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Chilie Peppers

For authentic Mexican flavor, Cal Poly students choose Chilie Peppers to get their fix. The menu is unique, prices are affordable, and, if you’re lucky, you may hear a folk singer on the patio.

“Our mother brought the recipes all the way from Puebla, Mexico,” said Alex Nino de Rivera, Chilie Peppers manager. “Friends from all over California tell me they can’t find better Mexican food.”

The Chilie Peppers menu is full of eclectic entrees, including red snapper tacos, internationally inspired burritos, and mamas served in a chocolate-based sauce seasoned with 20 different spices. There is no doubt the food is fresh because it is cooked right in front of you.

The good food and international atmosphere of Chilie Peppers makes it a frequent stop for hungry Cal Poly students looking to kick back and enjoy authentic Mexican cooking.

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Chilie Peppers is full of internationally inspired menu options and offers prices that just about any college student can afford.

**Best Mexican Place**

**First place**
Chilie Peppers

**Second place**
Taco Roco

**Third place**
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Best Mexican Food
High St. Market & Deli

With its warm atmosphere and small town appeal, High Street Market & Deli was voted best sandwich in San Luis Obispo. Fresh ingredients and a great menu score points with the college students at this deli.

"Our special at 4-20 every day really gets people in here," said Doobie Coates, owner of High Street Deli. "I think college students appreciate the fresh ingredients and specials. You get more bang for your buck, and I believe that is what you're looking for.

The sandwiches at High St. Market & Deli are truly gigantic. If you can't eat the entire thing, you could have enough to take home for a second meal.

Coates believes his deli is a success because it is a family-based business. He is there every day making sure everything tastes its absolute best. Since 1925, when the building was first built, business has changed quite a bit.

"What I like best about High Street Deli is the small town feel of it. I always feel like I am in a movie when I enter that place. Their sandwiches are huge so you get a lot for your money, not to mention they're delicious," said biology major Aaron Adams.

Coates graduated from Cal Poly and decided that he would turn the market into a great place to grab a sandwich. He has been the owner for seven years. He is also planning on extending the hours until 7 p.m. in late spring, which might give you the chance to hang out and munch even longer.

High Street Deli is located at 350 High St. in San Luis Obispo.

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Campus Bottle Shoppe

Let's face it, when deciding where to purchase your next keg for the weekend, Campus Bottle Shoppe is the store of choice.

Campus Bottle Shoppe is conveniently located on the corner of California Boulevard and Hathaway Ave, near many student apartments and is a one-stop shop for all your beer and beverage needs.

The store offers a large selection of beer brands for kegs, including Anchor, Steam, Bass Ale, Firestone, Guinness, Heineken, Newcastle, Tecate, Redbook, Budweiser and Natural Light. They even offer a Root Beer keg for those under 21.

With over 14 brands of beer, Campus Bottle can cater to your every keg need. They offer kegs in fourths and eighths, and if you're new at buying a keg, the friendly owners are there to help you with tons of knowledge on the different kinds of beer.

The cheapest and most popular keg Campus Bottle offers is Natural Light, at $34.99 for half a keg (which is standard keg size, don't be fooled). A half keg of Bud Light is $49.99, and most of their keg prices range between $59.99 and $135.99. Their most expensive keg is Guinness, at $164.99 for half a keg.

In addition to its impressive beer selection, Campus Bottle Shoppe also offers a variety of liquors, wines, wine coolers and other alcoholic beverages to suit any palette.

The Soulis family owns Campus Bottle, which is located at 250 California Blvd.

"I'd like to thank the Cal Poly students for coming in," said owner Laher Souki. "Please keep coming in and we'll see you next weekend."

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Trader Joe's

The votes are in, and Cal Poly students have decided that Trader Joe's is the best place in San Luis Obispo for organic foods.

Along with the basic necessities like milk, bread and eggs, Trader Joe's offers a variety of organic and exotic foods such as imported cheeses, organic produce and internationally inspired desserts.

Perhaps the best part of the organic selection at Trader Joe's is that the store does not separate their organic foods into one place. Instead, their organic foods are located throughout the entire store. And with a wide variety to choose from, you can find whatever suits your palate.

"The thing that separates us from other organic grocery stores is our prices and quality. If the quality or the price is not up to our standards, we will not carry that produce. You cannot find that anywhere else," said Kristina Myers, assistant store manager.

According to the Trader Joe's Web site, delicious organic foods are practically everywhere in the store. That includes the produce, frozen foods, breads, basic groceries, dairy products, and even snack foods. Trader Joe's attributes its success with their organic foods to the fact that they are able to work with international suppliers that "create great-tasting, high-quality, organic products that (they) can offer at excellent prices, every day," according to the Web site.

Additionally, its organic products are certified to meet all organic standards. Trader Joe's prides itself on the fact that its products are not treated with chemicals or preservatives.

"Their organic food tastes a lot fresher because it hasn't been covered in pesticides or chemicals that other foods are," said Nicole DeValle, biology and psychology graduate student.

"It's also better for the environment because the chemicals don't get into the soil, creeks or oceans," said civil engineering senior Ian Johnson.

So the next time you just can't live without that tasty and healthy organic treat, head down to Trader Joe's for all your organic food needs.

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-Jennifer Bachman

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Pita Pit
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Chili Peppers

Honorable mention
Jack in the Box
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Yanagi Sushi

"Mushi Mushii" echoes throughout Yanagi, the small and intimate sushi bar ranked No. 1 by Cal Poly students. Always busy on Friday and Saturday nights, the hospitality and prompt service never wane.

Locally owned and operated since 2003, Yanagi Sushi provides the Cal Poly community with the essentials: California rolls, spicy rolls and the ever-popular sake bombs known to tempt the 21-and-up crowd. Their menu is huge and offers a variety of choices varying from simple rolls to creative and elaborate sushi art.

"It is my favorite spot for sushi in San Luis Obispo," said Katie D'awntord, an animal science and embryology junior. "It is a great environment. It’s always loud and busy. I just love it and the food is so good."

