

2018 NJ-SPJ Signature Awards (for work done in 2017)

Awbrey Award (for community journalism)

- Star-Ledger's "Bamboozled" column by [Karin Price Mueller](#)

Tim O'Brien Award (best use of public records)

- First Place: Death and Dysfunction, by [Sean Sullivan and Stephen Stirling](#), Star-Ledger
- Second Place: The Last Good Night by [Susan Livio](#), Star-Ledger
- Third Place: [David Matthau](#) and [Sergio Bichao](#), New Jersey 101.5

Wilson Barto Award (for Rookie of the Year)

- [Nick Muscavage](#), Courier News, Somerville, NJ

Note: We chose not to award the Courage Under Fire award this year.

Thanks to contest coordinator Heather Taylor for wrangling this year's contest entries and to the Alaska Press Club and the Keystone SPJ chapter for judging this year's entries. Congratulations to all our winners!