

## 2015 NJ-SPJ Excellence in Journalism Awards for work done in 2014

Category Name	Award	Organization	Entry Title	Credits	
Blog - Independent Blog	First Place	The Dancing Egg ( <a href="https://thedancingegg.wordpress.com">https://thedancingegg.wordpress.com</a> )	Three samples from my blog, The Dancing Egg: "To Be or To Write, That is the Question," "The Color Purple," "Clifford the Big Red Dog"	Caren Chesler	
Blog - Independent Blog	Second Place	Bob Braun's Ledger	Newark Schools in Crisis	Bob Braun	
Blog - Independent Blog	Third Place	Rahway Rising	Special Improvement District expansion	Mark Hrywna	
Blog - Media_Affiliated Blog	First Place	The Record (Bergen County)	Meadowlands Matters	John Brennan	
Blog - Media_Affiliated Blog	Second Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Lee Solomon's class act // Camden's edifice complex // Running uphill	Kevin Riordan	
Blog - Media_Affiliated Blog	Third Place	The Record (Bergen County)	Bergen Beat	John Ensslin	
CARTOONING	First Place	Philadelphia Daily News	The casinos may close but ...	Signe Wilkinson	
CARTOONING	Second Place	Philadelphia Daily News	Maybe we should call ...	Signe Wilkinson	
Daily Newspaper - Best Local News	First Place	The Record (Bergen County)	Stuck in a Jam	Shawn Boburg	
Daily Newspaper - Best Local News	Second Place	The Star-Ledger	Edison's Troubled Police Department	Mark Mueller	
Daily Newspaper - Best Local News	Third Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Caller told 911 of fire scene at Sheridans' // Sheridan son held on drug charge day of fire	Barbara Boyer, Melanie Burney, Angelo Fichera, Jonathan	

			// Sources: Sheridans were both stabbed // Death of wife of Cooper CEO // Couple's deaths still a mystery	Tamari	
Daily Newspaper - Business Reporting	First Place	The Star-Ledger	Bamboozled: Towed then fleeced	Karin Price Mueller	
Daily Newspaper - Business Reporting	Second Place	Philadelphia Daily News	GREETINGS FROM MONEY ISLAND	Jenny Nark	
Daily Newspaper - Business Reporting	Third Place	The Associated Press	Pain of Atlantic City casino closings far-reaching	Wayne Parry	
Daily Newspaper - Column Writing	First Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Mainland's Poignant Opener	Phil Anastasia	
Daily Newspaper - Column Writing	Second Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	He Swings, and Connects	Mike Sielski	
Daily Newspaper - Column Writing	Third Place	The Record (Bergen County)	Burno's Path to fulfillment	Tara Sullivan	
Daily Newspaper - Deadline Reporting	First Place	The Star-Ledger	GWB Bombshell Dents Christie's 2016 Hopes	Ted Sherman, Steve Strunsky, Mark Mueller, Lisa Rose, Jenna Portnoy, Salvador Rizzo, Mike Frassinelli, Erin O'Neill, Paul Mulshine	
Daily Newspaper - Deadline Reporting	Second Place	The Star-Ledger	An Arrest 23 Years In The Making	Tom Haydon, Sue Epstein, Mark Di Ionno, Kelly Heyboer, Mark Mueller	
Daily Newspaper	Third Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Revel's Losing Bet	Suzette Parmley	

- Deadline Reporting					
Daily Newspaper - Feature Writing	First Place	Philadelphia Daily News	THE REEL DEAL	Jason Nark	
Daily Newspaper - Feature Writing	Second Place	Philadelphia Daily News	FACE OF THE CITY	Jason Nark	
Daily Newspaper - Feature Writing	Third Place	The Record (Bergen County)	Immigrant families torn by detentions	Monsy Alvarado	
Daily Newspaper - Health- Science- Technology and Environmental Reporting	First Place	Asbury Park Press	Fear for Barnegat Bay — can it be saved?	Kirk Moore, Todd Bates, Jeff Colson	
Daily Newspaper - Health- Science- Technology and Environmental Reporting	Second Place	The Star-Ledger	Medical marijuana: N.J. child improves as family finds fewer roadblocks in Colorado; sidebar: Demands for medical marijuana research grow in N.J., nation driven by hopeful patients, families	Susan Livio	
Daily Newspaper - Health- Science- Technology and Environmental Reporting	Third Place	The Record (Bergen County)	Hospitals' new bottom line	Lindy Washburn	
Daily Newspaper - Page One Design	First Place	The Record (Bergen County)	Stuck in a Jam	Robert Townsend	
Daily Newspaper - Page One Design	Second Place	Burlington County Times	A1 April 16, 2014	Colleen Prendergast	