Yanagi offers a great place to dine on sushi and other Japanese favorites at a reasonable price, which makes it the best sushi bar for Cal Poly students. "I think our popularity among Cal Poly students is gained throughout our food and the young and outgoing staff," said Jennifer Fix, a manager at Yanagi.

If you find yourself wanting a fresh piece of raw fish, try Yanagi Sushi located in the Scolari’s shopping center at 1203 Marsh St. in San Luis Obispo. Yanagi is also located in Grover Beach off of U.S. Highway 101. This location not only offers great sushi, but Teriyaki-style cooking as well.

-Mattias Turner

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Bali’s

There are many options to choose from when you get a sweet tooth. San Luis Obispo has plenty of restaurants, ice cream, and candy shops, but Bali’s seems to stick out as a local favorite. Bali’s is a frozen yogurt shop that locals and out-of-towners can’t seem to get enough of.

Instead of walking in, looking at a menu, and then ordering a dessert, Bali’s offers a different kind of experience. You serve yourself at Bali’s, choosing its flavor of yogurt and the toppings you want. And the variety of toppings seems endless. They range from bins of candy bars to granola and even berries and hot fudge. Most would agree that the best part is that customers can choose how much frozen yogurt and toppings they want. Paying by the ounce helps customers’ wallets as well.

"We have the best setup and it’s convenient being downtown," says employee Jesus Medina. "I love Bali’s more than anything. Working here is my life."

Bali’s has two locations: one in downtown San Luis Obispo at 1949 Higuera St. and another near campus at 890 Football Blvd.

-Brennan Angel Shumway

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Yanagi Sushi opened just four years ago but has quickly become a favorite among Cal Poly students thanks to its impressive menu.
Best Hamburger Place

Firestone Grill

When it comes to burgers, selection is not necessarily the most important item for burger lovers. What they want is the best tasting meat in town.

Firestone Grill prides itself on having the best seasoned meat using a unique and secret blend of spices. The burger is never hurried through the cooking process as it is given ample time to cook properly throughout the patty.

Firestone also offers a variety of sizes and fixings for their burgers. For small stomachs, there is the kid burger; for big appetites there is the monster burger; and for others, the cheeseburger is just right.

There are many other add-ons that guests can put onto their burger, including chili and other cheeses. The excellent french fries are the perfect companion to any of the burgers.

Regular patrons head to Firestone, located at 1001 Higuera St. because they know it is also a fantastic place to meet up with friends.

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First place
Firestone Grill

Second place
The Shack

Third place
Cork 'n' Bottle; In-N-Out Burger

Honorable mention
JD Boone's Steakhouse; Sylwester's

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Cork 'n' Bottle

Best known to students as the off-campus liquor store of choice, Cork 'n' Bottle surprised with the variety of deli foods and meals they offer. It's no wonder they took the Best Meal Deal award for the second consecutive year as voted by Cal Poly students.

Manager Eddie Berakat owes the success of Cork 'n' Bottle to the students and the food. "We have really great meal deals, especially hamburger deals. Our burgers aren't fried like other places, but barbecued. Plus, you can't beat our prices," he said.

Mechanical engineering senior Adam Nasont swears by the food and beer at Cork 'n' Bottle. "Most college students are strapped for cash and can't spend a lot of money to have good food. Here you get great food for a few bucks, great beer prices and a friendly staff," he said.

Cork 'n' Bottle also features prompt and attentive service. The staff is friendly and eager to suggest a burger and fries or a simple deli-style sandwich. The atmosphere is fun and inviting, and it seems like there is always something happening.

Whether it's to watch the big game or hang out with friends, Firestone Grill's hamburgers make the ultimate meal for many Cal Poly students. Some favorites include the ABC and monster burgers.

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First place
Cork 'n' Bottle

Second place
Subway

Third place
Woodstock's Pizzeria

Honorable mention
Firestone Grill; High St. Market & Deli; Taco Bell

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Best Dinner Date Place

Novo

Living on a college budget doesn’t allow much room for expensive dinner dates. Chow Novo, however, provides a纳米　atmosphere near the creek downtown and won’t break your budget. The delicious food, reasonable prices and beautiful outside patio make Novo a convenient choice for a date in San Luis Obispo.

There are two levels to the deck, with unique lamps dispersed throughout. The inside is full of color and life with a small bar and about 10 tables. The perfectly sized portions of food, which they call tapas (or small plates), average only $12. The tapas include items such as spiced prawns, sweet scallops and duck breast. The less expensive tapas include broccoli, calamari and roasted potatoes. A couple could pick two or three tapas and walk out of Chow Novo with a satisfied appetite and money to spare.

The tapas may be a great deal, but there is a reason the restaurant is named Chow Novo. Their stir-fry, chow novo is the restaurant’s specialty. The menu describes this dish as noodles stir-fried with market fresh vegetables, garlic and ginger. They offer choices of chicken, tofu, beef or prawns.

Novo's menu also includes curries and more expensive entrees like top sirloin and rack of lamb. The curries include green, red and white rice and fried chupan. These dishes usually include chicken or prawns.

Chow Novo is located at 726 Higuera St. in San Luis Obispo.

Dining

Best Grocery Store

Trader Joe's

The unique food choices and affordable prices are just a couple of reasons why Cal Poly students voted Trader Joe's the Best Grocery Store in San Luis Obispo.

Store Captain Carson Bell said Cal Poly students love Trader Joe's because of its prices and quick and easy meals. "Students like things like the two-minute pasta and pasta," he said. "They like frozen meals because they are fast and easy."

Trader Joe's health conscious, Hawaiian vibe could be another attraction to Cal Poly students living on the Central Coast. This grocery store even guarantees that everything on its shelves is tested and tasted by TJ employees. And if you don’t like what you taste, bring it back and you’ll get a full refund, no questions asked.

