NJPA 2020 ANNUAL CONTEST

ADVERTISING CONTEST RESULTS

Best Real Estate Ad

First Place
The West Essex Tribune
Virtual Home Journey
Jennifer Chciuk, Karen Trachtenberg

Second Place
The SandPaper
Benee Scola Realtors & Company
Jeffrey Kuhlman, Graphic Artist, Andrea Driscoll, Sales Representative

Third Place
The West Essex Tribune
What Are Your Wishes?
Jennifer Chciuk, Ellen Whitney

Best Auto Ad

First Place
The SandPaper
SurfCity Marina
Staff, Graphic Artist, Chris Seiz, Sales Representative

Second Place  The SandPaper
Tuckerton Carwash
Staff, Graphic Artist, Andrea Driscoll, Sales Representative

Third Place
The West Essex Tribune
Livingston Collision
Jennifer Chciuk, Karen Trachtenberg, Grisel Cardona
Best Food/Restaurant/Entertainment Ad - B&W

First Place
The West Essex Tribune
Cocco Bello
Jennifer Chciuk, Karen Trachtenberg, Grisel Cardona

Second Place
The SandPaper
Country Kettle Chowda
Staff, Graphic Artist, Jeff Linkous, Sales Representative

Third Place
The SandPaper
Yellow Fin
Staff, Graphic Artist, Chris Seiz, Sales Representative

Best Food/Restaurant/Entertainment Ad - Color

First Place
The West Essex Tribune
Cocco Bello: We're Back!
Jennifer Chciuk, Karen Trachtenberg, Grisel Cardona

Second Place
The West Essex Tribune
Close to Normal at Nero's
Jennifer Chciuk, Karen Trachtenberg

Third Place
The SandPaper
Bird & Betty's
Adrian Antonio, Graphic Artist, Chris Seiz, Sales Representative

Best Home & Garden Ad - Color or Black & White

First Place
The SandPaper
Between The Sheets
Staff, Graphic Artist, Andrea Driscoll, Sales Representative
Second Place
The SandPaper
Island Teak
Jeffrey Kuhlman, Graphic Artist, Chris Seiz, Sales Representative

Third Place
The West Essex Tribune
Firefighters Painting
Grisel Cardona, Karen Trachtenberg, Jennifer Chciuk

Best Fashion & Personal Care Ad- color or b&w

First Place
The West Essex Tribune
580 South
Garry DeYoung, Ellen Whitney

Second Place
The West Essex Tribune
Pink Jewels: Fall
Jennifer Chciuk, Karen Trachtenberg, Grisel Cardona

Third Place
The West Essex Tribune
Pink Jewels: Spring
Jennifer Chciuk, Karen Trachtenberg, Grisel Cardona

Best Ad Professional & Technology Services- color or b&w

First Place
The Star-Ledger
Precision Overhead Garage Door Service is New Jersey's #1 Choice
Alaa Selim, Senior Creative Consultant, Jeff Ruderman, Director Digital Operations, NJ Advance Media

Second Place
The SandPaper
Stafford Veterinary Hospital
Adrian Antonio, Graphic Artist, Stan Kapica, Sales Representative
Third Place
The SandPaper
Express Plumbing
Nora Devin, Graphic Artist, Lee Little, Sales Representative

Best Ad for Retail Business

First Place
The West Essex Tribune
Just a Dream
Garry DeYoung, Ellen Whitney

Second Place
The West Essex Tribune
Once Upon a Tail
Garry DeYoung, Karen Trachtenberg, Grisel Cardona

Third Place
The SandPaper
Acme Beach & Bike
Adrian Antonio, Graphic Artist, Cindy Linkous, Sales Representative

Best Use of Color

First Place
The SandPaper Surf City Hotel
Nina Schulze, Graphic Artist, Chris Seiz, Sales Representative

Second Place
The West Essex Tribune
Livingston Collision: Halloween is October 31!
Jennifer Chciuk, Karen Trachtenberg

Third Place
Asbury Park Press
Simple Home
Jennifer Fornarotto
Best Use Of Humor

First Place
The Retrospect
Elmer's Auto Body
Mark Zeigler, Graphic Artist

Second Place
The West Essex Tribune
Livingston Collision: Welcome 2021
Jennifer Chciuk, Ellen Whitney

Third Place
The West Essex Tribune
Meet Otto!
Jennifer Chciuk, Ellen Whitney

Best Newspaper Promotion or House Ad

First Place
The Retrospect
Sign Up Today!
Mark Zeigler, Graphic Artist

Second Place
The Retrospect
Graduation 2020
Mark Zeigler, Graphic Artist

Third Place
The SandPaper
HomeFront - Your Guide to Home Improvement
Jeffrey Kuhlman, Graphic Artist

Best External Promotion Piece or Media Kit

First Place
The SandPaper
SandPaper Media Kit 2020
Staff, Graphic Artist, Andrea Driscoll, Advertising Director
Second Place
The Star-Ledger
Jersey's Best Marketing Media Kit
Robert Morgia, Marketing Specialist, Isabella Mest, Director, Direct Marketing, Michele Hayes, Associate Vice President, Marketing, NJ Advance Media

Third Place
The SandPaper
HomeFront - Your Guide to Home Improvement
Nora Devin, Graphic Artist, Andrea Driscoll, Advertising Director

Best Special Section

First Place
The Star-Ledger
First Night Morris 2021
Melissa Chin, Senior Creative Consultant, Isabella Mest Director, Direct Marketing, NJ Advance Media

Second Place
The Star-Ledger
Top Workplaces
Recruitment Sales Team, NJ Advance Media

Third Place
Asbury Park Press
2020 Summer Guide
Karen Guarasi, Cheryl Better

Best Special Section Cover

First Place
The SandPaper
Section 2 July 8, 2020
Jeffrey Kuhlman, Graphic Artist

Second Place
The West Essex Tribune
Celebrate Livingston's History
Karen Trachtenberg
Third Place
The Star-Ledger
Fall Travel
Angela Perilla, Creative & Marketing Associate, NJ Advance Media

Best Special Topic Page(s)

First Place
The Star-Ledger
Star Ledger Memorial Day Tribute
Classified Sales, NJ Advance Media

Second Place
The SandPaper
Here's The Scoop
Nina Schulze, Graphic Artist, Staff, Sales Representative

Third Place
The SandPaper
Beach Haven Maritime District
Staff, Graphic Artist, Andrea Driscoll, Sales Representative

Best Community Service or Shared Ad

First Place
The West Essex Tribune
Veterans Day
Staff

Second Place
The SandPaper
4th of July Fireworks Celebration
Adrian Antonio, Graphic Artist, Chris Seiz, Sales Representative

Third Place
The SandPaper
Bayview Park
Staff, Graphic Artist, Chris Seiz, Sales Representative
Best Healthcare Ad