Daily Newspaper - Page One Design	Third Place	Burlington County Times	A1 Nov. 21, 2014	Debra Ungerman	
Daily Newspaper - Profile Writing	First Place	The Star-Ledger	Man behind the Chris Christie probe: U.S. Attorney Paul Fishman leads federal inquiry	Jason Grant	
Daily Newspaper - Profile Writing	Second Place	The Star-Ledger	In bridge scandal, one lawyer could topple Christie	Christopher Baxter	
Daily Newspaper - Profile Writing	Third Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	After nightmare, a dream season	Phil Anastasia	
Daily Newspaper - Public Service	First Place	The Star-Ledger	What killed Kenwin Garcia?	Christopher Baxter	
Daily Newspaper - Public Service	Second Place	The Record (Bergen County)	Stuck in a Jam	Staff	
Daily Newspaper - Public Service	Third Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Vigil held for Moorestown officer // Officer's widow still has questions // Officer's widow seeks answers in fatal crash	Barbara Boyer	
Daily Newspaper - Review Writing	First Place	The Record (Bergen County)	STILL SUPERLATIVE: Cafe Matisse in Rutherford	Elisa Ung	
Daily Newspaper - Sports Reporting	First Place	Burlington County Times	The M Pire	Tom Rimback	
Daily Newspaper - Sports Reporting	Second Place	The Record (Bergen County)	Jackson in power struggle with Dolan	Steve Popper	
Daily Newspaper - Sports Reporting	Third Place	TAPintoChatham.net	Chatham Snaps 23- Game Football Losing Streak, 33-0, Over	Ed Barmakian	

			High Point; Happy Birthday Nestler		
Daily Newspaper - State or Regional News	First Place	The Star-Ledger	Christie plan to return disabled to N.J. leads one man to hospitals, jail	Susan Livio	
Daily Newspaper - State or Regional News	Second Place	The Star-Ledger	New Jersey Catholic Dioceses in Crisis	Mark Mueller	
Daily Newspaper - State or Regional News	Third Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Cruncher of the election numbers	Andrew Seidman	
Daily Newspaper – Tim O’Brien Award	First Place	The Star-Ledger	Who Killed Kenwin Garcia	Christopher Baxter	
Daily Newspaper – Tim O’Brien Award	Second Place	The Record	Oil Trains	Scott Fallon	
Daily Newspaper - Wilson Barto Rookie of the Year	First Place	The Record (Bergen County)	Portfolio of Minjae Park	Minjae Park	
Daily Newspaper - Wilson Barto Rookie of the Year	Second Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Paulboro's booster // Point of pride // In wake of crash	Angelo Fichera	
Newsletters - Overall	First Place	Rutgers University School of Arts and Sciences	ACCESS	John Chadwick ,Kara Donaldson, Sherri Somers	
Newsletters - Overall	Second Place	Rutgers Today	One Rutgers a World of Discovery	Rutgers Today Staff	
Newsletters - Overall	Third Place	New Jersey Judiciary	Judiciary Times	Mike Mathis	
Online - Business	First Place	Bloomberg News	Christie Failing	Elise Young, Terrence	

Reporting			Economy Promise as New Jersey Falls Behind U.S.	Dopp,Michelle Kaske	
Online - Business Reporting	Second Place	Bloomberg News	Christie Rail Kill Misses Lowest Rates as N.J. Lags U.S.	Tom Moroney,Elise Young	
Online - Business Reporting	Third Place	NJ Spotlight	Third-Party Energy Suppliers	Tom Johnson	
Online - Commentary	First Place	NJ Spotlight	Water Quality in NJ	Daniel Van Abs	
Online - Commentary	Second Place	New York Times Well Blog	Running as Therapy	Jen A. Miller	
Online - Commentary	Third Place	Rutgers Today	September 11: Let Us Not Lose Sight of the Significance of the Day	Greg Trevor	
Online - Deadline Reporting	First Place	NJ Spotlight	Election Night 2014	Colleen O'Dea,NJ News Commons	
Online - Feature Writing	First Place	The Pennsylvania Gazette	The Lightning Rod	Molly Petrilla	
Online - Feature Writing	Second Place	Bloomberg News	Springsteen Girls Priced Out as Rich Buy Jersey Shore Homes	Romy Varghese	
Online - Feature Writing	Third Place	NJ Spotlight and The Hechinger Report	A TASTE OF VICTORY, FINALLY, AT A STRUGGLING NEWARK SCHOOL	Sara Neufeld	
Online - Health-Science-Technology and Environmental Reporting	First Place	NJ Spotlight	Is Sandy Debris in Roxbury's Fenimore Landfill Poisoning Town's Children, Adults?	Scott Gurian	
Online - Health-Science-Technology and	Second Place	NJ Spotlight	How 'Big Data' is Transforming Today's Healthcare Sector	Meir Rinde	