Unique foods and low prices are not the only things that separate Trader Joe's from other grocery stores. It does business in an entirely different manner to supply customers with the best value for its products. Trader Joe's buys its products directly from suppliers whenever possible, cutting out the middleman. The store purchases everything in bulk and pays with cash to get the best deals. Trader Joe's is also privately owned and operated, which means you can't buy stock in it.

Along with the basic necessities like milk, bread and eggs, Trader Joe's offers a variety of organic and exotic foods such as imported cheeses, organic produce and internationally-inspired desserts.

Trader Joe's, located at 3977 S Higuera St., is also known for great values in its ever-changing selection of wines and beers.

Charles Shaw, better known as "Two Buck Chuck", is a student favorite and a constant super-value wine on the Trader Joe shelf. According to Bell, some Cal Poly favorite food items include the frozen mandarin chicken, frozen mac and cheese, potstickers, and a lot of pasta dishes.

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When Cal Poly students are in the mood for the traditional Thai flavors of spicy, sour, sweet and salty, Thai Palace is their No. 1 choice to dine.

Thai Palace reopened its doors to the public on Feb. 13, six months after being under construction due to mandatory retrofitting.

In 2004, San Luis Obispo’s City Council passed an ordinance requiring the city’s 104 masonry buildings to be retrofitted by 2012. Thai Palace was located in one of the 100 buildings that needed repair.

Along with getting retrofitted, in August of last year, the restaurant received a brand new interior makeover. The new Asian-inspired decor and the relaxing lounge vibe complement the classic Thai flavors.

“Our philosophy is Buddhism,” said Matthew Yin, Thai Palace manager. The new Thai Palace is decorated with statues of Buddha and Asian-inspired artwork. The red, white and black colors set the mood for a relaxing feast of delicious Thai cuisine.

Although Thai Palace was closed for nearly half of a year, students still voted it their No. 1 choice for best Thai food.

Yin said there are a few reasons why he believes Cal Poly students love Thai Palace. The first is its location, which is on Court Street in downtown San Luis Obispo. Thai Palace is surrounded by clothing shops, movie theaters and bars.

Yin also said students enjoy the environment and the people who work at Thai Palace. “We always want you to come back,” he said.

The food at Thai Palace is another obvious reason students keep coming back for more. "(Students) understand there is a lot of time put into the recipes," Yin said. Some Cal Poly favorites include pineapple fried rice, pad Thai noodles and curry dishes.

Classic Thai cuisine draws its culinary influence from many regions across the globe. From Chinese stir-fries to Indian curries, Thai food is known for using fresh herbs and fish sauce, which are ingredients used in almost all Thai dishes.

With the new trendy interior decoration and its romantic atmosphere, Cal Poly students now have even more of a reason to vote Thai Palace as the best for Thai food.

Thai Palace is located at 1015 Court St. in downtown San Luis Obispo.

-Robyn Marmo
Bali's

I scream, you scream, we all scream for Bali's!
The votes are in and Bali's Self-Serve Frozen Yogurt is your choice for the best ice cream and frozen yogurt for Cal Poly. With its simple but effective philosophy of build-your-own sundae, it's no wonder that everyone who knows ice cream screams Bali's.

The college-loving business offers a plethora of toppings, inexpensive prices and the freedom to create a work of edible art. Its variety of soft-serve ice cream is low in calories, but high in flavor. For many college students, ice cream is a necessity for surviving daily life. Whether you need a quick sugar fix or a study break treat, Bali's can provide you with a heavenly release.

Mathematics junior Casey Ellis claims Bali's is the most enjoyable place to pick up a quick treat. "At Bali's you don't have to wait in line to have someone serve you. You can choose whatever you want and how much of it you want. Plus, you always see someone you know," she said.

Like many businesses in San Luis Obispo, Bali's credits its success and survival to the Cal Poly student population. "The majority of business comes from Poly kids. We rely on them to keep us going," said Mark Swann, manager of Bali's. With the continued growth of the Cal Poly population, all Bali's needs to worry about is keeping the toppings fresh and soft-serve ready for eating.

So the next time you desire a sweet escape from homework or your roommate, visit Bali's at one of two locations: downtown at 949 Higuera St., or closer to the Cal Poly campus at 890 East Foothill Blvd. in San Luis Obispo.

-Marissa Turner
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The Cliffs
Looking for something to do before you go out this Friday night? Instead of ordering takeout and waiting for your roommate to get out of class on why not head on down to The Cliffs Resort for the best happy hour around.

The Cliffs Mariisol Restaurant plays host to this event every Friday night, which has become one of the most popular places to be. With the purchase of any drink from the bar, you can indulge in all the free tacos you want (courtesy of the taco bar) and enjoy the busy atmosphere of music, good drinks, friendly people and a beautiful resort.

"The Cliffs happy hour is amazing because of the free tacos. Younger students and older adults are always there, eating their tacos and getting drinks together, and it really creates such a fun atmosphere. The Cliffs is definitely worth the drive," said industrial engineering junior Luis Aguirre.

For those who have not been, this is not just a cheap buffet you can mosey down to in your pre-party pajamas. The Mariisol Restaurant is one of the nicest on the Central Coast, offering first-class service and dining. The popular happy hour has gained a sort of reputation for dressing up, as a warm up to the bar scene later in the night.

Bar manager Jeff Whittaker said that Friday night is the best time for the bar all week. He added that drink specials are just going to get better as time goes by. Current drink specials include $1 off all well drinks, and their house margarita is definitely a favorite.

"We are very happy that we were voted first place; all the bars that were chosen are fun bars and we are happy that we could be included in there," Whittaker said.

The Cliffs is located at 2757 Shell Beach Rd, in Shell Beach.

First place
The Cliffs

Second place
Dowtown Brewing Co.

Third place
Fong & Beach Pub

Honorable mention
Mastro Grill
Woodstock’s Pizza

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(Hey, it'll give you something to talk to Mom about.)
Parents' reasons for going to San Luis Obispo are two-pronged. They come to see their children, but more importantly, they come for a weekend getaway on California's scenic central coast. And they arrive ready to experience its culinary offerings. As a student, your fridge is bare; you're hungry and you can't remember the last time you were able to afford a steak dinner. Don't blow this opportunity; make them take you to F. McClintock's for a hearty, Western-style meal.

