

2016 NJ-SPJ AWARDS for work done in 2015

(includes all categories except Courage Under Fire)

CATEGORY	AWARD	ENTRY TITLE	WINNER	NEWS OUTLET	COMMENTS	COMMENTS CONTINUED
JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR						
BEST MULTI-MEDIA PACKAGE			Matt Katz	WNYC	For setting the pace of NJ coverage of Bridgegate and Chris Christie	
Best Multi-Media Package	First Place	In Heroin's Grip	Rebecca D. O'Brien	The Record (Bergen County)	<p>“In Heroin’s Grip” is, quite simply, one of the best treatments of the heroin epidemic I’ve experienced to date.</p> <p>In fact, it’s heartbreaking — not simply because it so compelling chronicles the costs and consequences of the heroin epidemic, writ large in one community, but because it acknowledges the very real social and economic context in which it exists.</p> <p>The project carries so much emotional power through the videos. There is so much dignity conveyed here, so much loss. It allows each person’s story to speak for itself.</p> <p>This kind of reporting doesn’t just happen — it requires an enormous investment of time and planning, trust and vulnerability, but the result was more than worth it. The writing, the still photography, the videos, the editing — all outstanding.</p>	
Best Multi-Media Package	Second Place	Welcome to Herointown	Stephen Stirling,Andre Malok,Ashley Peskoe		Welcome to Herointown is a novel, data-driven treatment that communicates the size and depth of the heroin problem. By asking the audience to participate in a thought experiment — to imagine a city populated by every New Jersey resident addicted to heroin, it offers a frame, a clarity of perspective and scale. The most compelling part of this project, however, is the collection of crowd-sourced, first-person accounts. It’s an illustration of the power of digital tools to collect and present a large set of diverse voices, giving users the power to explore the story in their own way.	
Best Multi-Media Package	Third Place	This map shows the racial makeup of every block in N.J.	Stephen Stirling	The Star-Ledger	This is an excellent and engaging data presentation that allows users to experience both a big-picture view and a granular one, down to precise locations. It’s fascinating, and it invites so many questions and could be the source for so many stories.	
CARTOONING						
CARTOONING	First Place	Rutgers Football Under Arrest	Sam Romero	New Brunswick Today	Speaks volumes about the Rutgers football program while utilizing a common football reference.	

BEST WEB VIDEO						
Best Web Video	First Place	Bringing back Buddy	Thomas Franklin,Lindy Washburn	The Record (Bergen County)	Powerful storytelling, and deft camera work and editing in bringing out a man's battle with Parkinson's.	Video story entries offered a nice diversity of subjects and ingenuity with camera types and editing software.
Best Web Video	Second Place	Albert Anastasia’s Fort Lee Home Being Auctioned	Steve Lubetkin	StateBroadcastNews.com	Profile of interesting property with a sordid past. Great use of historic news reel to tie house to the present day.	Video story entries offered a nice diversity of subjects and ingenuity with camera types and editing software.
Best Web Video	Third Place	Rutgers Tower Jump Challenges Students	Cameron Bowman	Rutgers Today	Great camera work in capturing the feel of jumping from the 10m high dive.	Video story entries offered a nice diversity of subjects and ingenuity with camera types and editing software.
BEST PODCAST						
Best Podcast	First Place	The Chemo Files: A Cancer Patient Holds the Mic on Herself	Debbie Galant,Noah Levinson	midcenturymodernmag.com https://soundcloud.com/chemo-files/		
Best Podcast	Second Place	Sampler of five episodes: 16 (Albert Straka), 25 (Beth Fowler), 31 (Thomas Franklin), 32 (Debra Vizzi), 37 (Jim Florio)	Paul Brubaker	www.backgrounderpod.com		
Best Podcast	Third Place	The Christie Tracker Podcast	David Furst,Matt Katz,Joseph Capriglione,Nancy Solomon	WNYC/New Jersey Public Radio		
BEST INDEPENDENT BLOG						

