but it sucks when there are a lot of people, so you have to go at a good time. Keystone has good runs. It's a good atmosphere and I just like how the resort is laid out in general."

-Jeanett Jansen

*Sociology sophomore.*

## Winter Park

"Winter Park is my favorite resort. It's a wide range of difficulties. It's got a lot of blues, a lot of blacks. A lot of powder up there, a lot of different runs. The distance isn't too far, given that it's \$150 cheaper than the other places, and the powder is comparable to Steamboat Springs."

-Adam Mossberg,

*Construction management sophomore.*



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*Biological sciences  
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-Josh Mirth

*Mathematics graduate  
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# fort collins FINDS

By James D. Cao  
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## Ace Gillett's

"Easily the best place to go is Ace Gillett's. It's a jazz bar. super hidden. It's upper scale, you have to dress up. Gabriel Mervine, the trumpet player from the Motet, played a free show, so I got to talk to him. It's just an underground, smoky, ambient scene."

-Cameron Churchill-Medina, *nutrition and food science sophomore.*

## The Bean Cycle

"I like going to Old Town with friends. There is a poetry slam at the Bean Cycle once a month. People write poetry and perform it in front of a crowd. It is open-minded."

-Michael Flatley, *undeclared sophomore.*



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## Siemens Reservoir

"My favorite bouldering spot is on Horsetooth. Siemens Reservoir is one of my favorite places to hike, too. It's up in the Poudre Canyon."  
-Rakia Ranney, *food sciences and nutrition graduate.*



## The UCA

"The University Center for the Arts is my favorite place on campus. It is really beautiful, and there's a lot of good performance places. When you walk around, there are people playing instruments and they are so talented."  
-Julianne Vitt, *theatre freshman.*

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By: Courtney Deuschle

College is the perfect place and time to make friends and socialize. We all have best friends, class friends, drinking buddies, study buddies, and of course, roommates. Whether you and your roommates have been best friends forever, or you just found some cool people to live with, it's pretty easy to co-exist together and have a good time...until it comes time to pay the bills.

We all know the feeling: You look at the calendar, the first of the month has come around again already and you can't decide what's worse—the fact that you spent your entire monthly budget on pumpkin spice lattes, or the idea of having to pester your roommates to cough up their share of the expenses. It usually comes down to either a screaming match in the living room arguing over who bought the toilet paper this month, or everyone avoiding one another for days pretending that they're five years old and responsibilities don't exist. 90 million adults are living with roommates today, and they all share our pain. That's a lot of bills to keep track of!

Well, pretty soon you will be able to quit the screaming and hug and make up, because there is soon to be a solution to this unnecessary bill paying drama! BillHero is about to not only save the relationships with our roommates, but also save us money. BillHero is an app that keeps track of your bills, splits them between you and your roommates, reminds you when it's time to pay them, and even automatically pays them for you.

That's right, there is finally going to be an app that will actually make adult life easier. It will work like this: You will download the app and add your roommates. Then, add your bills. Finally, add one or more payment methods. You can even set it up so that your parents or other sponsors can pay. After that, BillHero takes care of splitting the bills, collecting everyone's share, and sending final payment to your billers.

We know what you're thinking, where has this app been our whole lives, and when can I get it?! The idea originally came from a CSU student in the Venture Accelerator Program (VAP) through the business school. Then, a VAP mentor, Dan Holt (now CEO of BillHero), assembled a group of talented entrepreneurs that ran with the idea and created a solution to our biggest bill paying problems. The app is coming soon and it will be available exclusively for CSU students for trial and feedback before it launches nationally.

Besides the fact that this company is full of ram pride, the best part is that the app will be completely free and available for iOS and Android. It is also safe to connect it to multiple bank accounts, and only you can see your private information. You will also be able to select a primary account for bill paying, as well as a backup account. Finally, you can also set up peer-to-peer lending to automatically send money to people. That way, when you bet your roommates 10 bucks while playing beer pong, they can send you the money that you skillfully earned using the handy BillHero app.

Nobody likes having to pay bills, but unfortunately they come around on occasion. It doesn't have to be a battle to the death over who pays what anymore though. The geniuses behind BillHero are here to save us. Be on the lookout for this app coming soon and start mending those friendships. Visit [www.mybillhero.com](http://www.mybillhero.com) for more information.

# Best on Campus



By Chapman Croskell  
College Avenue Magazine



“I love hanging out anywhere with open space, be it the Oval, the IM fields, the Lagoon or the grass outside of the Animal Science building. I love being able to lose focus on everything, even if for a few minutes. It allows me to center myself and it takes the edge off school. I’m glad we have places like that on campus.”

-Jaquie Peterson  
*Zoology sophomore.*

## SPOT TO HANG OUT

“I like to hang out in my dorm, because who honestly wants to put on pants?”  
-Rachel Wallace  
*Biological sciences freshman.*

“The top of the BSB because it has secret stuff up there, like maybe a pool.”  
-Ryan Werner,  
*Economics senior.*

“The Pavilion in Laurel Village because the column in the stairway is made up of living plants. I thought it was fake, but when I realized it wasn’t, I was amazed.”  
-Erin O’Kray-Murphy,  
*Biological sciences freshman.*

“I love the LSC because I always see people I know.”  
-Lauren Bouman,  
*Economics sophomore.*

## BUILDING

“The BSB. It has good places to study, coffee and is super peaceful.”  
-Liz Coker,  
*Human development and family studies senior.*

“The Computer Science building. It feels so modern. I also know I have a place there and always know people.”  
-Nick Wilson,  
*Computer science sophomore.*

“The UCA because it is beautiful and quiet.”  
-Braede Wilcox,  
*Biochemistry sophomore.*

## PHOTO LOCATION

“The Oval because of all the old trees there.”  
-Timothy Chesson  
*Computer science junior.*

“The UCA because all the flowers are amazing.”  
-Jennifer Talley  
*Human development and family studies sophomore.*

My favorite photogenic spot on campus is on the IM fields out in front of the Rec Center. You get the of the mountains along with the ‘A’ in the background.”  
-Conner Henessy  
*Computer science freshman.*

“The bench on the east side of the Lagoon, facing the mountains, watching the sunset.”  
-Nick Sloat  
*History junior.*

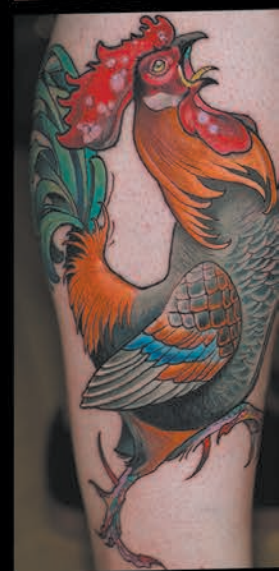


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