F. McClintock's establishment on the Central Coast is as well known as its oak-pit barbecued steaks and ribs, which makes it the perfect excuse to get Mom and Dad to treat you to the dinner you have been longing for. The restaurant's relaxing atmosphere keeps bringing Cal Poly students and their families back for more.

"We have this Western, ranch-style ambience going on. Couple that with our seasoned, choice steaks — it's an awesome experience," said Tyler Otral the bar tender at the San Luis Obispo location. On Monday nights, McClintock's offers a special on prime rib. Wash it down with a beer or a cocktail from the bar and your family has just dined cowboy-style.

"The prices and variety of drinks is great. We've been in business for over 50 years, so we know how to mix and we know how to serve," Otral said. Cal Poly students come from all over California and are eager to show their parents the great places to eat on the Central Coast. "It's rare when my parents drive all the way up from San Diego to visit so I know I'll be in for a treat. I ask 'please' for McClintock's," said mechanical engineering junior Ben Lohue.

With one location in the heart of downtown San Luis Obispo at 606 Higuera St. and one overlooking the ocean at 750 Mattie Kd. in Pismo Beach, F. McClintock's offers two perfect settings for a great dinner with your family.

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First place
F. McClintock's
Second place
Costco
Third place
1855 Restaurant;
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Honorable mention
Giuseppi's Restaurant

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Vallarta's Mexican Food

Vallarta's Mexican Food is renowned for its good food and cheap prices. But Vallarta's offers something different than just delicious food and a good location.

In fact, it is a 60-ounce difference Vallarta's 60-ounce margarita is a big hit among Cal Poly students, and is free for those celebrating their 21st birthday.

Almost any Mexican restaurant with a bar offers margaritas, but Vallarta's stands out by making its margarita one of the largest you will ever see. Because of the free, fishbowl-sized drink, having a birthday dinner at Vallarta's has become a tradition in San Luis Obispo.

While attention centers on the 60-ounce margarita, customers come to Vallarta's to get regular margaritas as well.

"I just really like them," said mechanical engineering senior Joey Uhlich. "It's a good way to end a long week by going to Vallarta's and having a margarita with your friends."

Vallarta's offers a casual dining experience with a laid-back bar. Everyone from college students to families enjoy the menu, and whether or not it's your 21st birthday, it is an excellent place to hold a large birthday dinner.

Vallarta's Mexican Food is located at 1761 Monterey St.

--Megan Marderosian
**Best BBQ Place**

*Firestone Grill*

Barbecue foods have always been an American favorite. Getting together with friends and throwing some burgers or ribs on the grill is an ideal setting for a Sunday afternoon, and Firestone Grill offers the same experience. You can come in, order your favorite grilled foods and enjoy it with friends in a laid-back environment.

Firestone gives several different barbecue options including burgers, ribs, chicken and tri-tip. The grill is best known for its tri-tip sandwiches, juicy burgers, large baskets of perfectly seasoned fries and fresh salads.

Firestone customers can also grab a drink at the bar, which features a big-screen TV.

*When students crave meat in all its best forms, they turn to Firestone Grill. The Cal Poly favorite features tri-tip, juicy burgers, ribs and more. Students don't seem to mind waiting in long lines just to get a taste of one of San Luis Obispo's finest restaurants.*

-Megan Marderosian

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**First place**

Firestone Grill

**Second place**

Mo's Smokehouse BBQ

**Third place**

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**Honorable mention**

JD Boone's Smokehouse

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Woodstock's Pizzeria

It's always there when dough, sauce, and pepperoni drifting through the air catches your attention. It's the smell that immediately makes you want pizza, even if you are miles away from the natural gas that feeds the grilled Zagloss sandwich you've been craving all week.

Woodstock's Pizzeria is the one responsible for this captivating scent, so it's no surprise they were voted Best Pizza. It's the obvious choice anytime you are craving pizza, considering they deliver on campus, make their dough by hand each day, and pile on the toppings.

The popular pizza joint was established in 1980 with the goal to create a fun hangout for local college students, while offering unique pizzas that were unlike anything else in town. The original owner, Chuck Woodstock, had many ideas and innovations to make his pizza the best around. Woodstock added sauce to the inside of the folded crust, and made sure there were more toppings on his pizza than any of his competitors. His goal was that each bite of a Woodstock's pizza guaranteed every topping.

Woodstock's uses the freshest ingredients in every pizza, and continues to follow a secret sauce recipe left behind by Chuck Woodstock himself. Its mission is to earn loyal customers and team members who uniquely regard Woodstock's as the ultimate pizza experience.

General Manager Mike Swift was flattered they were chosen: "We are very excited about the award and couldn't be more pleased. We try to create deals for students to get them downtown and we like to deliver on campus. We are really happy that they chose us as the number one pizza."

Woodstock's is located at 1000 Higuera St. in San Luis Obispo.

Rachel Bridge

First place
Woodstock's Pizzeria

Second place
Fatte's Pizza

Third place
Nuco's

Honoroble mention
Pizza Saloon, California Pizza Kitchen

By using the freshest ingredients in an innovative way, Woodstock's was voted best pizza place by Cal Poly students.
Natural Café

Located in downtown San Luis Obispo, the Natural Café blends health with taste for its nutritionally sound menu.

“This Natural Café is also a supporter of the Central Coast’s abundant fresh vegetable and fruit supply. Dishes like the Veggie Stir Fry and the Santa Barbara Veggie Grill offer the best fresh seasonal vegetables found on the Central Coast.

With over a dozen vegetarian dishes to choose from, it’s no wonder why Cal Poly students chose Natural Café as the best place for vegetarian food.

Natural Café is located at 698 Higuera St. in San Luis Obispo.