Blog - Independent Blog	First Place	Rahway Rising	Mark Hrywna	RahwayRising.com		As the journalistic industry continues to transition, we look to independent bloggers who see themselves as news providers to uphold the tenants of our tradition, including the notion that we be "accurate, fair and thorough." We apply the winning submission's hyper-local news coverage tracking conflict of interest questions. Posts are presented in news style with hyper links to primary sources, offering an example of how the traditions of the past can be honored while taking advantage of the opportunities modern technology presents.
Blog - Independent Blog	Second Place	Test Publisher Pearson Spies on Students Taking PARCC	Bob Braun	Bob Braun's Ledger		As the journalistic industry continues to transition, we look to independent bloggers who see themselves as news providers to uphold the tenants of our tradition, including the notion that we be "accurate, fair and thorough." We apply the winning submission's hyper-local news coverage tracking conflict of interest questions. Posts are presented in news style with hyper links to primary sources, offering an example of how the traditions of the past can be honored while taking advantage of the opportunities modern technology presents.
Blog - Independent Blog	Third Place	NJMoneyHelp.com: Smart advice. Every day.	Karin Price Mueller	NJMoneyHelp.com		As the journalistic industry continues to transition, we look to independent bloggers who see themselves as news providers to uphold the tenants of our tradition, including the notion that we be "accurate, fair and thorough." We apply the winning submission's hyper-local news coverage tracking conflict of interest questions. Posts are presented in news style with hyper links to primary sources, offering an example of how the traditions of the past can be honored while taking advantage of the opportunities modern technology presents.
BEST MEDIA-AFFILIATED BLOG						

Blog - Media_Affiliated Blog	First Place	Paid family leave: Not just for women, but not always equal; Cut those millennial dads some slack — their careers matter, too; Renting a room at the Hotel California	Meg Fry	NJBIZ		<p>Meg Fry's entry was written concisely and conversationally while still presenting a solid blend of hard statistics and background along with personal opinion and commentary.</p> <p>I felt better informed after reading her submissions while also being left to consider my own opinions on the subject matter she had just presented - and what is a blog/editorial writer's job if not to spur one's readers to think more and, perhaps, see an oft-discussed topic like paid family leave from a different point of view.</p> <p>Fresh approach to accessible issues like family leave and parenting; very interesting blog entry on networking in Hollywood!</p>
Blog - Media_Affiliated Blog	Second Place	'Fire and Ice'	Tom Gulitti	The Record (Bergen County)		
Blog - Media_Affiliated Blog	Third Place	'Meadowlands Matters'	John Brennan	The Record (Bergen County)		
LOCAL JOURNALISM						
Awbrey						
		Watergate	Charlie Kratovil	New Brunswick Today		
Business reporting						

Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Business Reporting	First Place	Downtown stays on upswing	Darius Amos Staff Writer	The Ridgewood News	A nice description of the steps that Ridgewood took to revitalize its downtown.	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Business Reporting	Second Place	J&J is Largest Contributor to Pharma Lobbying Group Opposing California Ballot Question	David Schatz	New Brunswick Today		
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Business Reporting	Third Place	Little Town Gets Social	Amanda Palasciano	LifeinHoboken.com		
Tim O'Brien						
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Tim O'Brien Award	First Place	Invasive Anti-Cheating Software Takes Rutgers by Surprise	Daniel Muñoz	New Brunswick Today		
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Tim O'Brien Award	Second Place	Records raise questions about Paterson's \$1.1 million in hardware purchases	Joe Malinconico	Paterson Press		
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Tim O'Brien Award	Third Place	Lyndhurst police shoot and kill man in Library	Zachary Croce,Jaimie Julia Winters	South Bergenite		
Headline writing						
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Headline Writing	First Place	Super Grill Man gives a char-ming performance	Bill Slossar	Twin-Boro News	This is a clever headline that draws in the reader and sets the tone for a fun column.	

Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Headline Writing	Second Place	Better Safe than 'Sandy' Are we ready for future storms now?	Steven Rodas	The Hoboken Reporter		
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Headline Writing	Third Place	Concerns About Corruption, Parking, and Urban Design Come Together in 17 Mine Street Hearings	Richard Rabinowitz,Charlie Kratovil,Michael Benavides,David Bedford	New Brunswick Today		
Enterprise/series/in vestigative						
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website- Enterprise/Series/Investigative Reporting	First Place	New Brunswick Housing Authority Shenanigans	Charlie Kratovil	New Brunswick Today	These articles reflect effort and guts in holding an important local agency accountable.	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website- Enterprise/Series/Investigative Reporting	Second Place	Schedler series: Concern over park location continues // Leagues playing wtih field shortage // Fate of property's historic house remains uncertain // Officials face open space shortage	Mark Krulish Staff Writer	The Ridgewood News		
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website- Enterprise/Series/Investigative Reporting	Third Place	Garcia may modify lawsuit/Who's the boss/Citizen Grossbard	Al Sullivan	The Hoboken Reporter		

