

WINNERS, NJSPJ BETTER JOURNALISM CONTEST FOR 2012

Category Name	Award	Credits	Organization	Entry Title
Blog - Independent Blog	First Place	Mark Lagerkvist	New Jersey Watchdog	New Jersey Watchdog - Mark Lagerkvist
	Second Place	Mark Hrywna	Rahway Rising	2012 tax appeals cost city half-million dollars
Daily Newspaper - Best Local News	First Place	Stephanie Akin	The Record (Bergen County)	Stakes are high in trial of chief // Chief Zisa's power on trial // Zisa juror's first must judge accusers // prosecution tactics raise defense's ire in Zisa trial // Guilty verdict caps Zisa's fall from power // Hackensack police force in limbo //
	Second Place	Jason Nark	Philadelphia Daily News	PRAYERS FOR CAMDEN
	Third Place	Jason Nark	Philadelphia Daily News	A GAZEBO TOO TALL?
Daily Newspaper - Business Reporting	First Place	James Osborne, Craig McCoy	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Powerful Medicine
	Second Place	Suzette Parmley	The Philadelphia Inquirer	A.C. sees non-gaming Vegas gold
	Third Place	Jane M. Von Bergen	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Bringing its jobs back from China
Daily Newspaper - Column Writing	First Place	Mike Kelly	The Record (Bergen County)	New Jersey's lost city
	Second Place	Karin Price Mueller	The Star-Ledger	A red-light camera's ticket to exasperation

	Third Place	Kim Mulford	Courier-Post	Mourning together as 'we remember'	
Daily Newspaper - Deadline Reporting	First Place	Staff	The Record (Bergen County)	"SANDY"	
	Second Place	Anthony Wood,Jeff Gelles,Edward Colimore,Matt Katz,Jacqueline Urgo,Amy Rosenberg,David O'Reilly,Jane Von Bergen ,Troy Graham,Aubrey Whelan,Alfred Lubrano	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Sandy Slams Shore // Swath of Destruction	
	Third Place	Mark Mueller,Christopher Baxter	The Star-Ledger	Cops: Life Taken Over a Bike	
Daily Newspaper - Editorial Writing	First Place	Alfred Doblin	The Record (Bergen County)	Justice for Clementi // Ravi's sentence	
	Second Place	Cynthia Burton	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Sandy's lesson is don't build too close to water	
	Third Place	Mike Daniels	Courier-Post	Don't erase Rutgers from South Jersey	
Daily Newspaper - Enterprise/Series/Investigative Reporting	First Place	Mark Mueller	The Star-Ledger	LAW AND DISORDER: A Police Department's March to Self-Destruction	
	Second Place	Jeff Pillets	The Record (Bergen County)	A how-to guide to New Jersey's power game	
	Third Place	Kevin Shelly	Courier-Post	ON THE WATERFRONT	
Daily Newspaper -	First Place	Jason Grant	The Star-Ledger	Inside the world of a crime-busting elite	

Feature Writing				
	Second Place	Jay Levin	The Record (Bergen County)	"Final Words"
	Third Place	Wayne Parry,Kathy Matheson	The Associated Press	Roller coaster in the ocean, shattered boardwalks: Will the Jersey shore ever be the same?
Daily Newspaper - Headline Writing	First Place	Martha Esposito	Burlington County Times	Boy meets grill: A match made in the backyard
Daily Newspaper - Health- Science- Technology and Environmental Reporting	First Place	Todd Bates	Asbury Park Press	Polluters avoid penalties as state weakens oversight
	Second Place	Katie Zezima,Kevin Begos	The Associated Press	EPA officials say toxic sites OK after superstorm; but few actual tests done
	Third Place	David Porter	The Associated Press	Pilots report cockpit power failures in Airbuses; some jets still awaiting fixes
Daily Newspaper - Page One Design	First Place	Colleen Prendergast	Burlington County Times	Burlington County Times
Daily Newspaper - Profile Writing	First Place	Jason Nark	Philadelphia Daily News	THE LAST PINEY
	Second Place	Ronni Reich	The Star-Ledger	Batrek Yassa: Drawing from life
	Third Place	Claudia Vargas	The Philadelphia Inquirer	The Littlest Hero
Daily Newspaper - Public Service	First Place	Colleen Diskin	The Record (Bergen County)	At homes for seniors, a grim record of lapses
	Second Place	Matt Katz	The Philadelphia	Bills targeting sunshine laws // Public

