

# WINNERS, NJSPJ EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM CONTEST FOR WORK PUBLISHED IN 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 rase 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'	
<b>Daily Newspaper - Deadline Reporting</b>	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	
<b>Daily Newspaper - Editorial Writing</b>	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	
<b>Daily Newspaper - Enterprise/Series/Investigative Reporting</b>	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	
<b>Daily Newspaper -</b>	First Place	Jason Grant	The Star-Ledger	Inside the world of a crime-busting elite	

<b>Feature Writing</b>					
	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?	
<b>Daily Newspaper - Headline Writing</b>	First Place	Martha Esposito	Burlington County Times	Boy meets grill: A match made in the backyard	
<b>Daily Newspaper - Health- Science- Technology and Environmental Reporting</b>	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	
<b>Daily Newspaper - Page One Design</b>	First Place	Colleen Prendergast	Burlington County Times	Burlington County Times	
<b>Daily Newspaper - Profile Writing</b>	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	
<b>Daily Newspaper - Public Service</b>	First Place	Colleen Diskin	The Record (Bergen County)	At homes for seniors, a grim record of lapses	
	Second Place	Matt Katz	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Bills targeting sunshine laws // Public records under wraps // N.J. opens up records agency &#8212; a	

				little bit	
	Third Place	James Osborne,Craig R. McCoy	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Powerful Medicine	
<b>Daily Newspaper - Review Writing</b>	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	
<b>Daily Newspaper - Sports Reporting</b>	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	
<b>Daily Newspaper - State or Regional News</b>	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	
<b>Daily Newspaper - Tim O'Brien Award</b>	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	
<b>Daily Newspaper - Wilson Barto Rookie of the Year</b>	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"	
<b>Magazine - Business Reporting</b>	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	
<b>Magazine - Feature &amp; Profile Writing</b>	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	
<b>Magazine - Investigative Reporting</b>	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	
<b>Magazine - Opinion</b>	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?	
<b>Magazine - Reporting</b>	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	
<b>Newsletters - Overall</b>	First Place	John Chadwick, Kara Donaldson, Sherri Somers, John Van Cleaf, Jeremie 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	
<b>Online - Best Affiliated Website</b>	First Place	Staff	NJBIZ	NJBIZbrackets.com	
<b>Online - Best Local News</b>	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: <a href="http://www.newsworks.org/index.php/local//new-jersey/48033-linchpin-of-future-camden-waterfront-redevelopment-is-haven-for-drug-users#sthash.UfpgHCTN.dpuf">http://www.newsworks.org/index.php/local//new-jersey/48033-linchpin-of-future-camden-waterfront-redevelopment-is-haven-for-drug-users#sthash.UfpgHCTN.dpuf</a>	
<b>Online - Enterprise/Series/Investigative Reporting</b>	First Place	Mark Lagerkvist	New Jersey Watchdog	Double-Dipping in New Jersey	
	Second Place	Sara Neufeld, John Mooney, Nancy Solomon, Amanda Brown	NJ Spotlight, Hechinger Report & NJ Public Radio	A Promise to Renew: Quitman Street Community School	
	Third Place	Tara Nurin	NJSpotlight.com	Higher Education Restructuring: Who Decides, Who Wins, Who Loses?	
<b>Online – Column Writing</b>	First Place	Lisa Tognola	The Alternative Press	Loyalty to Job or Loyalty to Family?	
	Second Place	Warren Bororson	NewJerseyNews	On Stock Diversification: Are You a Phil Rizzuto or	

			room.com	Ralph Kiner	
<b>Online – Essay</b>	First Place	Sharon Waters	NJBIZ	Newsroom memories	
	Second Place	Amy Rosen	TheBeachBeat.com	The beach is beaten but it will return	
	Third Place	Robin Lally	Rutgers Today	Once Struck, a New Fear and Respect for Lightning Storms	
<b>Online - Feature Writing</b>	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	
<b>Online - Headline Writing</b>	First Place	Len Melisurgo	The Star-Ledger	Blizzard Bob? Weather Channel gets cold reaction to naming winter storms	
<b>Online - Health- Science- Technology and Environmental Reporting</b>	First Place	Andrea Alexander	Rutgers Today	Bringing the American Chestnut Tree Back to Life	
<b>Online - Profile Writing</b>	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	
<b>Online - Public Service</b>	First Place	John Mooney	Nj Spotlight	Tenure reform in New Jersey	
	Second Place	Joe Malinconico	PatersonPress.com	Fiscal Watchdog Stories	
<b>Online - Review Writing</b>	First Place	Gwen Orel	The Montclair Times	Montclair Film Festival: At the Jersey Shore	
	Second Place	John Soltes	Hollywood	'Pater' is an exquisite example of metafilm from	