Wilson Barto "Rookie of the Year"						
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website- Wilson Barto Rookie of the Year	First Place	Black history beyond February // The mini memoir of Leslie Burger // A burgeoning battlefield: Expansion celebrated	Erica Chayes Wida	The Princeton Sun (Elauwit Media)	The writer has a nice, conversational voice and an impressive eye for the details that turn an anecdote into a good story. This is clearly someone who works hard on writing and sentence structure and doesn't like to waste words. Well done!	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website- Wilson Barto Rookie of the Year	Second Place	Playing against the odds // A haven to help horses // Seneca grad gives life-saving gift this holiday	Sean Lajoie	The Shamong Sun (Elauwit Media)		
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website- Wilson Barto Rookie of the Year	Third Place	City lost most people in one zip code, but...:Still no 911 memorial in Hoboken/ Thrown out of council meeting, resident files lawsuit:Was ejected after talking about legal matter involving mayor's husband/ Better safe than 'Sandy'	Steven Rodas	The Hoboken Reporter		
Regional News						
Weekly Newspaper/Local or Statewide Website - State or Regional News	First Place	Battle for Liberty State Park/LSP changes hands/Battle for LSP continue	Al Sullivan	The Jersey City Reporter	A complicated issue to follow, but the reporter presented all sides clearly and in a way that allowed the reader to come to their own conclusion. Solid reporting.	

Weekly Newspaper/Local or Statewide Website - State or Regional News	Second Place	State gets \$2M for Izod closure	Meghan Grant	South Bergenite		
Review writing						
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Review Writing	First Place	Montclair Times Theater Review: 'Thrill Me: The Leopold & Loeb Story"	Gwen Orel	The Montclair Times	Enjoyed that this review actually showed some criticism of the performance. Many reviewers today pull punches; this review doesn't, and it's refreshing.	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Review Writing	Second Place	A sparkling, wearying 'Misalliance'	Gwen Orel	The Montclair Times		
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Review Writing	Third Place	'I Hate Hamlet': A Loveletter to Theater	Gwen Orel	The Montclair Times		
Page One Design						
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Page One Design	First Place	Aug. 7	Edward Virgin Editor	The Ridgewood News (northjersey.com)	A feel-good local business piece anchors the page nicely. Well-placed pull quote draws reader in, and info box with need-to-know details completes the package. Attractive choice in fonts plus smart use of space leaves page readable and uncluttered.	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Page One Design	Second Place	Community Life, November 19, 2015 issue	Community Life Staff	Pascack Valley Community Life (northjersey.com)	Clean Page 1 design with an impactful main art piece depicting multi-generational bonds in observance of military service, an historical category for the United States.	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Page One Design	Third Place	12-Mar	Edward Virgin Editor	Town News (northjersey.com)	Unique, almost improbable package for a Page 1 but photos lend readers to the sense of urgency and panic in an unforeseen accident.	
Feature Writing						

Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Feature Writing	First Place	Part of suicide missions in WWII	Art Schwartz	North Bergen Reporter	This is a well-written, well-researched story. The topic is compelling, with good color and clearly a lot of care put into it. Well done.	
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Feature Writing	Second Place	The belated victims of 9/11: How suicide and cancer are still claiming lives of those who weren't in the buildings	Steven Rodas, Joseph Passantino	The Hoboken Reporter		
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Feature Writing	Third Place	Ebo strong	Mike Monostra	The Mt. Laurel Sun (Elauwit Media)		
Profile Writing						
Profile Writing	First Place	In a troubled neighborhood, Paterson teen helps his family with money from his summer job	Joe Malinconico	Paterson Press	This story hooked me from the start. It illustrated not only the subject of the profile, but a specific area of Paterson and what it is like to live there. It had great details and voices.	
Profile Writing	Second Place	Village girl's wish comes true	Diana Oliviera Staff Writer	The Ridgewood News		
Profile Writing	Third Place	For Combat Vet from Roxbury, Fireworks No Fun at All	Fred Aun	TAPintoRoxbury (TAPinto.net)		
Health/Science/Tech/Enviro writing						
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website- Health- Science- Technology and Environmental Reporting	First Place	Bellmawr Boy Battles Rare Genetic Disease	Anne Forline	Gloucester City News	This article was a great way to use a personal story to bring a very serious issue to light. You were drawn in with this great story of a cute kid, but at the same time you learned about his very rare disease and the battle both doctors and his family have trying to fight it. Great Job!	