Environmental Reporting					
Online - Health-Science-Technology and Environmental Reporting	Third Place	CNBC.com	Why can't Apple meet demand for the iPhone 6?	Linda Federico-OMurchu,Matt Hunter	
Online - Independent Online Publication	First Place	NJ Spotlight	NJ Spotlight	Staff	
Online - Independent Online Publication	Second Place	Rutgers Today	Rutgers Today	Greg Trevor,Carla Cantor ,Karen Smith ,Andrea Alexander	
Online - Independent Online Publication	Third Place	NJMoneyHelp.com	NJMoneyHelp.com	Karin Price Mueller	
Online - State or Regional News	First Place	Bloomberg News	Christie Faces Need for Tax With N.J. Roads Fund Empty	Elise Young	
Online - State or Regional News	Second Place	Bloomberg News	Christie's Old Retread Brown Savoring Boom as New Jersey Slides	Michael Marois,Elise Young	
Online - State or Regional News	Third Place	Bloomberg News	N.J. Lottery Misses Cristie Revenue Under Private Manager	Elise Young	
Online - Web Video	First Place	Rutgers Today	Rutgers Kirkpatrick Chapel Organs Thrill Visitors	Cameron Bowman	
Online - Web Video	Second Place	Rutgers Today	Piano Helps Autistic Children Find Their Voices	Cameron Bowman	

Online - Web Video	Third Place	StateBroadcastNews.com	SBN video news report featured on NJSpotlight's Affordable Care Act microsite	Steve Lubetkin	
Online Feature Reporting	First Place	NJ Spotlight	ELUSIVE 'SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE' LETTER A STUMBLING BLOCK FOR SOME SANDY SURVIVORS	Scott Gurian	
Online News Reporting	First Place	NJ Spotlight	Newark and state-run public schools coverage	John Mooney	
Online News Reporting	Second Place	NJ Spotlight	Pre-Election Coverage 2014	Colleen O'Dea	
Online News Reporting	Third Place	The Star-Ledger	Hunter on rabid coyote attack: 'I'm really happy I'm the last guy he met'	Justin Zaremba	
Photojournalism Feature	First Place	The Record (Bergen County)	So Close!	Kevin R. Wexler	
Photojournalism Feature	Second Place	Elauwit Media	Lenape Ice Bucket Challenge	Mike Monostra	
Photojournalism Feature	Third Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Meter Maid in the Making	Ed Hille	
Photojournalism Sports	First Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Special Olympian's Celebrate Win	Ed Hille	
Photojournalism Sports	Second Place	The Two River Times	Skim Boarding at Sea Bright	Sean Simmons	
Photojournalism Sports	Third Place	The Record (Bergen County)	Meet the Press	Carmine Galasso	
Photojournalism Spot News	First Place	The Record (Bergen County)	The Children are Safe	Tariq Zehawi	