First Place
The West Essex Tribune
Miller Center  Jennifer Chciuk, Patrick Corcoran

Second Place
The West Essex Tribune
Natural Image  Garry DeYoung, Karen Trachtenberg, Grisel Cardona

Third Place
The SandPaper
Podiatry Center of New Jersey
Jeffrey Kuhlman, Graphic Artist, Stan Kapica, Sales Representative

Best Use of Small Space - Black & White

First Place
The SandPaper
Oyster House
Staff, Graphic Artist, Jeff Linkous, Sales Representative

Second Place
The West Essex Tribune
Life is Unpredictable
Jennifer Chciuk, Karen Trachtenberg

Third Place
The SandPaper
Pyour Core
Adrian Antonio, Graphic Artist, Chris Seiz, Sales Representative

Best Use of Small Space - Color

First Place
The West Essex Tribune
Pet Adoption Event
Jennifer Chciuk, Karen Trachtenberg, Grisel Cardona
Second Place
The West Essex Tribune
Harte Orthodontics – Halloween
Garry DeYoung, Karen Trachtenberg, Grisel Cardona

Third Place
The SandPaper
Jen's Links at LBI
Adrian Antonio, Graphic Artist, Chris Seiz, Sales Representative

**Best Large Space Ad - Color**

First Place
The SandPaper
Air Technical Services
Adrian Antonio, Graphic Artist, Chris Seiz, Sales Representative

Second Place
The SandPaper
Express Plumbing
Nora Devin, Graphic Artist, Lee Little, Sales Representative

Third Place
The SandPaper
LBI Shuttle
Adrian Antonio, Graphic Artist, Chris Seiz, Sales Representative

**Best Niche Publication/Magazine**

First Place
The Star-Ledger
Jersey's Best Spring 2020
Kim Alvarez VP, Business Development & Classified, Jersey's Best Staff, NJ Advance Media

Second Place
The SandPaper
Focus On The Celebration
Staff, Graphic Artist, Staff, Sales Representative
Third Place
The SandPaper
SandCastles - Real Estate Guide to Homes By The Sea
Staff, Graphic Artist, Staff, Sales Representative

Best Ad in a Niche Publication/Magazine

First Place
The Star-Ledger
RCCA Living With Cancer in 2020
Melissa Chin, Senior Creative Consultant, Julie Williams, Senior Account Manager, NJ Advance Media

Second Place
The SandPaper
Simply Mad
Adrian Antonio, Graphic Artist, Staff, Sales Representative

Third Place
The Star-Ledger
Springpoint Discover An All-Inclusive Lifestyle
Melissa Chin, Senior Creative Consultant, Dawn Apisa, Print Account Manager, NJ Advance Media

Best Advertising Campaign- Any Size

First Place
The SandPaper
Heritage House Interiors - Roaring 20's
Nora Devin, Graphic Artist, Andrea Driscoll, Advertising Director

Second Place
The SandPaper
Cat of the Week
Nina Schulze, Graphic Artist, Chris Seiz, Sales Representative

Third Place
The West Essex Tribune
Nero’s Says Thank You
Jennifer Chciuk, Karen Trachtenberg, Grisel Cardona
**Best Classified House Ad**

**First Place**
The SandPaper
Power Tool
Nora Devin, Graphic Artist, Lee Little, Office Manager

**Second Place**
The West Essex Tribune
Find It In The Classifieds #2
Ellen Whitney

**Third Place**
The SandPaper
Whether Hiring or Hunting
Nora Devin, Graphic Artist, Lee Little, Office Manager

**Best New Project 2020**

**First Place**
The SandPaper
Focus On The Celebration
Staff, Graphic Artist, Staff, Sales Representative

**Second Place**
The West Essex Tribune
The Big L Club Salutes the Senior Lancer Athletes, Class of 2020
Jennifer Chciuk, Karen Trachtenberg, Ellen Whitney, Grisel Cardona

**Third Place**
The West Essex Tribune
Word Search
Jennifer Chciuk

**Best Miscellaneous Ad**

**First Place**
The Retrospect
Are You Hungry to Get Out?
Mark Zeigler, Graphic Artist
**Second Place**
The West Essex Tribune
Charles W. Schilling
Jennifer Chciuk, Karen Trachtenberg, Grisel Cardona

**Third Place**
The SandPaper
LBI Surfing
Nina Schulze, Graphic Artist, Chris Seiz, Sales Representative

**Best Use of Black and White to Make A Statement**

**First Place**
The SandPaper
Society Beach - The Beach Is Open
Nina Schulze, Graphic Artist, Chris Seiz, Sales Representative

**Second Place**
The West Essex Tribune
It's Not Your Mother's Fault
Jennifer Chciuk, Karen Trachtenberg

**Third Place**
The SandPaper
LBI Surfing - Learn to Surf
Staff, Graphic Artist, Chris Seiz, Sales Representative

**Best Large Space Ad- Black & White**

**First Place**
The SandPaper
Chicken or The Egg
Staff, Graphic Artist, Jeff Linkous, Sales Representative

**Second Place**
The Retrospect
Who? What? Where?
Mark Zeigler, Graphic Artist
Third Place
The SandPaper
Country Kettle Chowda
Staff, Graphic Artist, Jeff Linkous, Sales Representative

**Best Classified Recruitment/Miscellaneous Display Ad**

First Place
The SandPaper
Shore Bulkheads and Docks
Nora Devin, Graphic Artist, Lee, Little Office Manager

Second Place
The SandPaper
A-1 Roofing
Nora Devin, Graphic Artist, Lee, Little Office Manager

Third Place
The SandPaper
Barnegat Light Garden & Gift
Nora Devin, Graphic Artist, Lee, Little Office Manager

**Best Small Space Classified Ad**

First Place
The SandPaper
Omni Landscaping
Nora Devin, Graphic Artist, Lee, Little Office Manager

Second Place
The SandPaper
St. Nick Pools
Nora Devin, Graphic Artist, Lee, Little Office Manager

Third Place
The SandPaper
Grout Geek
Nora Devin, Graphic Artist, Lee, Little Office Manager
**Best Classified Pages**

**First Place**
The SandPaper
The SandPaper Classifieds May 20, 2020
Nora Devin, Graphic Artist, Lee Little, Office Manager

**Second Place**
The Star-Ledger
SL Careers March 15, 2020
Recruitment Sales Team, NJ Advance Media

**Third Place**
The West Essex Tribune
West Essex Tribune Classifieds, April 23
Ellen Harte, Ellen Whitney, Grisel Cardona

**Best Digital Standard Unit Ad**

**First Place**
NJ.com
Lofts at Pier Village - Winter: Don't Miss Your Chance
Alaa Selim, Senior Creative Consultant, Jeff Horn, Director, Sales, Real Estate, Kenneth Bramson, Senior Digital Account Manager, NJ Advance Media