-Robyn Marrow
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Palazzo Giuseppe

When Giuseppe "Joe" Difronzo set out to create a new restaurant to complement his popular one in Pismo Beach, he decided to take the new restaurant, Palazzo Giuseppe, in a unique and interesting direction.

While sticking to the strategy he implemented in Pismo by offering fine Italian dishes made from scratch using the finest ingredients with impeccable service, he ditched the hometown style of that restaurant for a completely new one offering contemporary Italian cuisine with a sophisticated atmosphere.

Executive Chef Chris Dressick creates dishes that are unique to the restaurant offering new takes on Old Italian favorites. Each dish is a "work of art made with love" out of the finest ingredients from all over the world. Everything in the restaurant is made from scratch from the pasta to the bread to the Gelato for dessert.

The pizza bar sits in front of an oven imported from Italy that makes the crust to rise perfection and the cheese melt evenly. The restaurant is separated into four distinct rooms. The main dining room offers a fun, loud atmosphere where guests can easily interact with friends.

The restaurant also includes a Mediterranean fireside patio that is open air in the summer and heated in the winter, which is popular for more intimate dinners. In addition, Palazzo Giuseppe features a wine room that can be reserved for large private parties.

Management team member Michael Kawaska said the restaurant has a "no walls" policy for guests with the entire staff willing to work with people on deciding exactly what the guest wants. The enthusiastic, knowledgeable and caring wait staff works as a team to create a unique experience to the area. All of these pleasures come to guests at a surprisingly affordable price. The restaurant also offers a deli for quick orders including salads, slices of pizza and desserts.

-Andrew Pier

The world-class wine list showcases the best wines from the Central Coast, Napa Valley and Italy for guests to pair perfectly with their meal. Giuseppe also bottles his own wine through master winemaker John Alban creating the Difronzo label, a favorite of regular patrons. The Difronzo label makes a Syrah, Pinot Noir, and Pinot Grigio that are all grown and bottled in the Central Coast. Many of the ingredients used for the meals are organic including the myriad of salads.

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-Andrew Pier
Edna Valley

Nestled among lush vines of grapes, Edna Valley Vineyard is the "Tuscany" of San Luis Obispo and Cal Poly students' choice for the best local wine. Whatever your varietal of choice, Edna Valley has a wine to satisfy your palate.

The winery is easy to locate, just a few miles south of San Luis Obispo, settled on the beautiful grounds reminiscent of European vineyards. The vineyard has one of the longest and coolest growing seasons in California, and its location allows the evening coastal fog to move inland to cool its grapes. The cooling of the grapes allows for better maturity and ultimately a more superb wine. "Our wines are very popular, not over-priced and full of flavor," wine maker Larry Hansen said. "Our wines are fruity and not over-oaked."

Counseling and guidance graduate student Kern Hatfield enjoys the wine-drinking lifestyle and has no problem taking a trip into wine country. "Drinking wine makes me feel sophisticated. The tasting room at Edna Valley is gorgeous and makes you feel like you're in Europe without having to fly 10 hours. Edna Valley's wine rocks me to the core," she said.

Edna Valley Winery offers wine tasting for both the novice wine drinker and the established connoisseur. The Edna Valley Vineyard is located at 2550 Biddle Ranch Rd. in San Luis Obispo. -Mattie Tamer

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Palazzo Giuseppe

Although patrons can get a Grey Goose martini at almost any bar in town, Palazzo Giuseppe distinguishes itself by pursuing quality in every step of the process. From the blue quartzite bar to the custom waterfall to the secret ingredient that causes their original martinis to smoke, Palazzo Giuseppe offers a different cocktail experience.

Michael Kawaoka, part of the management team at Palazzo Giuseppe, says the cocktails are all designed to delight the eye as well as the mouth. Each member of the staff truly cares about the guests and makes each drink uniquely personal.

As long as there are bartenders serving drinks, there is food available to eat. The cocktail bar has a casual elegance that allows guests to feel comfortable in any attire. There are also booths which enable couples to enjoy a romantic date with some privacy. The music is never overpowering, allowing guests to enjoy a casual conversation with friends.

The bar is located downtown at 1010 Court St. and also offers late-night dining. -Andrew Parr

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Best Overall Restaurant

Firestone Grill

It's time to eat in San Luis Obispo and the place to dine is at Firestone Grill. Whether you're craving a tri tip sandwich or an ice cold beer, Cal Poly students agree that Firestone Grill is the best restaurant in town.

"We appreciate students' support of our business. We have great food at reasonable prices as well as a great atmosphere with a mix of students and other members of the community," Barnell Harris, store manager said.

At almost any time of the day, a line extends out the door of people waiting to order food, in addition to a packed house and filled patio.

The restaurant has general seating inside and out for customers who order food at the counter. The bar area allows the luxury for customers to be waited on by a server.

The dining atmosphere is the epitome of Cal Poly. The rumble of voices, the television sounds of sports commentators, numbers being called by employees and the smell of the grill can all be attributed to Firestone's success.

The menus are listed on the walls of the restaurant and are big enough for people to see from any seat. They serve the basic grill foods including hamburgers, tri tip sandwiches, chicken sandwiches, french fries and onion rings. They also have fresh salads that are perfect on a hot day. Their specialty however, is their tri tip sandwich.

Firestone was remodeled its bar and restaurant. This has helped the flow of traffic into the restaurant to create faster service for the customers. "We have been open for 11 years, and it was time for an upgrade," said Harris.

Firestone is located on the corner of Higuera andosos at 1001 Higuera St.

The competition for this category was not easy. E.McClintock's Steakhouse came in at second and Tahoe Joes landed in third.

Does anyone notice a pattern here? It looks like Cal Poly students love their beef.

-Danielle Lamar

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Best Coffee House

Starbucks

The morning cup of coffee is usually what starts a college student's day, but most do not want just a cup of coffee - they want a personalized, flavored coffee. This is why Starbucks remains the top choice among Cal Poly students.