			Inquirer	records under wraps // N.J. opens up records agency — a little bit
	Third Place	James Osborne,Craig R. McCoy	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Powerful Medicine
Daily Newspaper - Review Writing	First Place	Ronni Reich	The Star-Ledger	Dog Days: Opera's savage side
	Second Place	Teresa Politano	The Star-Ledger	D'Floret: From expert chef, food that's simply super
	Third Place	Teresa Politano	The Star-Ledger	Fin Raw Bar: The Salt Steals the Show
Daily Newspaper - Sports Reporting	First Place	Jason Nark	Philadelphia Daily News	THE PERFECT PREDATOR
	Second Place	Jason Nark	Philadelphia Daily News	FINDING DAJUAN
	Third Place	Randy Miller	Courier-Post	BLIND AMBITION
Daily Newspaper - State or Regional News	First Place	Amy Rosenberg	The Philadelphia Inquirer	How the down and out end up in Atlantic City
	Second Place	Matt Katz	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Policy shift cuts N.J. welfare rolls
	Third Place	Geoff Mulvihill	The Associated Press	NJ rep. used campaign money on trips to Calif., where teen daughter has career
Daily Newspaper - Tim O'Brien Award	First Place	Christopher Baxter	The Star-Ledger	Behind the Badge
	Second Place	Shawn Boburg,Jean Rimbach,Monsy Alvarado	The Record (Bergen County)	From a tattered mob case, bitter charges flare
Daily Newspaper - Wilson Barto Rookie of the Year	First Place	Tatiana Schlossberg	The Record (Bergen County)	Bergen police officers pitch in to comfort Newtown students // Having own utility helps town turn on lights quickly // 'Lost art' concerns parents
	Second Place	Andrew George	The Express-Times	Print headline as published on A1, 12/20/12: "Pair get jail for deadly

				beating"; Print headline as published on A1, 11/19/12: "Medical marijuana sees gains, setbacks"; Print headline as published on A1, 3/2/12: "Mayor: closing plant isn't healthy"
Magazine - Business Reporting	First Place	Jill Capuzzo	New Jersey Monthly Magazine	Ready for Prime Time?
	Second Place	Mark Hrywna	The NonProfit Times	2012 NPT 100
	Third Place	Wayne Guglielmo	New Jersey Monthly	Combine or Decline
Magazine - Feature & Profile Writing	First Place	Kevin Manahan	The Star-Ledger	HBO's Baddest Badass Comes Clean
	Second Place	Jeff Schlegel	Financial Advisor magazine (based in Shrewsbury, N.J.)	The Power Of Perseverance
	Third Place	Heather Mistretta	Monmouth University Magazine	Life Lessons from a Horseshoe crab
Magazine - Investigative Reporting	First Place	Anthony DePalma	New Jersey Monthly	Under Suspicion
	Second Place	Mark Hrywna	The NonProfit Times	Where's Your 990? Charities & watchdogs omitting info from posted documents
	Third Place	Mark Hrywna	The NonProfit Times	Corporate Deal Masks Comp At Special Olympics International
Magazine - Opinion	First Place	Paul Clolery	The NonProfit Times	Komen's Brinker Must Go
	Second Place	Paul Clolery	The NonProfit Times	Taxes Vs. Fundraising: The federal government wants to compete for donors