**Second Place**
NJ.com
EANJ: Helping Our Employers-Members Keep Their Workplace Safe
Melissa Chin, Senior Creative Consultant, Casey Donnellon, Senior Digital Account Manager, Magda Malinska, Marketing Solutions Manager, NJ Advance Media

**Third Place**
The SandPaper
Urgent Care Now
Jeffrey Kuhlman, Graphic Artist, Andrea Driscoll, Sales Representative
**Best Digital Impact Ad**

**First Place**  
NJ.com  
Segal & Morel - Live Better, Spend Less, Get More  
Alaa Selim, Senior Creative Consultant, Ashley Miller, Digital Account Manager, NJ Advance Media

**Second Place**  
NJ.com  
Home Surplus - Free Kitchen Assembly  
Alaa Selim, Senior Creative Consultant, Timothy Drummond, Sales Director, Vesna Day Digital Account Manager, NJ Advance Media

**Third Place**  
NJ.com  
First Night Morris - On New Year's Eve...Live, Streaming & On-Demand  
Melissa Chin, Senior Creative Consultant, Isabella Mest, Director, Direct Marketing, NJ Advance Media

**Best Rich Media Creative**

**First Place**  
NJ.com  
RCCA: Innovative Cancer Care Close to Home  
Melissa Chin, Senior Creative Consultant, Julie Williams, Senior Account Manager, NJ Advance Media

**Second Place**  
NJ.com  
Viking Pest Control: This Fall, Keep the Pests Out!  
Melissa Chin, Senior Creative Consultant, Kenneth Bramson, Senior Digital Account Manager, NJ Advance Media

**Third Place**  
NJ.com  
bcreative digital media: Video Sells!  
Alaa Selim, Senior Creative Consultant, Sean O'Donnell, Digital Account Manager, NJ Advance Media
**Best Multi-Media Online & Print Campaign**

**First Place**  
NJ.com  
Centers for Neurosurgery Spine & Orthopedics  
Melissa Chin, Senior Creative Consultant, Angela Perilla, Creative & Marketing Associate, Casey Donnellon, Senior Digital Account Manager, Jennifer Clark Director, Local Retail, NJ Advance Media

**Second Place**  
NJ.com  
Black Lives Matter  
Angela Perilla, Creative & Marketing Associate, Michele Hayes, Associate VP, Marketing, NJ Advance Media

**Third Place**  
The SandPaper  
Lighthouse Film Festival  
Nina Schulze, Graphic Artist, Staff, Sales Representative

**Best Digital House Ad**

**First Place**  
The SandPaper  
The SandPaper Classifieds - Job Marketplace  
Nora Devin, Graphic Artist, Lee Little, Sales Representative

**Second Place**  
NJ.com  
NJ is Open  
Robert Morgia, Marketing Specialist, Jacquelyn Gawron, Marketing Specialist, David Martel, Chief Brand Strategist, NJ Advance Media

**Third Place**  
The SandPaper  
SandCastles  
Jeffrey Kuhlman, Graphic Artist
**Best Digital Ad Campaign**

**First Place**
NJ.com
Vitafusion CBD Full Spectrum Hemp Extract Gummies
Creative Team, Yvonne Lardizabal, Senior Search/Social Account Manager, Chris Allen
Director, Digital Products, NJ Advance Media

**Second Place**
Asbury Park Press
Morrisview Healthcare Center
Michelle Nurnberg, Bill Tuohy

**Third Place**
NJ.com
Extell Lofts at Pier Village Display Ad Campaign
Alaa Selim, Senior Creative Consultant, Jeff Horn Director, Sales, Real Estate, Kenneth Bramson, Senior Digital Account Manager, NJ Advance Media

**GENERAL EXCELLENCE – THE SANDPAPER, SURF CITY**

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**DAILY JOURNALISM CONTEST**

**Responsible Journalism - Daily Over 25,000**

**Public Service - Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award**

**First Place**
Asbury Park Press
Dangerous school buses investigation leads to crackdown
Mike Davis, Susanne Cervenka, Amanda Oglesby, Colleen Wilson

**Second Place**
The Star-Ledger
The Kids Left Behind
Adam Clark
Third Place
The Record (Bergen County)
How COVID mismanagement turned NJ veterans homes into death traps
Scott Fallon, Staff Writer, Lindy Washburn, Staff Writer

**Responsible Journalism - Public Service – Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award**
**Daily Under 25,000**

No contest

**Responsible Journalism - Editorial Comment – Daily Over 25,000**

**First Place**
The Star-Ledger
Murphy and his golf cronies have Liberty State Park in their crosshairs. This is a recording; Helping hungry kids is a SNAP. So what’s keeping NJ from helping?; Welcome back to the MVC. This is what hell is like
Dave D'Alessandro

**Second Place** InsiderNJ.com
Pizarro Editorial Writing
Max Pizarro

**Third Place**
The Star-Ledger
I’m going to lose my life in this place': ICE detainees beg for release; 'They're going to kill us in here' – Or will ICE finally act?; We're losing our battle with COVID. Murphy must act now – and so should all of us
Julie O'Connor

**Responsible Journalism - Editorial Comment – Daily Under 25,000**

**First Place**
The Express-Times
Thanks to taxpayer bailout, Easton Hospital still in the COVID-19 fight; Second firing of Easton wrestling coach just as flawed as the first; Phillipsburg’s library dilemma
James Flagg
Second Place  The Jersey Journal
Take ed bd referendum off ballot; Test every nursing home patient, worker; America needs to hear this new generation of voices
Margaret Schmidt, Editor-at-large

No Third Place

Responsible Journalism - Enterprise Reporting – Daily Over 25,000

First Place
The Star-Ledger
Coronavirus Pandemic Coverage
Staff

Second Place
The Record (Bergen County)
Birthing While Black
Swapna Venugopal Ramaswamy, Adria Walker, Joe Lamberti, Anne Marie Caruso

Third Place
Asbury Park Press
Fight to open secret COVID-19 records: State refuses to release records; Murphy administration cites 'terrorism' concerns to keep NJ coronavirus weak points secret; NJ lawmakers want coronavirus records to be public
Stacey Barchenger

Responsible Journalism - Enterprise Reporting – Daily Under 25,000

No contest

Responsible Journalism - First Amendment –
Art Weissman Memorial Award –
Daily Over 25,000

First Place
The Star-Ledger
Unpaid and Unanswered
Staff
Second Place
Asbury Park Press
APP reporter arrested at Asbury Park George Floyd protest;  House panel takes up violence against the press, protesters: 'A press badge should not be a bullseye';  Officers cleared of wrongdoing following probe
Gustavo Martínez Contreras, Andrew Goudsward, Amanda Oglesby