Starbucks has always provided customers with a warm, study-friendly environment with seemingly endless drink options. The coffee shops have everything from frozen blends to hot drinks and even the coffee beans themselves. Starbucks also provides numerous flavor options for both coffee and tea. They even offer accessories like coffee mugs, mints and relaxing CDs.

It seems that there is a Starbucks everywhere you go, but even with all of the different locations, there is always a great crowd. Having several coffee houses in San Luis Obispo, Starbucks seems to grab customers.

"I like that it is on the way to school," said Susan Portugal, an electrical engineering senior. "It's nice not having to make your own coffee in the morning. I can just swing by, get coffee and be on my way."

While some students order their coffee to go, others often stay to hang out with friends or study. With couches and outlets to plug in laptops, Starbucks provides a comfortable environment that a library or home office doesn't offer.

Starbucks is located in several locations in San Luis Obispo: 17 Chorro St., downtown at 885 Higuera St., in the Madonna Plaza at 253 Madonna Rd., and at 3900 Broad St.

-Megan Marderosian
Boo Boo Records

With large super­store chains taking business away from the small record stores, Boo Boo Records has managed to stay in business by sticking to its core principles for over 30 years: customer service, huge selection and fair prices.

Boo Boo Records has grown with the recording industry and has evolved throughout the different phases of recorded music. Although the mediums have changed, owner Mike White believes the store's ability to connect with customers through open­minded customer service is what keeps it successful. Many regular customers enjoy walking around the store looking for new music as well as simply chatting with the knowledgeable staff.

The store is located at 978 Monterey St. and has listening stations where customers can listen to new music before purchasing. Boo Boo Records is more than a place to find great music at great prices; it is a place to have an experience.

- Andrew Parre
Best Buy

It's tough to be a college student on a budget. Students must have the latest computer programs, high-tech gadgets and personal laptops to stay on top of their school work. Thanks to its affordable prices, Cal Poly students go to Best Buy first to get the very "best buy" in town.

With its unique interactive atmosphere and friendly Geek Squad, Best Buy is welcoming and rewarding for Cal Poly students. "We gear the store toward college students. It is really more of a hang out than an electronics store. We have students come here in the beginning of the day and leave in the late afternoon," said Robyn Burns, Best Buy store manager.

Compared to other big name electronics stores in the area, Best Buy has an entirely different feel. You can actually pick up and play around with something you are interested in purchasing. Best Buy values the importance of the customers' ability to test its products before they pull out their wallet.

The store has a variety of electronics such as video games, DVDs and digital cameras. "Best Buy is the first store that pops into my mind when I have to buy something in the electronics department. I am a big music person, so I am constantly buying music there right when it comes out. They have great deals and selection, it's a no brainer," said psychology major Jordan Hall.

Best Buy's name was created in 1965, but started as the Sound of Music store in 1966. The stores fun and relaxing atmosphere is spreading globally everyday.

For students who spend their days and dollars at Best Buy there is the Reward Zone. This helps you earn points for every dollar you spend. The points add up to discounts on future purchases.

Best Buy is located at 233 Madonna Rd. in San Luis Obispo.

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Sometimes after a long day at school, work and internships, it is almost essential to pamper yourself. Cal Poly students voted Nails Poly as the best place to relieve their anxiety. They offer manicures, pedicures, waxing and even massages with discounts to Cal Poly students.

"I go to Nails Poly because they give the best deals to students," agríbusiness junior Alisha Nelson said. Their name says it all, they are here to cater to Cal Poly students.

Along with student discounts, Nails Poly provides an ambiance of tranquility to help accommodate many stressed out students.

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Students voted Verizon Wireless as their favorite cell phone provider because it offers superior service and unlimited text messaging, among other things like the latest cell phone technologies.

Verizon

It seems like no one these days can live without a cell phone. This recent phenomenon is the drive for cell phone service companies.

Cal Poly students favor Verizon Wireless for its superior service. With 59.1 million customers nationwide and $30.8 billion annual revenue, it is clear how popular they really are.

Verizon Wireless offers such services as free cell-to-cell calls for anyone who is within the network. This is a major plus for students who use a cell phone as the only means of communication with friends and family.

"I use Verizon because of the free cell-to-cell time, it makes it easy to keep in touch with friends and family," said Shasta Baker, a Verizon Wireless customer.

Along with many family plans and an unlimited text messaging plan, Verizon also offers the most updated phones with features such as Blue Tooth, wireless internet and V-cast. This enables a phone to be a computer, iPod and digital camera all in one.

Verizon Wireless is located at 994 Mill St., Suite 100 in San Luis Obispo.

- Rophy Mannov

First place
Verizon

Second place
Cingular

Third place
T Mobile

Honorable mention
Spring Next

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Hollywood Video

In spite of the online renting craze supported by Netflix and Blockbuster, Cal Poly students still chose Hollywood Video as their favorite place to rent a movie.

Hollywood Video is known for its "star treatment" philosophy and wide selection of movies, ranging from new releases to old Hollywood classics. Their motto is "We are Hollywood. We are entertainment" and Cal Poly students couldn't agree more.

Manager Steve Oyden thinks his store's superb customer service is why it's a Cal Poly favorite. "We're the nicest," he said.

Hollywood Video is located just blocks away from campus on the corner of Foothill Boulevard and North Chorro Street, making it convenient for students to stop by and quickly grab a flick.

The store offers its own special deals to compete against online movie rental services. For instance, Hollywood Video's online subscription program called "My Hollywood Video" is free and easy. You get personalized movie recommendations, create a wish list of movies you want to see and, twice a month, you get a newsletter with details about upcoming new releases, coupons and special member-only offers. And don't forget, if it's your birthday, come into Hollywood Video and get a free "Hollywood Film Library" rental.

Even with the online fad, students still value the experience of physically going to the store, walking up and down the aisles and selecting their movie of choice.

Hollywood Video is located at 850 Foothill Blvd. in San Luis Obispo.