Weekly Newspaper/Local Website- Health- Science- Technology and Environmental Reporting	Second Place	Heroin trend hits home, compassion for addicts	Meghan Grant,Zachary Croce,Joe Phalon	South Bergenite		
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website- Health- Science- Technology and Environmental Reporting	Third Place	Crying Fowl	Art Schwartz	North Bergen Reporter		
Commentary						
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Commentary	First Place	Adding up village's losses	Darius Amos Staff Writer	The Ridgewood News	A well-written editorial that exposes a significant problem then comes up with solid reasoning on how to address the issue of missing parking meter funds. Takes to task local government and the little oversight it provided that enabled the problem to grow unchecked. Editorials such as this highlight the importance of local journalists in making sure governments operate transparently and responsibly.	The commentary competition provided some excellent entries for consideration. It's important to realize that small community newspapers such as these are critical for residents. In most cases they provide the only reliable news and information people will receive on local issues. That's an important service.
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Commentary	Second Place	The education of an occasionally hungry actress	Carolyn Molyneaux U-Turn Columnist	Pascack Valley Community Life		The commentary competition provided some excellent entries for consideration. It's important to realize that small community newspapers such as these are critical for residents. In most cases they provide the only reliable news and information people will receive on local issues. That's an important service.
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Commentary	Third Place	There's no replacing history	Antoinette Rainone	Town News		The commentary competition provided some excellent entries for consideration. It's important to realize that small community newspapers such as these are critical for residents. In most cases they provide the only reliable news and information people will receive on local issues. That's an important service.
Public Service						
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Public Service	First Place	Stories on failings of Paterson's special education program	Joe Malinconico	Paterson Press	The aggressive reporting displayed in these stories makes this entry a clear winner. Not only does the reporter expose the problems that face this special education program, but his inquiries also push the district to make changes. A clear display of public service journalism.	

Weekly Newspaper/Local Website - Public Service	Second Place	Change in government sought in Lyndhurst	Jaimie Julia Winters,Zachary Croce	South Bergenite	Determined yet careful reporting makes this entry stand out. The paper's detailed report about a mayor who pushed for police candidates who failed psychological exams was particularly noteworthy, and demonstrated the paper's commitment to servicing its community with important stories that hold officials accountable.	
Sports Reporting						
Weekly Newspaper-Local Website - Sports Reporting	First Place	Leaders in lacrosse	Mike Monostra	The Moorestown Sun (Elauwit Media)	The definitive piece on the growth of a lacrosse in the New Jersey region, through the eyes of the people who made it happen.	
Weekly Newspaper-Local Website - Sports Reporting	Second Place	Coach's legacy reaches far beyond the court	Matthew Bircenough Assistant Sports Editor	The Ridgewood News	Among several entries about the legacies of longtime coaches, this one stands out for humanizing the coach and his affection for the lives he touched.	
Weekly Newspaper-Local Website - Sports Reporting	Third Place	Chatham Football Stuns Randolph on Adams-to-Moskowitz TD on Final Play	Ed Barmakian	TAP into Chatham (tapinto.net)	A fine example of how to elevate a typical game cover.	
Best Local News						
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website Best Local News	First Place	New Schools Superintendent's History and Questionable Ties	Joe Strupp	Maplewoodian.com	Good reporting that didn't stop after the first story. This is why newspapers, and coverage of meetings and public entities, are so important.	Overall, a lot of good work in this category, but the top three stood out from the rest.
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website Best Local News	Second Place	Drug trade continues at notorious Paterson corner	Joe Malinconico	Paterson Press	Reporter provided a great sense of place -- showing, not just telling -- in this piece.	Overall, a lot of good work in this category, but the top three stood out from the rest.
Weekly Newspaper/Local Website Best Local News	Third Place	80-year-old man survives Pontiac Plunge	Art Schwartz	North Bergen Reporter	This is a great example of smart reporting. This incident could easily have been relegated to the police blotter or a brief, but writer made it an interesting tale.	Overall, a lot of good work in this category, but the top three stood out from the rest.
MAGAZINES						
Business reporting						

Magazine - Business Reporting	First Place	The High Cost of Jersey	Karin Price Mueller	Inside Jersey (nj.com)		
Magazine - Business Reporting	Second Place	Sticker Shock / The High Cost of College	Karin Price Mueller	Inside Jersey (nj.com)		
Magazine - Business Reporting	Third Place	Executive consolidations reward longevity but spark controversy	Mark Hrywna	The NonProfit Times		
Investigative reporting						
Magazine - Investigative Reporting	First Place	Postmortem: Why New Jersey's Medical Examiner System Is Broken	Kevin C. Shelly	Inside Jersey (nj.com)		
Magazine - Investigative Reporting	Second Place	Unwanted Guests	Anthony DePalma	New Jersey Monthly		
Magazine - Investigative Reporting	Third Place	America's Growing Drug Problem	George Beck,Daniel Del Valle	NJ Blue Now Magazine		
Opinion						
Magazine - Opinion	First Place	'Don't Blame Yourself, I Used You. I Took Advantage of You.'	George Beck	NJ Blue Now Magazine	Great storytelling on a topic that has always been a bit taboo. I felt on the front lines as I read it. Compelling. Creative. Complete.	
Magazine - Opinion	Second Place	America's Growing Drug Problem	George Beck,Daniel Del Valle	NJ Blue Now Magazine		
Magazine - Opinion	Third Place	Why Jersey Roads Suck	Breanne McCarthy	New Jersey Monthly		
Feature & profile writing						