Third Place
The Record (Bergen County)
Unearthing COVID impact on communities
Ashley Balcerzak, Stacey Barchenger, Statehouse Reporters

Responsible Journalism - First Amendment –
Art Weissman Memorial Award –
Daily Under 25,000

No contest

Reporting and Writing - Breaking News – Daily Over 25,000

First Place
The Star-Ledger
Statewide COVID-19 Shutdown
Staff

Second Place
The Press of Atlantic City
Peaceful protest turns ugly in A.C.
Vincent Jackson, Mike McGarry, Staff Writers, Charles Schroeder, Editor, Edward Lea, Photographer

Third Place
The Record (Bergen County)
Homicides Rock Bergen County
Ricardo Kaulessar, Nicholas Katzban, Anthony Zurita
Reporting and Writing - Breaking News – Daily Under 25,000

First Place
Courier News
Bound Brook Fire
Suzanne Russell, Mike Deak, Alexander Lewis, Thomas & Mike Costello, Mike Davis

Second Place
Home News Tribune
Staff Dan Anderl
Mike Deak, Suzanne Russell, Greg Tufaro, Nate & Monsy Chute & Alvarado

Third Place
No winner

Reporting and Writing - News Writing Portfolio – Daily Over 25,000

First Place
The Record (Bergen County)
Coverage from Christopher Maag
Christopher Maag

Second Place
NJ Spotlight
Andrew Lewis -- News writing portfolio
Andrew Lewis

Third Place
The Record (Bergen County)
Hannan Adely - News Writing Portfolio
Hannan Adely

Reporting and Writing - News Writing Portfolio – Daily Under 25,000

First Place
Courier News
B. Makin College News
Bob Makin
Second Place
Courier News
Tufaro COVID News
Greg Tufaro

Third Place
The Jersey Journal
‘A Ticket Every 30 Minutes’; Fulop vs. Menendez?; Kearny may be on hook to pay portion of Superfund site cleanup
Peter D'Auria, Reporter

**Reporting and Writing - Local News Coverage – Daily Over 25,000**

First Place
The Record (Bergen County)
The Record Local News March 13 to March 17
Staff

Second Place
The Star-Ledger
Local News Coverage Staff

Third Place
Asbury Park Press
Local News Week of March 13
Kevin Davis, Staff

**Reporting and Writing - Local News Coverage – Daily Under 25,000**

First Place
The Express-Times
The Express-Times local coverage 3/13-3/17
Staff

Second Place
The Jersey Journal
Jersey Journal local news coverage for Feb. 28-March 4
Editorial Staff
Third Place
Home News Tribune
Loyer Local News
Susan Loyer

**Reporting and Writing - Specialty Writing Portfolio – Daily Over 25,000**

First Place
NJ Spotlight
Public Finance Reporting
John Reitmeyer

Second Place
Asbury Park Press
Does Port Monmouth hold the answer to saving the Shore from sea level rise?; Offshore wind farms: Why NJ’s multibillion-dollar fishing industry is worried; Life after Oyster Creek: Nuclear waste piles up in Lacey
Amanda Oglesby

Third Place
The Star-Ledger
This N.J. man took his own life during the pandemic.; N.J.’s coronavirus outbreak may have started at a Yonkers racetrack.; Nine pages of obituaries in 1 day. Here’s how our writers are chronicling the loss.
Keith Sargeant

**Reporting and Writing - Specialty Writing Portfolio – Daily Under 25,000**

First Place
The Express-Times
2 pandemics, more than 100 years apart; From Truman to Trump, presidential campaigns seek Lehigh Valley’s important voters. A photo history.; 25 years after Bethlehem Steel’s last cast, former workers gather to remember and reflect
Steve Novak
Second Place
The Express-Times
2020 may go down as Lehigh Valley's warmest year yet; That's a peregrine falcon on the Peace Candle. Will the threatened bird call Easton home?; Lehigh Valley air quality improves (slightly) during coronavirus shutdown. Why science will benefit.
Steve Novak

Third Place
Courier News
Cheryl Makin Portfolio
Cheryl Makin

Reporting and Writing - Feature- Lifestyle and Entertainment Writing Portfolio –
 Daily Over 25,000

First Place
The Press of Atlantic City
Virus forces Brigantine mayor to wait for new kidney; Brigantine mayor dies at age 62; Guide dog named after late mayor of Brigantine
CJ Fairfield, Staff Writer

Second Place
The Press of Atlantic City
Dance studios don't let pandemic stop 'Nutcracker' holiday tradition; Exit Zero Jazz Festival returns to Cape May, but with a different look; With 100th anniversary approaching, uncertainty surrounds Miss America
Mark Melhorn, Print Director

Third Place
The Star-Ledger
The Survivor; This 100-year-old trailblazer, and her passion for voting, is the Election Day pick-me-up you need; Cancel Thanksgiving? My mother can’t bear the thought.
Jessica Remo
Reporting and Writing - Feature- Lifestyle and Entertainment Writing Portfolio – Daily Under 25,000

First Place
The Express-Times
Easton Baking Co. opens anew, and I braved the cold to witness it; Pete Davidson reped Lehight University on ‘Saturday Night Live,’ and we have questions; Breaking down why this Musikfest 2020 T-shirt is a show stopper for the virtual festival
Connor Lagore

Second Place
Home News Tribune
Cheryl Makin Portfolio
Cheryl Makin

Third Place
Daily Record
A Virtual Celebration; ‘The need was always there’; With season on hold, high school softball players work as EMTs
Jane Havsy

Reporting and Writing - Sports Writing Portfolio – Daily Over 25,000

First Place
The Star-Ledger
Meet the NJ siblings conquering the odds – and Rutgers med school – to chase Olympic fencing gold; Greg Schiano on why he left Rutgers and his road back to NJ; Eric LeGrand knows the coronavirus might kill him. He hasn't left his house in 28 days.
Steve Politi

Second Place
Asbury Park Press
Lakewood lost a mom.’ Barbara Clark, who died of Covid-19, left a lasting impact; Seton Hall basketball: Shavar Reynolds' storybook rise enters final chapter; LBI teen lost her home to Sandy. Now she’s losing school milestones to COVID
Jerry Carino
Third Place
Asbury Park Press
NJ horse trainers among 27 charged in widespread doping scandal; Coronavirus: NJ veterinarian aided Iditarod dogs as sports world was shutting down; Belmont Stakes 2020: An empty grandstand full of hope
Steve Edelson

**Reporting and Writing - Sports Writing Portfolio – Daily Under 25,000**

First Place
Courier News
Mendlowitz Sports Writing
Andy Mendlowitz

Second Place
New Jersey Herald
Former woman wrestler, A league of her own, Downhill dreams
Andrew Tredinnick