			Soapbox	director Alain Cavalier	
	Third Place	Summer Dawn Hortillosa	The Jersey City Independent	Something to Remember Me By Brings Prime-time Drama to the Stage &#8212; Or Rather, the Table	
<b>Online - Sports Reporting</b>	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"	
<b>Online - State or Regional News</b>	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"	
<b>Online - Tim O'Brien Award</b>	First Place	Joe Malinconico	PatersonPress.com	Congressman's Daughter Got School Promotion Despite Suspended Driver's License	
	Second Place	Tina Renna	Union County Watchdog Association	Musicfest &#8211; Even the Prosecutor couldn't/didn't follow the money	
<b>Online - Web Video</b>	First Place	Cameron Bowman	Rutgers Today	Rutgers' Kirkpatrick Chapel Restoration a Work of Art	
<b>Online - Wilson Barto Rookie of the Year</b>	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	
<b>Online Feature Reporting</b>	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	Bloomberg News	"Hurricane Sandy Enterprise Pieces"	

		Young, Prashant Gopal, John Gittelsohn, William Selway, Michael Bender		
<b>Online News Reporting</b>	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"
<b>Photojournalism Feature</b>	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
<b>Photojournalism Spot News</b>	First Place	Scott Longfield	The Two River Times	Decimated
<b>Weekly Newspaper - Best Local News</b>	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
<b>Weekly Newspaper -</b>	First Place	Melinda Caliendo	NJBIZ	This town ain't big enough for the two of us

<b>Business Reporting</b>					
	Second Place	Jared Kaltwasser	NJBIZ	No bids, no problem in Sandy cleanup	
	Third Place	Jared Kaltwasser	NJBIZ	Taking on water	
<b>Weekly Newspaper - Column Writing</b>	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	
<b>Weekly Newspaper - Deadline Reporting</b>	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'	
<b>Weekly Newspaper - Editorial Writing</b>	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	
<b>Weekly Newspaper - Enterprise/Series/Investigative Reporting</b>	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	South Bergenite	District refuses to disclose pay raise deal // Superintendent gets \$45K bonus	

		Julia Winters Editor			
<b>Weekly Newspaper - Feature Writing</b>	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	
<b>Weekly Newspaper - Headline Writing</b>	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	
<b>Weekly Newspaper - Health- Science- Technology and Environmental Reporting</b>	First Place	Svetlana Shkolnikova	Hackensack Chronicle	Forum focuses on healthcare inequalities	
	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	
<b>Weekly Newspaper - Page One Design</b>	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	
<b>Weekly Newspaper -</b>	First Place	Al Sullivan	Bayonne Community	Living with a living Legend	

<b>Profile Writing</b>			News	
	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
<b>Weekly Newspaper - Public Service</b>	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
<b>Weekly Newspaper - Review Writing</b>	First Place	Rebecca Kaplan Boroson	New Jersey Jewish Standard	Samson &#8212; 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
<b>Weekly Newspaper - Sports Reporting</b>	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
<b>Weekly Newspaper - State or Regional News</b>	First Place	Stephanie Noda	Northern Valley Suburbanite	Battle brewing over energy tax receipts
	Second Place	Darius Amos	The Ridgewood	Public vote may decide amendment

			News		
	Third Place	Kimberly Redmond	Pascack Valley Community Life	Donation drive benefits first responders in Seaside	
<b>Weekly Newspaper - Wilson Barto Rookie of the Year</b>	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	
<b>Radio Enterprise</b>	First Place	WNYC Radio	Mirela Iverac	On the Brink   The New Face of Poverty: Meet Janice	
<b>Radio News</b>	First Place	WNYC / New Jersey Public Radio	Scott Gurian	Grab And Go: N.J. Residents Get Quick Trip Home	
	Second Place	WNYC / New Jersey Public Radio	Scott Gurian	After Sandy, Residents Say the Jersey Shore Can Come Back	
<b>Television/Cable News</b>	First Place	WRNN-TV / Verizon FiOS 1 News	Christie Duffy	New Jersey's "Muddled" Bias Law (Dharun Ravi/Rutgers Webcam Spying Trial)	
	Second Place	News 12 New Jersey	Walt Kane	Paulsboro Bridge Collapse	
	Third Place	WRNN-TV / Verizon FiOS 1 News	Christie Duffy	Moonachie Sandy Recovery	
<b>Television/Cable</b>	First Place	WRNN-TV/Verizon	Christie Duffy	American Hero: Benjamin Moore	

<b>Enterprise</b>		FiOS 1 News		
	Second Place	News 12 New Jersey	Walt Kane	The Blue Moon of Silence
	Third Place	News 12 New Jersey	Walt Kane	Breeder Battle

<b>Online – Independent Online Publication</b>	First Place	Mark Lagerkvist	New Jersey Watchdog	New Jersey Watchdog
	Second Place	Michael Lewis, Charlie Cuttone, Linda Cuttone, Kristian Dyer, Matt Levine	Big AppleSoccer.com	BigAppleSoccer.com
	Third Place	Mark Hrywna	Rahway Rising	Rahway Rising: A blog about all things redevelopment