	Third Place	Paul Clolery	The NonProfit Times	Are There No Prisons?	
Magazine - Reporting	First Place	Leslie Garisto Pfaff	New Jersey Monthly	Tragedy in Blue	
	Second Place	Mark Hrywna	The NonProfit Times	Sal Army Completing Kroc Heiress' Dream For Centers	
	Third Place	Amanda Staab	New Jersey Monthly	Capped Out	
Newsletters - Overall	First Place	John Chadwick,Kara Donaldson,Sherri Somers,John Van Cleaf,Jeremee Johnson	Rutgers University School of Arts and Sciences	Access and Excellence in the Arts and Sciences	
	Second Place	Mike Mathis	New Jersey Judiciary	Judiciary Times	
Online - Best Affiliated Website	First Place	Staff	NJBIZ	NJBIZbrackets.com	
Online - Best Local News	First Place	Joe Malinconico	PatersonPress.com	Questionable Flood Buyouts	
	Second Place	Tara Nurin	Newsworks New Jersey	Linchpin of future Camden Waterfront redevelopment is haven for drug users - See more at: http://www.newsworks.org/index.php/local/new-jersey/48033-linchpin-of-future-camden-waterfront-redevelopment-is-haven-for-drug-users#sthash.UfpgHCTN.dpuf	
Online - Enterprise/Series/Investigative Reporting	First Place	Mark Lagerkvist	New Jersey Watchdog	Double-Dipping in New Jersey	
	Second Place	Sara Neufeld,John Mooney,Nancy	NJ Spotlight, Hechinger	A Promise to Renew: Quitman Street Community School	

		Solomon,Amanda Brown	Report & NJ Public Radio	
	Third Place	Tara Nurin	NJSpotlight.com	Higher Education Restructuring: Who Decides, Who Wins, Who Loses?
Online – Column Writing	First Place	Lisa Tognola	The Alternative Press	Loyalty to Job or Loyalty to Family?
	Second Place	Warren Bororson	NewJerseyNews room.com	On Stock Diversification: Are You a Phil Rizzuto or Ralph Kiner
Online – Essay	First Place	Sharon Waters	NJBIZ	Newsroom memories
	Second Place	Amy Rosen	TheBeachBeat.c om	The beach is beaten but it will return
	Third Place	Robin Lally	Rutgers Today	Once Struck, a New Fear and Respect for Lightning Storms
Online - Feature Writing	First Place	Scott Stump	SI.com	After horrible tragedy, Jaashawn Jones keeps his NFL dream alive
	Second Place	Andrea Alexander	Rutgers Today	Rutgers Student with Cerebral Palsy Taking a Shot at His Dreams
	Third Place	Summer Dawn Hortillosa	The Jersey City Independent	Up in the Clouds: Samuel Pott's Vision Brings Nimbus Dance Works to Great Heights
Online - Headline Writing	First Place	Len Melisurgo	The Star-Ledger	Blizzard Bob? Weather Channel gets cold reaction to naming winter storms
Online - Health- Science- Technology and Environmental Reporting	First Place	Andrea Alexander	Rutgers Today	Bringing the American Chestnut Tree Back to Life
Online - Profile Writing	First Place	Scott Stump	SI.com	After horrible tragedy, Jaashawn Jones keeps his NFL dream alive
	Second Place	John Soltes	Hollywood Soapbox	Shark Week Interview: Survivor on how he punched a tiger shark to stay alive

	Third Place	Warren Boroson	Newjerseynewsroom.com	Lucia Dinapoli Gibbons: From Barber's Daughter to Top Executive at Wells Fargo
Online - Public Service	First Place	John Mooney	Nj Spotlight	Tenure reform in New Jersey
	Second Place	Joe Malinconico	PatersonPress.com	Fiscal Watchdog Stories
Online - Review Writing	First Place	Gwen Orel	The Montclair Times	Montclair Film Festival: At the Jersey Shore
	Second Place	John Soltes	Hollywood Soapbox	'Pater' is an exquisite example of metafilm from director Alain Cavalier
	Third Place	Summer Dawn Hortillosa	The Jersey City Independent	Something to Remember Me By Brings Prime-time Drama to the Stage — Or Rather, the Table
Online - Sports Reporting	First Place	Scott Stump	Yahoo! Sports	Unrelated Decisions Lead To Chance Encounter That Starts Path To MLB
	Second Place	Scott Stump	SI.com	After horrible tragedy, Jaashawn Jones keeps his NFL dream alive
	Third Place	Curtis Eichelberger, Elise Young	Bloomberg News	"Rutgers Football Fails Profit Test as Students Pay \$1,000"
Online - State or Regional News	First Place	Patrick Sullivan	The NonProfit Times	The Recovery Begins From Jersey Girl Sandy
	Second Place	Elise Young	Bloomberg News	"Christie's Biggest Fight May Be Weight as Job Strains Willpower"
Online - Tim O'Brien Award	First Place	Joe Malinconico	PatersonPress.com	Congresman's Daughter Got School Promotion Despite Suspended Driver's License
	Second Place	Tina Renna	Union County Watchdog Association	Musicfest – Even the Prosecutor couldn't/didn't follow the money
Online - Web Video	First Place	Cameron Bowman	Rutgers Today	Rutgers' Kirkpatrick Chapel Restoration a Work of Art