Third Place
Daily Record
Soccer player helps by sharing mental health struggle; NJ soccer duo launches podcast challenge; Losing everything
Jane Havsy

**Reporting and Writing - Local Sports Coverage – Daily Over 25,000**

First Place
The Press of Atlantic City
The Press of Atlantic City Sports sections from Feb. 28 to March 3
Staff

Second Place
Asbury Park Press
Sports week of March 13-17, 2020
Staff

Third Place
The Record (Bergen County)
February 28 - March 3, 2020  The Record (Bergen County)
Sports Department
No contest

**Reporting and Writing - Local Sports Coverage – Daily Under 25,000**

**First Place**
The Star-Ledger
What will it take to pull off HS sports this fall in N.J.?; She fought for a girls golf team at her school — and won. Then the pandemic hit.; After 2 decades, 337 wins and 1 untouchable legacy, Mike Otto retires from Delran
Brian Deakyne

**Second Place**
The Star-Ledger
Years later, fate brings miracle babies from death’s door to state wrestling tourney; 126-pound final: Bergen Catholic's Robert Howard leaves legacy for all to see; After sudden death of his brother, Becton football coach leads team to division title
Patrick Lanni

**Third Place**
Asbury Park Press
NJ boys basketball: Manasquan's Roy, Galvan vault Warriors to SCT Title; NJ football: Freehold's Kayden Hutchinson beats Southern with late field goal; NJ girls soccer: Toms River South wins title on Rylee Spakowski shot in coaches’ farewell
Sherlon Christie

**Reporting and Writing - Scholastic Sports Portfolio – Daily Over 25,000**

**First Place**
The Express-Times
Kicking like a girl equals perfection for Palisades football's Hilferty; An EPC coaching change after new dad calls timeout to focus on daughter’s recovery; McKeague, Amerman lead Pen Argyl football to dramatic win over Bangor in No. 101
Josh Folck
Second Place
Courier News
Lauren Knego

Third Place
Courier News
Andy Mendlowitz

**Reporting and Writing - Business & Government Writing Portfolio – Daily Over 25,000**

First Place
The Star-Ledger
Widow struggles to get rid of lease for husband’s new car after he dies of coronavirus; This boss used his home equity line to pay health insurance for his employees after shutdown; Cancer patient has waited 248 days for unemployment check
Karin Price Mueller

Second Place
The Record (Bergen County)
COVID’s looming crisis for renters, landlords
Ashley Balcerzak, Staff Writer

Third Place
InsiderNJ.com
Sloan Business and Government Writing
Christine Sloan

**Reporting and Writing - Business & Government Writing Portfolio – Daily Under 25,000**

First Place
The Express-Times
Body unearthed from Warren County cemetery grave renews call for state action; Bethlehem decriminalized weed, but city cops aren’t on board; How a Bethlehem elementary school finds itself managing Gov. Tom Wolf’s Twitter mentions
Sara K. Satullo
Second Place
Home News Tribune
B. Makin Business
Bob Makin

Third Place
The Express-Times
Easton Hospital owner to ‘proceed immediately’ on closure without state takeover; Curbside pickup is the Lehigh Valley's hot new reservation; Developer familiar to Easton pitches ‘The Confluence’ mixed-use plan for old Days Inn lot
Kurt Bresswein

Reporting and Writing - News Column – Daily Over 25,000

First Place
Asbury Park Press
Work two jobs, lose one, get no unemployment: How this Toms River dad fell through the cracks; 'A constant giver': Beloved pastor, father of 7, dies after COVID-19 battle; After 32 surgeries for cancer, Lacey 21-year-old fears end of Obamacare
Jerry Carino

Second Place
The Record (Bergen County)
News columns from Mike Kelly
Mike Kelly

Third Place
The Star-Ledger
I’m not the same person I was a year ago and neither are you. How we survived the most unusual year of our lives.; What do all the coronavirus deniers have to say now? I asked them.; Cancel Thanksgiving? My mother can’t bear the thought.
Jessica Remo

Reporting and Writing - News Column – Daily Under 25,000

First Place
The Express-Times
We’re tired of media using SteelStacks as prop to define Northampton County voters; We love you Philly, but you didn’t swing Pa. in this election. Northampton County, others did.; Visit the grandkids or stay away? Fate at a Lehigh Valley park decided for
Nick Falsone
Second Place
Courier News
Deak News Column
Mike Deak

Third Place
Courier News
Wadlow Column Remember
Brad Wadlow

Reporting and Writing - Sports Column – Daily Over 25,000

First Place
The Star-Ledger
Negro League stars went to their graves waiting for recognition as Baseball dragged its feet; Mixed blood, sweat and tears: The long, strange and untold saga of boxing champion Marvin Camel; Roger Goodell still owes Colin Kaepernick an apology
Jerry Izenberg

Second Place
The Star-Ledger
Stop the games. All of them.; Rutgers star Geo Baker can lead a movement and make a different kind of history; As the Washington Redskins move toward name change, insensitive NJ school mascots finally have to go, too
Steve Politi

Third Place
The Press of Atlantic City
Must Win
Michael McGarry, Staff Writer

Reporting and Writing - Sports Column – Daily Under 25,000

First Place
The Express-Times
Racciato's approach was pure joy; Is Easton's demise fault of Billman?; Creating girls team worth a yes vote
Brad Wilson
Second Place
New Jersey Herald
Skylands stadium, New regulations in golf courses, NJSIAA turns attention to fall sports
Andrew Tredinnick

Third Place
No winner

Reporting and Writing - Critical Writing – Over 25,000

First Place
The Star-Ledger
Springsteen 'Letter to You' album review: A masterful rock memoir, his best in many years;
I've given up on N.J.'s drive-in concert experiment. Here's why.; Celine Dion, alleged fellow human, is flawless at 1st N.J. concert in a decade
Bobby Olivier

Second Place
The Record (Bergen County)
Jim Beckerman

Third Place
Asbury Park Press
Jorma Kaukonen brings beautiful blues for COVID-19 era to NJ; Best movies of 2020 so far, and how you can watch them; Grateful Dead: Listen to these classic NJ shows while social distancing
Alex Biese

Reporting and Writing - Critical Writing – Daily Under 25,000

No contest

Reporting and Writing - Robert P. Kelly Award-New Journalist – Daily Over 25,000

First Place
The Star-Ledger
Address me by my name': Rutgers' Ron Harper Jr. goes one-on-one with his father's legacy;
Why has Rutgers ignored this forgotten NCAA Tournament team?; Early arrivals, middle fingers and sold-out jerseys: NJ football fans welcome the XFL’s Guardians
Brian Fonseca
Second Place
The Record (Bergen County)
Isaiah McCall Portfolio
Isaiah McCall