Magazine -News- Feature & Profile Writing:	First Place	Where Have You Gone Atlantic City?	George Anastasia	Inside Jersey (nj.com)	A compelling look at how atlantic City has changed through the eyes and experiences of won who grew up there "in the day." Yet this is more than just a reminiscence, it addresses vital changes to the city. This has a strong narrative that keeps the reader involved until the end.	
Magazine -News- Feature & Profile Writing:	Second Place	The Price of an Education	Peter Proko,Erica Bauwens,John Errichetti	South Jersey Magazine	An original look at the subject of parents; responsibility for paying for their child's college tutioj, even if the parries are no longer speaking. The story is balanced, well-sourced and written with strong quotes. Citing of relevant legal precedents demonstrates the topic is a valid one.	
Magazine -News- Feature & Profile Writing:	Third Place	My uncle, the Jersey Devil	S.P. Sullivan	Inside Jersey (The Star-Ledger's monthly glossy magazine)	A strange and inteseting topic told in a way that keeps the reader's attention to the end. Good sourcing, although the personal angle makes the story even more compelling.	
NEWS- LETTERS						
Newsletters - Overall	First Place	NJMoneyHelp.com	Karin Price Mueller	NJMoneyHelp.com	Stories were written in an engaging, conversational style. The clear format made it easy to navigate, and the solid advice is grounded with expert quotes. I'd turn to this publication for financial advice.	I enjoyed reading these publications that targeted such distinctly different audiences. Nice work by all.
Newsletters - Overall	Second Place	ACCESS, Excellence in the Arts and Sciences	Sherri Somers ,Kara Donaldson,John Chadwick	Rutgers University School of Arts and Sciences	Engaging centerpiece stories with clear organization and lively, concise writing. Nice graphics on Round Up Page. Q&A felt conversational. Only criticism: Occasionally the graphics seemed to overpower the content on some pages.	I enjoyed reading these publications that targeted such distinctly different audiences. Nice work by all.
Newsletters - Overall	Third Place	Jersey Jazz	Mike Katz	Jersey Jazz Journal	The black-and-white format works well overall. Clearly organized -- the audience will know what to expect. The quizzes are a nice "extra." The Q&A's were convincing. Only criticism: Presentation could be a little livelier.	I enjoyed reading these publications that targeted such distinctly different audiences. Nice work by all.
PHOTO- JOURNALISM						
Feature						

Photojournalism Feature	First Place	"Storm Wave"	Steven M. Falk	The Philadelphia Inquirer	The picture captures the size and scale of both the wave and the area's impact from it, as well as freezing both in time with great clarity.	
Photojournalism Feature	Second Place	Recycled racers compete at camp	Erica Chayes Wida	The Princeton Sun (Elauwit Media)		
Photojournalism Feature	Third Place	Dive into Summer	Kevin Wexler	The Record (Bergen County)		
Spot News						
Photojournalism Spot News	First Place	"My son! ..My son!"	Thomas Zehawi	The Record (Bergen County)		First and second were excellent images. Good moments. The first place photo had immediate impact, the second place image wasn't as powerful, but a nice job of seeing by the photographer. The images dropped off from there, and the third place photo was the most interesting of the standard stuff-on-fire spot news images.
Photojournalism Spot News	Second Place	"A Drivers Remorse"	Tariq Zehawi	The Record (Bergen County)		First and second were excellent images. Good moments. The first place photo had immediate impact, the second place image wasn't as powerful, but a nice job of seeing by the photographer. The images dropped off from there, and the third place photo was the most interesting of the standard stuff-on-fire spot news images.
Photojournalism Spot News	Third Place	All is lost	Nick Messina	The Community News		First and second were excellent images. Good moments. The first place photo had immediate impact, the second place image wasn't as powerful, but a nice job of seeing by the photographer. The images dropped off from there, and the third place photo was the most interesting of the standard stuff-on-fire spot news images.
Sports						
Photojournalism Sports	First Place	Corner Kick Leap	Kevin Wexler	The Record (Bergen County)	Excellent action shot with multiple athletes - the facial features makes the viewer feel as if they were in the middle of the action.	
Photojournalism Sports	Second Place	Shawnee wins South Jersey Group IV championship	Mike Monostra	Sun Newspapers (Elauwit Media)		
Photojournalism Sports	Third Place	"Group Selfie"	Steven M. Falk	The Philadelphia Inquirer		