- Robyn Marnor
Oh wait, it's the only newspaper. And only three people voted ... and they were all editors. But seriously, we're the best paper on campus and we plan to continue giving you the real stories. The stories that matter. The stories that draw you away from Sudoku. Have a great break and we'll see you again on April 2.
Fremont Theatre was chosen the best theater by Cal Poly students for its unique, small-town feel. The Fremont Theatre is one-of-a-kind in San Luis Obispo because there are only four screens, and it only shows a small selection of the movies that are currently available for the big screen. Because of its selection of movies, it makes deciding what movie to watch simple and straightforward for college students.

Even exterior design attracts customers with the pink, blue and red lights around the marquee. The Fremont sign stands tall over Monterey Street with even more bright lights. The theater has an authentic feel to it with the small ticket box at the front, and the traditional atmosphere.

The Fremont Theatre was built in 1940 and has a great history. It has been used for the San Luis Obispo International Film Festival and was operated at different times by Fox, National General, Mann and Edwards Cinemas.

"I had a great experience, and it was a very nostalgic movie theater," said architecture senior Christopher Nikkei. "It had all the atmosphere of an old movie theater from back in the day."

Admission prices may be the only thing that has changed in the Fremont since 1940. The general admission is $9; however, with a valid student ID admission it is only $8, which is yet another reason Cal Poly students chose this theater. The Fremont Theatre is located at 1025 Monterey St. in San Luis Obispo. -Danielle Larimer
Art's donates to Cal Poly athletics including the triathlon team and the cycling club. There are deals for student members of these clubs and for students who just casually ride.

"When I went into Art's, I was amazed at the friendly people that work there. The store has the most amazing selection of products. It was an all around fun experience because they let me test out a bunch of bikes," said Jamie Church, a Cal Poly Communications student.

Eric Benson and Scott Smith are owners of Art's Cyclery. The two bought it in 1982 from Art Leach. Both owners are competitive cyclists and love to bring new students into the biking lifestyle. They also enjoy seeing college students live a healthy and active lifestyle.

"Seeing people get on their first bike and helping people get started is the best part of my job," said Benson. Art's will continue to support Cal Poly athletes and students who love biking.

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Staples, whose motto is "that was easy," strives to cater to your every office supply need, making it the most convenient place to buy those much-needed ink cartridges and binders. In a store as large as Staples, finding what you need may be difficult. Fortunately, Staples has a well-trained staff that is available to assist customers in any way. The staff persistently approaches customers to ask if they need help finding anything. They always seem to be around, so customers don't have to waste time searching for help.

"We enjoy meeting the needs of students. Many of us are students or we have children who are students," said sales manager Tish Carr.

Staples is broken down into three major categories: office supplies, technology and furniture. The store has everything students might need for day-to-day classwork and projects, and their deals are appropriate for the college student's budget.

"Staples is great because it's right by my house, and there's always a wide variety of items. They're always very helpful," said kinesiology junior Jill O'Brien.

Staples has two locations in San Luis Obispo: one at 323 Madonna Rd. and the other at 2950 Broad St.

Downtown Brewing Co.

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Coverings
When Leslie Cameron decided to buy the local Benetton store she had managed in downtown San Luis Obispo for several years, she had more in mind than the brightly colored sweaters and euro-preppy styles of the Italian chain's mega-boutique. Almost immediately, she changed the store to Coverings, and thus began the story of one of San Luis Obispo's most successful clothing stores, and arguably the apex of contemporary clothing for the next big thing. See it in Style magazine? Chances are you've already got it at Coverings.

This will be a year of big changes for Coverings. As they plan for their impending move up Higuera Street to a larger space, the buyers have more in mind than the euro-preppy stylings of the Italian chain of mega-boutique. Almost immediately, she changed the store to Coverings, and thus began the story of one of San Luis Obispo's most successful clothing stores, and arguably the apex of contemporary women's fashion on the Central Coast. That was 13 years ago, and during that time, Coverings has more than doubled in size, and shifted its focus towards serving the needs (and desires) of the student population.

What separates Coverings from all the rest? "I think, since the beginning, it's been our focus to seek out the best lines for our store," said Mignon Holt, manager of Coverings. "I think we're best known for the dream lines that we carry. We probably have the best selection of denim between Santa Barbara and San Jose. We keep a really good inventory, so when the customer comes in we'll have their size in every style and line. It's a big commitment, but it's earned us a lot of loyal customers over the years."

All that great denim is just a starting point. A quick tour of the store last week turned up a huge selection of juicy Coveteur, plus some really fabulous dresses by Ella Moss (one of Cameron's favorite designers), shoes by Michael Kors and some fun and funky headbands by Head Dress. Holt says that a lot of the students who come from bigger cities are surprised to find out that Coverings carries a lot of lines you'd find on Robertson Blvd. in L.A. or in SoHo, N.Y. That's because Coverings buying team spends a lot of time scouring the streets for the next big thing. See it in Style magazine? Chances are you've already got it at Coverings.

Second place
Coverings Warehouse Sale. The perennial spring free-for-all draws customers from miles around in search of incredible bargains on high-end fashion. "Last year we had about 200 people walk in during the first five minutes and it stayed almost that busy for the next three days," says Holt. "We're gearing up for it now, it looks like it's going to be bigger than ever." Coverings is located at 770 Higuera St. in San Luis Obispo.

Villa Automotive
When Cal Poly students need to take their car in for a tune-up, they turn to Villa Automotive. Villa services cars of all makes and models and uses only factory parts, but its customer service that makes Villa the best for Cal Poly students. Owner John Villa understands how important Cal Poly students are to his business and wants to keep them coming back. "Cal Poly is the bread and butter of this town," Villa said. "We do everything to make sure Poly students come back for their automotive needs." The staff at Villa are friendly, helpful, and know how to keep your ride in tip-top shape for a drive down the street or a trip back home.

Whether it's squeaky breaks or a blown out transmission, Villa Automotive has students covered.