Third Place
No winner

**Reporting and Writing - Robert P. Kelly Award-New Journalist – Daily Under 25,000**

First Place
The Jersey Journal
The Man Who Brought Abandoned Historic Cemetery Back to Life; Who's Who in the Battle for Hudson County's Hospitals; Nepotism, or Just a Small Town?
Peter D'Auria, Reporter

Second Place
The Express-Times
Coronavirus morphs into ‘nightmare’ for Lehigh Valley restaurants; Are you hearing fireworks everywhere now? This cluster of stores off I-78 knows why.; ‘I’m back’ — this Easton tavern re-opens for another go-around
Connor Lagore

Third Place
No winner

**Reporting and Writing - Best Headlines – Daily Over 25,000**

First Place
The Star-Ledger
In time of need, paper guy brings kindness to his fold;  All the world's a stage of reopening;  Cut out for the role of fans
Phil Cornell

Second Place
The Record (Bergen County)
The Record Headlines
Scott Muller
Third Place
Asbury Park Press
A press badge should not be a bullseye; Seaside carousel may spin in 2021; Shore dentists: Don’t worry about opening wide
Kevin Davis

Reporting and Writing - Best Headlines – Daily Under 25,000

First Place
The Jersey Journal
Flip or Flop; Reoprts Skyrocket; Absence of Answers
Tanya Manthey, Production editor

Second Place
The Express-Times
Sit. Stay. 5-peat; At court, meting out justice, not infections; Cool space brewing at former beer cave
James Moening

Third Place
No winner

Reporting and Writing - Special Issue-In Paper – Daily Over 25,000

First Place
The Star-Ledger
Another Day in Crisis
Staff

Second Place
Asbury Park Press
Summer Guide 2020
Staff

Third Place
The Press of Atlantic City
Kickoff 2020
Staff

Reporting and Writing - Special Issue-In Paper – Daily Under 25,000

No contest
General Coronavirus/COVID-19 Coverage – Daily Over 25,000

First Place
Asbury Park Press
Why did Monmouth pay nearly $1M for COVID grant program?; PPP loans: $165M went to Shore employers showing no jobs saved; Race, income can double your chance of getting sick; Overdue utility bills skyrocket; How 2020 changed us
Photo and Reporting Staffs

Second Place
The Record (Bergen County)
COVID’s impact on health care workers
Lindy Washburn, Health Care Reporter

Third Place
The Star-Ledger
Coronavirus has killed dozens in state prisons. How N.J. failed to stop it.
Blake Nelson, S.P. Sullivan, Joe Atmonavage

General Coronavirus/COVID-19 Coverage – Daily Under 25,000

First Place
Courier News
Staff COVID 1
Cheryl Makin, Nick Muscavage, Suzanne Russell

Second Place
The Express-Times
The Express-Times COVID-19 coverage
Staff

Third Place
 Courier News
Staff COVID 2
Alexander Lewis, Suzanne Russell
Design and Presentation - News/Business Page Design Portfolio – Daily Over 25,000

First Place
The Record (Bergen County)
News/Business Page Design Portfolio STAFF
Take Uda, Parisa Hajizadeh-Amini

Second Place
The Star-Ledger
News Page Design Portfolio
James Moening

Third Place
The Record (Bergen County)
Stephanie Lindholm

Design and Presentation - News/Business Page Design Portfolio – Daily Under 25,000

First Place
The Express-Times
James Moening

Second Place
The Jersey Journal
Park at a Crossroads; How We Got Here
Tanya Manthey, Production Editor

Third Place
The Jersey Journal
The Race Is On!; Jobless; 'It's A Safety Issue'; Where’s Hudson County's new hot spot for development? Look south
Tanya Manthey, Production Editor

Design and Presentation - Feature Section Page Design Portfolio – Daily Over 25,000

First Place
The Star-Ledger
Jennifer Meyer
Second Place
The Record (Bergen County)
Solano Ortega

Third Place
Asbury Park Press
The lessons we didn't learn; Revenge is sweet - but it won't stop the pandemic; Why American needs a 'we' philosophy; Fighting COVID while trying to restore trust; The COVID-19 gamble
Luis Solano

Design and Presentation - Feature Section Page Design Portfolio – Daily Under 25,000

No contest

Design and Presentation - Sports Page Design Portfolio – Daily Over 25,000

First Place
Asbury Park Press
Ian Young

Second Place
The Record (Bergen County)
Simply Super; Geared Up; Alonso adding dose of character to MLB; NY teams fired up to play ball; Subway Series stalled
Staff

Third Place
The Record (Bergen County)
Eli Manning; Reed in the Lead; Lafrenière is First; The Chairman of the Board; Giant Step Backward?
Marc Jenkins

Design and Presentation - Sports Page Design Portfolio – Daily Under 25,000

No contest
Best Web Project – Daily Over 25,000

First Place
Asbury Park Press
Dangerous school bus investigation leads to crackdown
Staff

Second Place
Asbury Park Press
Coming Out Day Project
Gannett Regional Staff

Third Place
The Record (Bergen County)
From the African Table
Jim Beckerman, Shaylah Brown, Miguel Fernandez, Photo Staff

Best Web Project – Daily Under 25,000

No contest

Best Multimedia Element – Daily Over 25,000

First Place
The Record (Bergen County)
Coronavirus mass burials on Hart Island
Danielle Parhizkaran, Tariq Zehawi

Second Place
The Record (Bergen County)
Shayla Brown talks about her experience with racism
Shayla Brown, Amy Newman

Third Place
Asbury Park Press
Drone shot integrated into live protest coverage
Thomas P. Costello, Ryan Ross, Mike Davis, Online and Video Staff
**Best Multimedia Element – Weekly**

**First Place**
Montclair Local
Whoopi Goldberg Empowers Women
Adam Anik, Photographer, Gwen Orel, Culture Editor

**Second Place**
Montclair Local
Valentine's Day: Be mine, be yours, self-love
Kate Albright, Photographer

**Third Place**
Montclair Local
COVID-19: Neighbors have nightly toast amid the crisis
Kate Albright, Photographer, Jaimie Julia Winters, Reporter

**Best Video – Daily Over 25,000**

**First Place**
The Record (Bergen County)
Funeral director works overtime amid coronavirus pandemic
Michael Karas

**Second Place**
Asbury Park Press
Daily Over 25,000
Donovan Catholic blanks Toms River North
Thomas P. Costello

**Third Place**
The Star-Ledger
Beloved 94-year-old hot dog lady is still working after months of COVID quarantine
Andre Malok

**Best Video – Daily Under 25,000**

**First Place**
The Express-Times
Lehigh Valley towns resemble ghost towns during coronavirus pandemic
Saed Hindash
**Second Place**  
The Express-Times  
A meandering masked musician plays for no one  
Saed Hindash