RADIO						
Enterprise						
Radio Enterprise	First Place	Dirty Little Secrets: New Jersey's Poor Live Surrounded by Contamination	Sarah Gonzalez,Jenny Ye,John Keefe,Karen Frillman,Noah Veltman	WNYC/New Jersey Public Radio	Great investigative journalism that exposes a public health emergency everyone knew existed, but that had yet to be effectively quantified.	
Radio Enterprise	Second Place	Bridgegate Fall Guy was Inside Man	Matt Katz,Andrea Bernstein,Nancy Solomon	WNYC/New Jersey Public Radio	A nice job not taking politicians at their word and instead using documents to show the behind-the-scenes of a big story like Bridgegate.	
Radio Enterprise	Third Place	Family and Faith Guide Eric Garner's Mother a Year After His Death	Karen Rouse,David Lewis,Wayne Shulmister	New York Public Radio WNYC	Too often, a person thrust into the limelight is forgotten about. This is a nice reminder about those left behind when Eric Garner was killed.	
News						
Radio News	First Place	Newark Teen Fatally Shot	Rebecca Granet,Brian Carrey,Gene Michaels,Bill Spadaro	1010 WINS		
Radio News	Second Place	School Superintendent Circus	Alexandra Hill,Doug Doyle,Phil Gregory,Ang Santos,Glenn Crespo,Julie Daurio	WBGO		

STATE/ REGIONAL JOURNALISM						
Wilson Barto "Rookie of the Year"						
		Nicholas Pugliese "Wilson Barto" Portfolio	Nicholas Pugliese	The Record (Bergen County)	What a treat! Talented young reporter there.	
Sports reporting						
Dailies- statewide weeklies & non-local websites - Sports Reporting	First Place	A shining light on the court	Phil Anastasia	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Heartbreaking story. Extremely well-told an well-reported. Great job by the reporter to tackle a sensitive subject with a delicate touch.	
Dailies- statewide weeklies & non-local websites - Sports Reporting	Second Place	Popular athletic turf raises worries	Jeff Roberts	The Record (Bergen County)	Important story, well-reported.	
Page One Design						
Dailies- statewide weeklies & non-local websites - Page One Design	First Place	In Heroin's Grip	Jerry Luciani,Robert Townsend	The Record (Bergen County)	The Record presents an attractive and easily navigated and read page one. With multiple stories and entry points, the layout is tight, however, very easily digested and retains interest and impact. Their style is clear and consistent. Overall a very effective and powerful page one.	The Record presents an attractive and easily navigated and read page one. With multiple stories and entry points, the layout is tight, however, very easily digested and retains interest and impact. Their style is clear and consistent. Overall a very effective and powerful page one.
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Dailies- statewide weeklies & non-local websites - Page One Design	Third Place	Rutgers Today	Greg Trevor ,Carla Cantor ,Karen Smith ,Andrea Alexander	Rutgers Today		
Tim O'Brien						
Dailies- statewide weeklies & non-local websites - Tim O'Brien Award	First Place	National Guard Under Fire	Christopher Baxter	The Star-Ledger		
Dailies- statewide weeklies & non-local websites - Tim O'Brien Award	Second Place	New Horizons	Penny Ray	The Trentonian		
Dailies- statewide weeklies & non-local websites - Tim O'Brien Award	Third Place	Jersey City councilman charged with DWI	Terrence McDonald	The Jersey Journal		
State or regional news						
Dailies- statewide weeklies & non-local websites - State or Regional News	First Place	"Top Republican Assembly candidate drops out over bigoted writings," by Matt Friedman	Matt Friedman	POLITICO New Jersey	Great example of public-service reporting on a topic that New Jersey voters should be grateful for.	
Dailies- statewide weeklies & non-local websites - State or Regional News	Second Place	A New Jersey Town Faces Scrutiny on Police Hiring	Jason Grant	The New York Times		
Dailies- statewide weeklies & non-local websites - State or Regional News	Third Place	Exclusive: 222,000 NJ kids tainted by lead	Todd Bates	Asbury Park Press		

Enterprise/series/ investigative						
Dailies- statewide weeklies & non-local websites- Enterprise/Series/Investi gative Reporting	First Place	Sex Doctor	Jean Rimbach	The Record (Bergen County)	Terrific digging into an important, challenging story, overcoming numerous roadblocks. Nice job peeling a very rotten onion.	
Dailies- statewide weeklies & non-local websites- Enterprise/Series/Investi gative Reporting	Second Place	Their last resort: Inside the fight to free two NJ men	S.P. Sullivan	The Star-Ledger		
Dailies- statewide weeklies & non-local websites- Enterprise/Series/Investi gative Reporting	Third Place	Looking for a remedy//Consumers choosing to shop for prices//Delivering options//Getting costs under control//Changing practice//What lies ahead?	Marion Callahan,Crissa Shoemaker DeBree	Burlington County Times		
Editorials						
Dailies- statewide weeklies & non-local websites - Editorials	First Place	Break the silence // Crimes were compounded // Scene of the cover-up	Josh Gohlke	The Philadelphia Inquirer	These editorials admirably seek accountability for an apparently botched investigation into two deaths. They lay out the facts of the case and persuasively argue that multiple layers of government failed to provide timely information, transparency and justice. Perhaps most importantly, they explain why this case should matter to readers.	New Jersey readers are well served by these editorial boards, which are providing thoughtful and sharp commentaries on a wide range of important issues. The gap between these entries is narrow.
Dailies- statewide weeklies & non-local websites - Editorials	Second Place	The Editorials of Alfred P. Doblin	Alfred P. Doblin	The Record (Bergen County)	This author makes strong, clear arguments. The first sentences grab your attention and the last lines force you to pause and think about what you've just read. Few, if any, words are wasted in between.	New Jersey readers are well served by these editorial boards, which are providing thoughtful and sharp commentaries on a wide range of important issues. The gap between these entries is narrow.

