



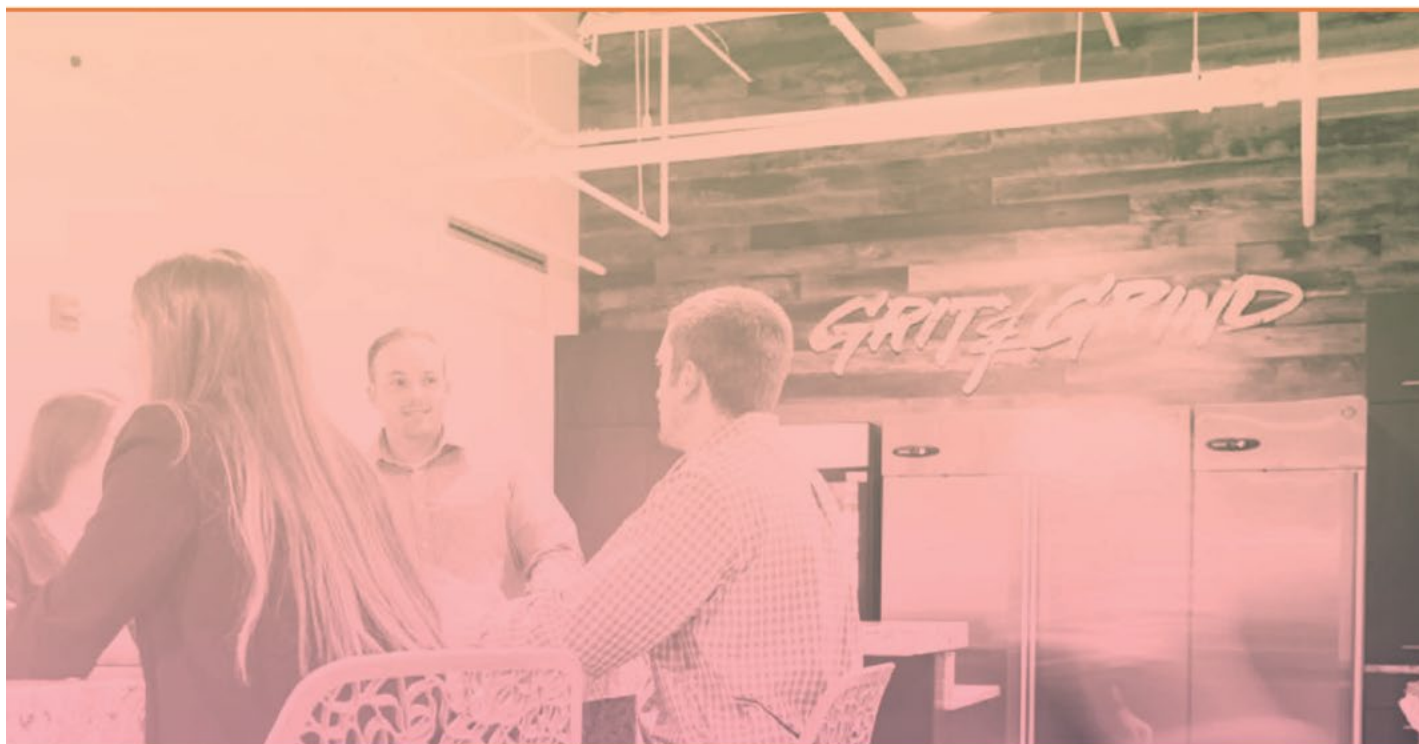
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When we opened nominations for Reader Rankings in May, many companies had recently switched to a work-from-home format and many of our readers were adjusting to life in the middle of the COVID-19 shutdown.

But you responded and we received more than 3,800 nominations of companies and businesses surpassing the 3,500 we received in 2019. It was much more than the 1,400 we had in 2018.

Through those nominations, you selected the five businesses, items or people that advanced to the voting round that opened in July.

In the voting round, we received more than 20,000 votes. Those votes helped select the three winners in each of 50 categories.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the top winners were announced in a series of videos posted on The Daily Record website and social media channels Oct. 5 to 15.

You are proud of the businesses you patronize. And they should be proud of the reputations they've built in the community.

Winners were chosen in a variety of categories including entertainment, business services, health care, education, law and legal services, finance/accounting/insurance providers, real estate, technology and a special made in Maryland for those truly special local and regional companies and items.

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