**Third Place**  
The Express-Times  
Phillipsburg lays to rest beloved retired K-9 police officer Taz  
Saed Hindash

**Innovation Award – Daily Over 25,000**

**First Place**  
The Record (Bergen County)  
Loved and Lost  
Staff

**Second Place**  
The Star-Ledger  
Coronavirus Text Message Alerts  
Staff

**Third Place**  
The Record (Bergen County)  
North Jersey Livestreams  
Staff

**Innovation Award – Daily Under 25,000**

No contest

**Innovation Award – Weekly**

No contest

**Online Breaking News – Daily Over 25,000**

**First Place**  
Asbury Park Press  
APP.com reporter, others arrested at George Floyd protest  
Staff
Second Place
The Record (Bergen County)
Homicides rock Bergen County
Ricardo Kaulessar, Nicholas Katzban, Anthony Zurita

Third Place
The Record (Bergen County)
The death of Joe Clark
Nicholas Katzban, Terrence McDonald, Steve Janoski

Online Breaking News – Daily Under 25,000

No contest

Online Breaking News - Weekly

First Place
The SandPaper
Women Dead; LBI Health Officials Link Spread of COVID-19 to Birthday Party
Gina G. Scala, Writer

Second Place
The SandPaper
Hotel LBI Owner Fined $1.49 Million for CAFRA Violations
Gina G. Scala, Writer

Third Place
Montclair Local
Photos: About 1,000 Marchers Rally...
Adam Anik, Photographer

Best Web Event – Daily Over 25,000

First Place
The Star-Ledger
24 Hours in Crisis
Staff

Second Place
The Star-Ledger
Silent Stages
Bobby Olivier, Aristide Economopoulos
Third Place
Asbury Park Press
Coming Out Day
Staff

**Best Web Event – Daily Under 25,000**
No contest

**Best Web Event – Weekly**
No contest

**Best Use of Social Media – Daily Over 25,000**

**First Place**
The Record (Bergen County)
Fallon tweets drive engagement
Scott Fallon, Staff Writer

**Second Place**
Asbury Park Press
NJ voters legalize marijuana
Courtney Marabella, Mike Davis

**Third Place**
The Record (Bergen County)
North Jersey Eats
Rebecca King, Elyse Toribio

**Best Use of Social Media – Daily Under 25,000**
No contest

**Best Use of Social Media – Weekly**

**First Place**
The SandPaper
The SandPaper Facebook
Sarah Hodgson, Social Media Manager
Second Place
No winner

Third Place
No winner

Best Video Portfolio – Daily Over 25,000

First Place
The Star-Ledger
Andre Malok

Second Place
Asbury Park Press
Donovan Catholic blanks Toms River North, improves to 6-0; Stephanie Parze's parents still hope for her return; Gun shop owner says it scares him how contagious COVID-19 is; Rain delays Hurricane Harbor waterpark opening
Thomas P. Costello

Third Place
The Star-Ledger
Mel Ibarra

Best Video Portfolio – Daily Under 25,000

No contest

Best Video Portfolio – Weekly

No contest

Best Video Series – Daily Over 25,000

First Place
The Star-Ledger
#TogetherNJ
Staff
Second Place
The Record (Bergen County)
Happy Hour Live
Rebecca King, Paul Wood, Jr.

Third Place
The Star-Ledger
N.J. is Open
Dwayne Uzoaru

Best Video Series – Daily Under 25,000
No contest

Best Video Series – Weekly
No contest

Best Audio Category – Daily Over 25,000

First Place
The Star-Ledger
Together NJ
Jessica Remo, Jessica Mazzola, Katie Kausch

Second Place
The Star-Ledger
Today in N.J.
Libby Cardone

Third Place
The Press of Atlantic City
Something in the Air Podcast
Joe Martucci, Meteorologist

Best Audio Category – Daily Under 25,000
No contest

Best Audio Category – Weekly
No contest
GENERAL EXCELLENCE – DAILY OVER 25,000

THE STAR-LEDGER

GENERAL EXCELLENCE – DAILY UNDER 25,000

THE EXPRESS-TIMES

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WEEKLY JOURNALISM CONTEST

Responsible Journalism - Public Service –
Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award

   First Place
Montclair Local
Montclair as a proving ground; Suing for a recount; New mayor, council to be sworn in July 1; Making sure your choice counts; Count denied
Jaimie Julia Winters, Reporter

   Second Place
Montclair Local
Rent control ordinance blocked; Rent control petition advances; Emails, phone numbers released; Group refiles petition; Clerk rejects second petition
Jaimie Julia Winters, Reporter

   Third Place
The Retrospect
Top Cops Answer Policing Questions/Policing Practices Top of Mind Locally
Bethany Mitros, Associate Editor

Responsible Journalism - Editorial Comment

   First Place
Ocean City Sentinel
Did he get absolution for his Democratic sins; Hobie Young isn't the victim here
David Nahan
Second Place
The West Essex Tribune
West Essex Tribune: Back to School; Wear a Mask
Michael Izzo

Third Place
The West Essex Tribune
West Essex Tribune: Affordable Housing/Close Schools
Michael Izzo

**Responsible Journalism - Enterprise**

First Place
Montclair Local
Viral video inspires impromptu march against racism'; 'The remedies for false reports'
Jaimie Julia Winters, Reporter

Second Place
The Retrospect
COVID Fuels Opioid Crisis
Bethany Mitros, Associate Editor

Third Place
Union County Local Source
Councilwoman mistakenly harassed
EmilyAnn Jackman, Staff Writer

**Responsible Journalism - First Amendment Award**

First Place
Montclair Local
Family files court notice alleging bullying; Moms demand equality; Advocating equity; Moms take to the streets
Jaimie Julia Winters, Rebecca Jones, Erin Roll Reporter, Gwen Orel, Reporters

Second Place
New Jersey Law Journal
Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office Ends Battle to Conceal Officer's False Testimony
Charles Toutant
Third Place
Montclair Local
Airing it out; Ventilation problems detailed in new report
Andrew Garda

**Reporting- Writing & Illustration - News Writing**

First Place
Montclair Local
Split over road closings; Technology challenge; A new place for remote learning
Andrew Garda, Reporter

Second Place
The SandPaper
Boaters Cruise to Support Police, Trump
David Biggy, Writer

Third Place
The SandPaper
Black Voices Are Heard During ‘LBI Walk for BLM’
Monique M. Demopoulos, Writer

**Reporting- Writing & Illustration - Coverage of Government – Art Weissman Memorial Award**

First Place
Montclair Local
Residents ask to hear more from mayor, council; Back to business; Town clamps down on tents
Jaimie Julia Winters, Reporter

Second Place
News-Record of Maplewood & South Orange
TC terminates DPW director's employment with cause; Township introduces $48.2M budget; Maplewood mourns Ryan's death
Yael Katzwer, Editor