Photojournalism Spot News	Second Place	Community News	Auto inferno	Nick Messina	
Photojournalism Spot News	Third Place	North Bergen Reporter	Route 78 truck fire photo	Joseph Passantino	
Radio Enterprise	First Place	New Jersey Public Radio	The Risks Parents Take to Get Their Kids Medical Marijuana	Sarah Gonzalez	
Radio Enterprise	Second Place	The Hechinger Report	Why Hoboken is Throwing Away All of its Student Laptops	Jill Barshay	
Radio Enterprise	Third Place	WBGO Radio	Spying On Your EZ- Pass	Cindy Redling	
Radio News	First Place	WBGO	"One Newark" School Reform Controversy	Doug Doyle,Alexandra Hill,Julie Daurio,David Cruz,Andrew Meyer,Phil Gregory,Glenn Crespo	
Radio News	Second Place	New Jersey Public Radio	Why Inmates Can't Afford to Make Calls from Jails in New Jersey	Sarah Gonzalez	
Television/Cable Enterprise	First Place	News 12 New Jersey	Helmetta Animal Shelter	Walt Kane,Karin Attonito,Anastasios Stefanidis,Anthony Cocco,Kristopher Schoenleber	
Television/Cable Enterprise	Second Place	News 12 New Jersey	Choices & Chances: NJ's Heroin Epidemic	Jeff Simons,Ivy Charmatz,Marisa Brahney,Adam Jenkins,Jessica Frech,Randal Stanley,Ronald Tomaino Jr	
Television/Cable	Third Place	News 12 New Jersey	JCPD Waste & Abuse	Walt Kane,Karin	

Enterprise				Attonito,Anthony Cocco	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Public Service	First Place	Community News	Buchak family hopeful as son starts new program//Funding for day programs not in state budget//Lawyer offers to help family get services//Buchak family gets good news about son's care costs	Katherine Milsop	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Sports Reporting	First Place	Shore Sports Network	Remembering a Legend: Southern Honors Kathy Snyder	Scott Stump	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Wilson Barto Rookie of the Year	First Place	The Hoboken Reporter	Three articles from my first year as a staff writer at The Hoboken Reporter, which is also my first year as a professional journalist. I started work at the Reporter on June 16, 2014.	Carlo Davis	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - State or Regional News	First Place	NJBIZ	EO13: Is Camden's growth hurting its suburbs?	Andrew George	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - State or Regional News	Second Place	NJBIZ	Bankruptcy isn't option, but state can default	Andrew George	

Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - State or Regional News	Third Place	South Bergenite	Super Bowl Jersey style	Meghan Grant,James Hickey	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Best Local News	First Place	The Jersey City Reporter	They don't want you to fight back	Al Sullivan	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Best Local News	Second Place	Paterson Times	Series on Local Garbage Company Disturbing Residents' Quality-of-Life	Jay Rahman	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Best Local News	Third Place	Paterson Press	Stories highlight school district's questionable hiring and promotion practices	Joe Malinconico	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Business Reporting	First Place	NJBIZ	It's their time: Understanding the next generation is the key to your future success	Meg Fry,Brett Johnson,Andrew Sheldon,Andrew George	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Business Reporting	Second Place	NJBIZ	New Jersey has educated workers, quality transportation options, and, of course, those big-ticket tax incentives, so why are companies leaving?	Andrew George	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Business	Third Place	Community News	Business owners feel frustration trying to set up shop in the borough	Katherine Milsop	

Reporting					
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Commentary	First Place	Town News	Imagine what we can do with all of this	Antoinette Rainone	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Commentary	Second Place	The Montclair Times	Absent Theater Women	Gwen Orel	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Commentary	Third Place	Jewish Standard	I have bipolar disorder.	Deena Croog	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Headline Writing	First Place	NJBIZ	Getting canned; When it comes to protection, hand it to Ansell; Trolling for dollars; Floor model	NJBIZ Staff	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website – Feature Writing	First Place	The Jersey City Reporter	On a Mission From God	Al Sullivan	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Headline Writing	Second Place	Teaneck Suburbanite	Buy me some peanuts and healthy snacks	Jaime Walters Editor	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Headline Writing	Third Place	The Ridgewood News	Officials: A few bad apps don't spoil bunch	Edward Virgin Editor	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Page One Design	First Place	NJBIZ	The Interview Issue	Robert Russo	

Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Page One Design	Second Place	NJBIZ	She's on the fast track	Robert Russo	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Page One Design	Third Place	The Ridgewood News	Oct. 3 edition	Edward Virgin Editor	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Public Service	First Place	Paterson Press	Reporting prompts disclosure of mayor's \$217,000 inaugural account, which results in refund of \$18,650 in contributions	Joe Malinconico	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Public Service	Second Place	The Ridgewood News	Attorney: No major changes allowed // Balancing act needed for board's decision // Comment portion concludes // Both sides present arguments, closing statements // Board rejects Valley's plan	Darius Amos Assistant Editor	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Public Service	Third Place		Without notice, NJ Transit cuts time light rail ticket is valid	Al Sullivan, Kate Rounds	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Review Writing	First Place	The Montclair Times	Col. Craddock, in the lounge, with a pistol?	Gwen Orel	
Weekly Newspaper/Local	Second Place	The Montclair Times	'Imagining O': Haunting Variations	Gwen Orel	