Dailies- statewide weeklies & non-local websites - Editorials	Third Place	Space invaders // Storms took N.J. to class // Weaker than the storms	Cynthia Burton	The Philadelphia Inquirer	This is an important and well-written series of editorials. They make a convincing case that New Jersey isn't doing enough to prepare for environmental threats.	New Jersey readers are well served by these editorial boards, which are providing thoughtful and sharp commentaries on a wide range of important issues. The gap between these entries is narrow.
Business reporting						
Dailies- statewide weeklies & non-local websites - Business Reporting	First Place	Parcels kept off tax rolls	Amy S. Rosenberg	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Well-reported, high-impact story. The peep show business serves as a wonderful example.	This category included an abundance of strong work, must of it shining new light on the collapse of Atlantic City's casino industry.
Dailies- statewide weeklies & non-local websites - Business Reporting	Second Place	Business rebates unpaid by New Jersey	Hugh Morley	The Record (Bergen County)	A hard-hitting angle on New Jersey's flagging economic fortunes. Journalists often write about businesses that renege on promises. This revealing story shows a state doing so on a grand scale.	This category included an abundance of strong work, must of it shining new light on the collapse of Atlantic City's casino industry.
Dailies- statewide weeklies & non-local websites - Business Reporting	Third Place	The gun store next door: Residential firearms businesses booming in N.J.	Brian Amaral	The Star-Ledger	A completely fresh angle on the guns controversy. I had never heard of home-based gun retailers. An eye-opening, yet even-handed report.	This category included an abundance of strong work, must of it shining new light on the collapse of Atlantic City's casino industry.
Public Service						
Dailies- statewide weeklies & non-local websites - Public Service	First Place	In Heroin's Grip	Rebecca D. O'Brien	The Record (Bergen County)	In Heroin's Grip is a journalistic masterpiece that shows deep reporting, immersive storytelling and impressive sourcing. The package thoughtfully (and without any doubts) how suburban painkiller addictions, urban drug-dealers, industrial blight and violence are all connected. The series shows why local journalism is as important as ever to a community. And the series was as compelling as it was informative. Good visuals at the top of the online package to frame the presentation. Incredible video storytelling. Very impressive to have so many vulnerable people share their personal stories to drive the narrative.	
Dailies- statewide weeklies & non-local websites - Public Service	Second Place	Welcome to Herointown	Stephen Stirling,Andre Malok,Ashley Peskoe	The Star-Ledger		

Dailies- statewide weeklies & non-local websites - Public Service	Third Place	\$50M taken from NJ child protection lead fund	Todd Bates,Jeff Colson,Bob Bielk	Asbury Park Press		
Local News						
Dailies- statewide weeklies & non-local websites-Local News	First Place	Snapped Water Pipe in Hoboken Upsets City's Daily Routine	Jason Grant	The New York Times	Compelling, humorous lede that makes what could be a dry topic suddenly interesting. Good use of quotes and explaining — concisely but thoroughly — the cause of the infrastructure problem.	
Dailies- statewide weeklies & non-local websites-Local News	Second Place	We're rooting for you, Wenonah	Jason Nark	Philadelphia Daily News		
Dailies- statewide weeklies & non-local websites-Local News	Third Place	Evesham tough on cellphone drivers	Michael Boren	The Philadelphia Inquirer		
Feature Writing						
Dailies- statewide weeklies & non-local websites- Feature Writing	First Place	CHRISTIE'S CONSPIRACY	Murtaza Hussain,Razan Ghalayini	The Intercept	Its compelling design is only surpassed by its intricate reporting on an important criminal justice matter. The lede anecdote is gripping, and the story only improves from there.	
Dailies- statewide weeklies & non-local websites- Feature Writing	Second Place	Transgender soldier	Todd South	The Record (Bergen County)	Gritty reporting and storytelling on an undiscovered topic with a compelling character. The kicker offered a comic, touching end to a story that in a lesser writer's hand could have become overly wrought.	
Dailies- statewide weeklies & non-local websites- Feature Writing	Third Place	The Final Days of John Nash	Mark Mueller	The Star-Ledger	A stunning account of the final days of a tower of a tortured man, with local and global import. The writing throughout, and the kicker, haunted this reader in a poignant way.	
Health/Science/ Tech/Enviro writing						