Online - Wilson Barto Rookie of the Year	First Place	Jack Murtha	TheBeachBeat.com	Pinball memories ricochet along Asbury boardwalk//Asbury Lanes provides nostalgic hangout for musicians, patrons//A quiet winter beach rental with a \$1M view? Not here
Online Feature Reporting	First Place	Sara Neufeld,Jon Mooney,Nancy Solomon,Liz Willen	The Hechinger Report	A Promise to Renew
	Second Place	Terrence Dopp,Romy Varghese,Steven Church,Elise Young,Prashant Gopal,John Gittelsohn,William Selway	Bloomberg News	"Hurricane Sandy Enterprise Pieces"
Online News Reporting	First Place	Margaret Collins,Elise Young,Freeman Klopott,Terrence Dopp,Chris Strohm,Brian Sullivan,Tim Jones,James Rowley,Henry Goldman,Romy Varghese	Bloomberg News	"Hurricane Sandy Breaking News Coverage"
Photojournalism Feature	First Place	Eric Sucar,Amy Rosen	TheBeachBeat.com	Sandy Shatters
	Second Place	Aaron Houston	NJBIZ	Businesses impacted by Sandy
	Third Place	Colin Archer	New Jersey Monthly	Shell Game
Photojournalism Spot	First Place	Scott Longfield	The Two River	Decimated

News			Times	
Weekly Newspaper - Best Local News	First Place	Larry Yudelson, Charles Zusman, Josh Lipowsky, Abigail Klein Leichman	New Jersey Jewish Standard	Love and hate in Bergen County
	Second Place	Darius Amos	The Ridgewood News	Village waits for winter's fury
	Third Place	Justin Zaremba	Community News	Minutes show shift in council's position on lawsuit
Weekly Newspaper - Business Reporting	First Place	Melinda Caliendo	NJBIZ	This town ain't big enough for the two of us
	Second Place	Jared Kaltwasser	NJBIZ	No bids, no problem in Sandy cleanup
	Third Place	Jared Kaltwasser	NJBIZ	Taking on water
Weekly Newspaper - Column Writing	First Place	David-Seth Kirshner	New Jersey Jewish Standard	When silence equals death
	Second Place	Joanne Palmer	New Jersey Jewish Standard	The algorithm of grief / Of liturgy and lox / They were all God's children
	Third Place	Michelle Bent	West Essex Tribune	The Bent Angle, By Michelle Bent
Weekly Newspaper - Deadline Reporting	First Place	Kimberly Redmond	Pascack Valley Community Life	'Sandy' causes extensive damage, power outages
	Second Place	Bryan Wassel	Town News	Suspect charged after police 'put pieces together'
	Third Place	Richard De Santa	Glen Rock Gazette	'We thank God everyone's OK'
Weekly Newspaper - Editorial Writing	First Place	Owen Proctor	Nutley Sun	Township officials pose for ill-advised photo op