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Express
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Urban Outfitters
Third place
Coverings
Honorable mention
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Central Coast Surfboards
Cal Poly students are totally down for the California lifestyle, and to reflect that, they shop at Central Coast Surfboards. CCS has an incredible selection of gear for those who are into action sports and an active lifestyle. Central Coast Surfboards stocks boards for the big three: Surf, Skate, and Snow as well as comfortable apparel to thrash and hang-ten in.

CCS makes a concerted effort to be on the same wave as its customers, which is a big reason why they were selected as the best for Cal Poly students. "They have a very knowledgeable staff when it comes to surfing. Sometimes I'll hit

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Second place
Mondays Surf & Skate
Third place
Wavelengths
Honorable mention
Estero Surf Co
Mono Bay Surf Co

Best Women's/Men's Fashion

Express
San Luis Obispo doesn’t have many chain stores downtown to help students with their fashion needs. It is no surprise then that Cal Poly students chose Express Design Studio for the best quality, unique fashion and good prices.

“We have the best products that identify with what students want. I think that our customer service plays into our success as well. The customer experience here is better than any of the other stores,” said store manager Angela Smalley.

Not only is it one of the biggest stores with the most options for students, but it also carries both men’s and women’s fashions. The store offers casual day outfits for women with basic tops and pants, comfortable shorts and denims that fit anyone. On the flip side, they offer sexy, night-on-the-town outfits and professional attire. This trend is the same for the men’s clothing. They have button-up long-sleeved shirts for professionals, and sexy looks as well as plain tees.

Express has carried quality jeans for years. Students can pick the size, length and overall fit that suits them best. They have names for the different cuts, for example, the “editor” pant for women and the “producer” pant for men. This extensive variation in pants for the many body types of Cal Poly students allows for convenient shopping.

Express’ jewelry is also unique. They have everything from simple necklaces, earrings and rings to the most outrageous jewelry. Their selection is huge and there are artistically made jewelry that make the jewelry an even better buy. Other accessories include belts, purses, hats and scarves. Men’s accessories include belts and ties.

Another benefit to shopping at Express is the Express card, which gives customers a 10 percent discount for applying. For every dollar a customer spends with the card, they earn points that turn into money after a specific amount is reached. Sounds like a deal made for students.

Express Design Studio is located at 887 Higuera Street St. in San Luis Obispo.

Beverly’s is located at 756 Higuera Street St. in San Luis Obispo. For more information, please visit beverly1400.com.

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Cerro Vista

The Cerro Vista apartments offer a great transition for students who have been living on campus and want to upgrade from the dorms. The apartments give students the opportunity to have a short walk to class while maintaining the feel of off-campus living.

Cerro Vista opened in fall 2003, with its 290 four-bedroom apartments, meaning it houses about 900 students. Cerro Vista was the first student housing to be built on campus in over 25 years. The apartment buildings are brightly painted and offer a panoramic view of campus and the rolling hills surrounding it.

Each apartment is approximately 1,200 square feet and fully furnished. Students living in Cerro Vista have many privileges that off-campus student do not.

"In addition to the free high-speed Internet access and cable TV with HBO, students living in Cerro Vista really love the weekly light housekeeping service in their kitchen/dining area, living room, and bathrooms that is provided by Housing," said Carolyn Bedinger, Program and Outreach Coordinator for Housing and Residential Life.

Students also enjoy not having to worry about buying items like toilet paper, light bulbs or shower curtains, which are all supplied by Housing.

Act quickly if you want a spot in these apartments, because there is a student lottery for people who want to live in Cerro Vista. Each year, Housing receives almost double the applicants it can house. The opportunity to apply to the Cerro Vista apartment lottery is offered first to students who are currently living in the residence halls because these students are already accustomed to the community standards.

Cerro Vista is located on the Cal Poly campus at 1 Grand Ave., Bldg. 171.

First place
Cerro Vista

Second place
Cal Poly dormitories

Third place
Montana Village

Honorable mention
Cedar Creek
Dr. Toloue Ranch Apartments

Supercuts

If you're looking for a stylish haircut at an affordable price, Cal Poly students say Supercuts is the place to go. Located in the Madonna Plaza, Supercuts has served Cal Poly students and residents of San Luis Obispo for nearly 26 years.

"Students are very loyal to us," said Supercuts Manager Kelly Harrington. "They just keep coming back. Some will come to us for four to five years straight."

Harrington believes their superior customer service, consistency of excellent haircuts, fun atmosphere and long experience in the cosmetology industry is why students voted Supercuts as the best.

Supercuts is also great because students can call ahead and be next in line when you arrive. With haircuts starting at $15 and no appointments necessary, why wouldn't Cal Poly students call Supercuts their favorite place?

Harrington said Cal Poly students bring a lot more than just business to this Supercuts. "Students are a lot of fun," she said. "They bring great conversations and funny stories."

Harrington added that some popular dos for guys right now are the faux Mohawks, a toned-down version of the original Mohawk. Street-type hairstyles are also popular for college men. As for women, it's all about the layers, both long and short.

Some may think Supercuts is only good for a trim, but they do offer a variety of other services. For example, a Supercut III includes a cut, shampoo and dry for a great value starting at $23. Along with "super cuts," there is also a variety of hair products to choose from available for purchase in every store.

Supercuts is located at 233 Foothill Blvd. Suite One, San Luis Obispo.
When it comes to crafts and decorations, a large selection is a necessity. Walking into Beverly's, there are rows of fabrics and materials to choose from to complete any art or sewing project. The craft store also offers a selection of flowers, knitting material and accessories for scrapbooks.

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The privately owned crafts chain started in 1968 and has 24 locations throughout California.

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The 69-room inn evokes the all-American spirit of country home cooking. Mom and hot apple pie. The rooms are uniquely decorated with cozy fireplaces and seating nooks, and feature grand canopy beds reminiscent of those used in country inns across the nation.

English senior Ruthie Colorado declares the Apple Farm Inn is an adorable spot in town and wonderful place to "travel back in time."

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So the next time your parents come to town, be a good son or daughter and send them over to the Apple Farm Inn, which is located at 2015 Monterey St. in San Luis Obispo.

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