Dailies- statewide weeklies- non-local websites - Health-Science- Tech and Environmental Reporting	First Place	Is this the beginning of the end for the Pinelands?	Todd Bates,Tom Spader,Jeff Colson	Asbury Park Press	An exhaustive account of what is happening in the Pine Barrens and how the people in the surrounding area impact and are impacted by that.	A lot of very strong entries here on a wide variety of topics. It is clear that New Jersey journalists care deeply about their state's environment and public health.
Dailies- statewide weeklies- non-local websites - Health-Science- Tech and Environmental Reporting	Second Place	Teen demands right to use medical marijuana in N.J. school, wants ban overturned	Susan Livio	The Star-Ledger	very good story with a balanced look at a tough topic and an excellent discussion of both sides of the issue.	A lot of very strong entries here on a wide variety of topics. It is clear that New Jersey journalists care deeply about their state's environment and public health.
Dailies- statewide weeklies- non-local websites - Health-Science- Tech and Environmental Reporting	Third Place	LEGACY OF DUPONT PLANT'S POLLUTION LOOMS LARGE FOR PEOPLE OF POMPTON LAKES	Scott Gurian	NJ Spotlight	Thorough reporting on a complicated issue here. No easy answers to this problem but story does a good job of setting up the mystery.	A lot of very strong entries here on a wide variety of topics. It is clear that New Jersey journalists care deeply about their state's environment and public health.
Column writing						
Dailies- statewide print weeklies & non-local websites- Column Writing	First Place	Tired of race-bating // Ruling should change right // There are good reasons // Book offers fuller portrait // GOP chasing pipe dream	Harold Jackson	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Nice job following the thread of race through many issues including politics and pop culture.	
Dailies- statewide print weeklies & non-local websites- Column Writing	Second Place	Column of Charles Stile	Charles Stile	The Record (Bergen County)	Really nice writing and persuasive.	
Review writing						

Dailies- statewide weeklies & non-local websites - Review Writing	First Place	Subaru's Sprawling Waste of Money	Inga Saffron	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Smart, socially-conscious criticism that draws from a breadth of knowledge. Fine work that shows that reviews are an important part of any newspaper.	
Dailies- statewide weeklies & non-local websites - Review Writing	Second Place	Passion in every dish	Craig LaBan	The Philadelphia Inquirer	The title is "Passion in every dish," though Craig imbues passion in every word as well. Evocative, specific writing about food from a critic who displays a deep love of the culinary arts.	
Headline writing						
Dailies- statewide weeklies & non-local websites - Headline Writing	First Place	Man comes in for traffic ticket, stays for drug charges	Orlando Lorenzo	The Record (Bergen County)	It's great when a headline can be clever while giving readers an idea of what to expect: This headline says it all — and allows readers to laugh at the hardships of being human.	This category included many clever twists on words enticing readers to delve deeper. The first-place winner had plenty of tough competition.
Dailies- statewide weeklies & non-local websites - Headline Writing	Second Place	Breaking the brass ceiling	Gary Miller	The Record (Bergen County)		This category included many clever twists on words enticing readers to delve deeper. The first-place winner had plenty of tough competition.
Dailies- statewide weeklies & non-local websites - Headline Writing	Third Place	Gov.'s freedom from the press	Peter Rozovsky	The Philadelphia Inquirer		This category included many clever twists on words enticing readers to delve deeper. The first-place winner had plenty of tough competition.
TELEVISION/CABLE						
Enterprise/investigative						
ENTERPRISE/SERIES/INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING	First Place	Railroaded	Christie Duffy	WPIX		

ENTERPRISE/SERIES/INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING	Second Place	Kane In Your Corner: FEMA Grant Problems	Walt Kane,Karin Attonito,Anthony Cocco,Mark DiPietro	News 12 New Jersey		
ENTERPRISE/SERIES/INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING	Third Place	East Orange Health Department	Walt Kane,Karin Attonito,Anthony Cocco	News 12 New Jersey		
News						
Television/Cable News	First Place	June 30, 2015 - Gov. Christie Announces Presidential Run	Shanida Carter,Kurt Siegelin,Carissa Lawson,Tony Caputo,Chris Keating,Luke Margolis,Monica Guy ,Jill DeSilva,Jim Fisher,Jamie Gillette,Mike Nugent,Kevin Smith,Jessica Frech,James Gregorio	News 12 New Jersey		