	Second Place	Bill Slossar	Twin-Boro News	Putting respect in its proper place
	Third Place	Edward Virgin	The Ridgewood News	Playing games
Weekly Newspaper - Enterprise/Series/Investigative Reporting	First Place	Laura Herzog	The Ridgewood News	Business series: Solution sought for lengthy permit process // For some, similarity breeds frustration // Sidewalk sign stirs debate // Vision for downtown viewed as key to future
	Second Place	Al Sullivan	Bayonne Community News	Recovery begins/ Bayonne hit hard/Scrambling after Sandy
	Third Place	Meghan Grant Reporter, Jaimie Julia Winters Editor	South Bergenite	District refuses to disclose pay raise deal // Superintendent gets \$45K bonus
Weekly Newspaper - Feature Writing	First Place	Stephanie Noda	Northern Valley Suburbanite	Serving his country, advancing his race
	Second Place	Kelly Nicholaides Reporter, Jaimie Julia Winters Editor	South Bergenite	Bootleggers made history in South Bergen
	Third Place	Joanne Palmer	New Jersey Jewish Standard	History's Hero
Weekly Newspaper - Headline Writing	First Place	Joe Arney	NJBIZ	Filed under frustration: Still few digital docs in N.J.
	Second Place	Joe Arney	NJBIZ	Mix of healing, kneeling helps keep the faith
	Third Place	Bill Slossar	Twin-Boro News	Forehead takes browbeating from Botox
Weekly Newspaper - Health- Science- Technology and Environmental	First Place	Svetlana Shkolnikova	Hackensack Chronicle	Forum focuses on healthcare inequalities

Reporting				
	Second Place	Jared Kaltwasser	NJBIZ	Seeking cure for drug shortages
	Third Place	Christopher Lang	Northern Valley Suburbanite	Final installment awarded for cleanup at Deluxe property
Weekly Newspaper - Page One Design	First Place	Edward Virgin	The Ridgewood News	25-May-12
	Second Place	Edward Virgin	Town News	Sept. 27, 2012
	Third Place	Staff	NJBIZ	Power 100 Controlling the board
Weekly Newspaper - Profile Writing	First Place	Al Sullivan	Bayonne Community News	Living with a living Legend
	Second Place	Joanne Palmer		The man in the mask: Meet Rabbi Shammai Engelmayer
	Third Place	Svetlana Shkolnikova	Northern Valley Suburbanite	When 12/12/12 equals 100
Weekly Newspaper - Public Service	First Place	Al Sullivan	Bayonne Community News	Almost Homeless
	Second Place	Michael Lamendola Managing Editor, Meghan Grant Reporter, Jaimie Julia Winters Editor	South Bergenite	County wants out of Williams Center // Williams Center loses legendary act // Newman theater in WC shuttered for safety concerns // County: Center repairs are not minimal, they're pretty extensive
	Third Place	Bryan Wassel	Town News	Zabriskie house may get new home // Demolition sets the fate of historic house // Timeline tells story of debate on historic home // Freeholder: Learn from experience with Zabriskie House

Weekly Newspaper - Review Writing	First Place	Rebecca Kaplan Boroson	New Jersey Jewish Standard	Samson — a strong man with a fragile psyche
	Second Place	Amanda Palasciano	The Hoboken Reporter	It's a Wonderful Play
	Third Place	Miriam Rinn	New Jersey Jewish Standard	Eavesdropping on Dreams
Weekly Newspaper - Sports Reporting	First Place	Brian Farrell	The Ridgewood News	It was more than a winning season for Maroons
	Second Place	Al Sullivan	Bayonne Community News	Getting out of there alive
Weekly Newspaper - State or Regional News	First Place	Stephanie Noda	Northern Valley Suburbanite	Battle brewing over energy tax receipts
	Second Place	Darius Amos	The Ridgewood News	Public vote may decide amendment
	Third Place	Kimberly Redmond	Pascack Valley Community Life	Donation drive benefits first responders in Seaside
Weekly Newspaper - Wilson Barto Rookie of the Year	First Place	Laura Herzog	The Ridgewood News	Where do parking ticket payments wind up // Church from the couch // It's not all howls for new dog park
	Second Place	Katherine Milsop		From Sopranos to Boardwalk to the stage; Benefits ordinance will not be on November ballot; Residents get details on \$25 million three-part referendum
	Third Place	Katie Eder	NJBIZ	1) Chafing at Christie's blue law ban, Paramus mayor lists what can be sold Sunday, threatens penalties for violators; 2) Blue law ban rhetoric escalates to threats of court action; 3) UPDATED: Blue laws ban may be lifted next week; both sides react to

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