



The City of Schenectady will be hosting a “**Small Business Award Day**” Monday, November 13, 2023 at Proctors Theatre. Below are the nominees received from the community.

Best Barber

Nicholas Smalls; “O” The Barber-Orlando Hundley; Steven Hines; Lou Grasso; Jorge Colon; High Profile Barber Studio; Gifted Hands Barber Studio; Natty’s Barber Shop; Schenectady Barbershop

Best Hair Salon

Touched By Love Hair Studio; Yacine African Hair Braiding; City Hair; Latin Paradise Salon; Paul Mitchell Beauty School; Janice Beauty Salon; She is Beauty; Pinup Jordan’s Mermaid Lounge

Best Stylist

Ashley Parish (Paul Mitchell Beauty School; Jordan Yanatos (Mermaid Lounge); Yacine Toure (Yacine African Hair Braiding); Maria Anderson (Latin Paradise Salon)

Best Restaurant/ Eatery

Jasmine’s Thai Restaurant; Johnny’s; Cornell’s; Memphis King; Newest Lunch; Zen’s; Sandyes Café; LaGioia’s Deli

New Start Up Businesses

Chenrae Experience; Styld n’ EMRGD; Upstate Moving; Grounded Goddess; Encore Lounge; Tripple Threat Athletics; Lucid Writers/Lucid Voices; Haus of Blaq; Blissful Events by Nadine; Unbeetable; Jus Kickback; Smalls on Jay; Amsler Auto; She is Beauty

Best Novelty Shop

Bear and Bird Boutique



Been in business for many years (25 and beyond)

Mediation Matters

Best Candy Store

Uncle Sam's Candy Store; Bittersweet Candy

Best Pizza Restaurant

Homestyle; Marino's; Sicilian's; Pizza King; Paesan's Pizza; Paulie's Pizza

Best Schenectady local landlord

Bridget & Ted Congdon; Jing Dudley

Best Teller

Sherana Barakat (Trustco Bank)

Best Customer Service

Chas Burch; Amsler Auto; Jus Kickback; She is Beauty; Upstate Moving; Yatianna Tirado;
Sheika Stone (Do It With Shea's Concierge & Errand Services);
Sernetta Jackson (Pioneer Bank); Sherana Barakat (Trustco Bank)

Best Pet Groomer

Bonnie Hernandez (Bonnie's Grooming, LLC); Tatiana (Paws Grooming); Sonja's Pet Salon;
Head to Tail Pet Wellness Center

Best Veterinarian

Hernas Veterinary Clinic

Other

Jay Street Pub; Livingston Energy Group/ Lynkwell- "Doing Big Things"; MBB World Group of
Schenectady Artists; Nic Cook (NC Photography); Terry Baker (All Pro House)- "Contractor";
Angela Love (Sugar Rush)- "Best Desert" ; Katie Kilian (Soul Massage and Wellness Studio);
Sandyes Café- "Best cake decorator"; Elite Nail Bar- "Best Nail Salon";
Northeastern Jewelers- "Best Jeweler"