Website - Review Writing					
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Review Writing	First Place	The Jersey City Reporter	Innocent people were prosecuted along with the guilty	Al Sullivan	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Tim O'Brien Award	First Place	South Bergenite	Rutherford releases transmissions on police shooting	Jaimie Julia Winters, Meghan Grant	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Tim O'Brien Award	Second Place	Community News	School employees disciplined after meal plan investigation//Garfield meal probe, few admit mistakes	Kristie Cattafi	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Tim O'Brien Award	Third Place	Paterson Press	OPRAed documents reveal \$144,000 in secret retro-payments to city's animal control officer for stand-by time	Joe Malinconico	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website- Deadline Reporting	First Place	NJBIZ	After just over two years, Revel closes its doors in Atlantic City	Andrew George	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website- Deadline Reporting	Second Place	The Jersey City Reporter	A city on edge	Al Sullivan	
Weekly Newspaper/Local	Third Place	Glen Rock Gazette	Voters reject Faber referendum	Richard De Santa Staff Writer	

Website- Deadline Reporting					
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website- Enterprise/Series /Investigative Reporting	First Place	South Bergenite	Lyndhurst Police	Joe Phalon	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website- Enterprise/Series /Investigative Reporting	Second Place	The Ridgewood News	Many roads lead to Ridgewood // Positive attitude makes change easier // Family stays connected to Ukrainian culture // Village family puts the 'Tea' in tradition	Laura Herzog Staff Writer	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website- Health- Science- Technology and Environmental Reporting	First Place	South Bergenite	China sets tougher recycling regs/ Town scrambles after losing recycling	Joe Phalon	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website- Health- Science- Technology and Environmental Reporting	Second Place	The Gazette (Hawthorne)	Town concerned about contract for quarry	Thomas Nobile	
Weekly Newspaper/Local	Third Place	Independent	Coalition forms to oppose Port Ambrose	Adam Uzialko,Greg Kennelty	

Website- Health- Science- Technology and Environmental Reporting			proposal		
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website- Wilson Barto Rookie of the Year	First Place	Elauwit Media	Marlton resident, first responders honored for saving life with CPR / Sean Fischel's love of reading inspires 'Book&#8200;Nook' / Library motto lost in translation?	Zane Clark	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website- Wilson Barto Rookie of the Year	Second Place	South Bergenite	Town missing \$1M/ Tragic Murder/ Union Leader retires	Zachary Croce	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website- Wilson Barto Rookie of the Year	Third Place	Suburban	Wilson Barto Rookie of the Year	Adam Uzialko	



Magazine and editorial winners

Magazine - Business Reporting	First Place	New Jersey Monthly	The Sirloin Sisters	Eric Levin
Magazine - Business Reporting	Second Place	The NonProfit Times	Wearable Technology Can Change Relationships With Donors & Clients	Patrick Sullivan
Magazine - Feature & Profile Writing:	First Place	The Pennsylvania Gazette	The Lightning Rod	Molly Petrilla
Magazine - Feature & Profile Writing:	Second Place	SJ Magazine	Moving On	Sally Friedman
Magazine - Feature & Profile Writing:	Third Place	New Jersey Monthly	Aging Out	Leslie Garisto Pfaff
Magazine - Opinion	First Place	The NonProfit Times	Protect The Deduction	Paul Clolery
Magazine - Reporting	First Place	Inside Jersey	Higher Education's Dirty Little Secret	Kelly Heyboer
Magazine - Reporting	Second Place	New Jersey Monthly	The Master of the Game	Anthony DePalma
Magazine - Reporting	Third Place	New Jersey Monthly	Cannabis Conundrum	Joanna Buffum
Daily Newspaper - Editorial Writing	First Place	The Record (Bergen County)	The editorials of Alfred P. Doblin on The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey	Alfred P. Doblin
Daily Newspaper - Editorial Writing	Second Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Untimely and unexplained // What else are they hiding? // Silent season	Josh Gohlke
Daily Newspaper - Editorial Writing	Third Place	The Star-Ledger	In Sayreville, justice for victims and perpetrators	Julie O'Connor