Third Place
Montclair Local
Razing denied; Banning leaf blowers during pandemic would be illegal; Rents to be frozen?
Jaimie Julia Winters, Reporter
Reporting- Writing & Illustration - Coverage of Elections/Politics

First Place
The SandPaper
Trump Rally Brings Thousands of Fans To the Jersey Shore; Race for Congress: Van Drew, Kennedy Model ‘Civil’ Debate; Dems Appear To Have Edge In Local Race
Rick Mellerup, Writer

Second Place
Ocean City Sentinel
Linwood neighbors maintain friendship; Mail-in ballots labor-intensive: Second District winner could hold it for years
Craig D. Schenck

Third Place
Montclair Local
Spiller responds to claims of conflict of interest; By the numbers; The COVID campaign
Jaimie Julia Winters, Reporter

Reporting- Writing & Illustration - Coverage of Crime- Police Courts

First Place
New Jersey Law Journal
NJ Supreme Court Coverage -‘We Are in an Ongoing Disaster’: Justices Hear Case Over Murphy’s Borrowing Plan; No ‘Liability-Free Zone’ for Underage Adult Who Hosted Drinking Session; Why Cellphone Passwords Are Not ‘Contents of One's Mind’
Suzette Parmley

Second Place
The Retrospect
Charged with Assault Last Week, Shop Owner Files Complaint/Officer Charged with Assault of Black Residents in Woodlynne/Barrington Man Charged for Threatening Rite Aid COVID Testing Site
Matt Enuco, Reporter

Third Place
Montclair Local
Judge denies town's request to dismiss stay of ordinance; Lawyer: send plan back to board; Montclair appeals emails ruling
Jaimie Julia Winters, Reporter
Reporting - Writing & Illustration - Interpretive Writing

First Place
New Jersey Law Journal
Stoned-Driving Enforcement Seen as New Civil Liability Concern for Police
Charles Toutant

Second Place
The SandPaper
Surf City Lifeguards Recount Water Rescue of Banner Pilot
Gina G. Scala, Writer

Third Place
Montclair Local
Learning in bubbles
Jaimie Julia Winters, Reporter

Reporting - Writing & Illustration - Feature Writing

First Place
The Retrospect
Thanks and Praise: The Stevensons’ Cup Runneth Over
Matt Enuco, Reporter

Second Place
Montclair Local
Letters from caring friends
Gwen Orel, Reporter

Third Place
Ocean City Sentinel
How did we survive that?  Workers ducked under table as tornado hit
David Nahan

Reporting - Writing & Illustration - Column Writing

First Place
The West Essex Tribune
Michael's Musings
Michael Izzo
**Second Place**
Montclair Local
Scents and sensibility in the yard; It's the Roaring '20s, for chipmunks
David Wasmuth, Columnist

**Third Place**
The West Essex Tribune
Jenny's Journal
Jennifer Chciuk

**Reporting- Writing & Illustration - Sports Writing Portfolio**

**First Place**
The SandPaper
About Face: SRHS's Bulger Makes Switch from OSU to Coast Guard Academy; Former Southern Star Decides to Walk Away from Olympic Wrestling; Barnegat Football Coach Davis Steps Down After Developing Program Over 18 Years
David Biggy, Writer

**Second Place**
The Retrospect
Grappler Carey Overcomes Injury to Win on the Mat; Bulldogs, Garnets Battle in Nail-Biter; Mom Coaches One Side, Maddy Plays for the Other
Marc Narducci, Reporter

**Third Place**
Montclair Local
Stoppage of play; A Mountie great departs; Gearing up
Andrew Garda, Reporter

**Reporting- Writing & Illustration - Investigative Reporting**

**First Place**
Montclair Local
Special ed standoff
Andrew Garda, Reporter

**Second Place**
The Retrospect
County Calls For State Oversight at Collingswood Manor
Joan Buehler, Reporter
Third Place
New Jersey Law Journal
For Some Lawyers, Hitting Right Note on Remote Trials Is Matter of Life and Death
Charles Toutant

Reporting - Writing & Illustration - Arts & Entertainment Writing

First Place
The SandPaper
‘Cabaret’ Timely, As Frisky as Ever, A Tad Disturbing
Rick Mellerup, Writer

Second Place
Montclair Local
Finding moments to cherish
Gwen Orel, Reporter

Third Place
Montclair Local
Redemptive, quirky art
Gwen Orel, Reporter

Reporting - Writing & Illustration - Special Subject Writing

First Place
Montclair Local
Trying to build bridges; Tough conversations; A call for accountability; Reforming vs. defunding
Jaimie Julia Winters, Erin Roll, Andrew Garda, Reporters

Second Place
Ocean City Sentinel
Ocean City surfer rides N.J. 'big wave of the winter'
Bill Barlow

Third Place
Ocean City Sentinel
G.E.I. Oyster Farm
David Nahan
Reporting-Writing & Illustration - Environmental-Health & Science Writing

First Place
The Retrospect
One Mom’s Crusade to Prevent SMA in Kids
Bethany Mitros, Associate Editor

Second Place
The Two River Times
State Passes Bill to Ban Single-Use Plastic, Paper Bags
Elizabeth Wulfhorst

Third Place
Montclair Local
Recycling clog-up
Andrew Garda, Reporter

Reporting-Writing & Illustration - Business & Economic Writing

First Place
The SandPaper
A Locals’ Summer To Avenge Spring Lost to COVID-19
Monique M. Demopoulos, Writer

Second Place
The Independent Press of Bloomfield
Flower shop owner waits to get on with his life
Daniel Jackovino, Staff Writer

Third Place
The Two River Times
Auto Dealership Leading the Way of Safe Reopening
Elizabeth Wulfhorst
Reporting- Writing & Illustration - Education Writing

First Place
The SandPaper
Students Give Seuss-Filled Treat To Oxycocus School Families;  Southern, Stafford Teachers Adjusting To Online World;  Students and Staff Growing in New Ways at St. Mary Academy
David Biggy, Writer

Second Place
West Orange Chronicle
Essex Co. schools make the best of remote learning
Amanda Valentovic, EmilyAnn Jackman, Staff Writers

Third Place
The SandPaper
Evangelicals Fight LGBTQ Curriculum;  School Board’s LGBTQ Issue Grows Heated;  Pinelands BOE Hears All Sides Of Curriculum;  Supporters Rally For LGBTQ Pilot At Pinelands HS
Rick Mellerup, Writer

Reporting- Writing & Illustrations - Fresh Approach to Routine Reporting

First Place
The SandPaper
Southern Seniors Given an Easter Surprise by Staff
David Biggy, Writer

Second Place
The Retrospect
COVID Can’t Stop This Santa
Bethany Mitros, Associate Editor

Third Place
Ocean City Sentinel
A Community on the Edge
Bill Barlow
**Reporting- Writing & Illustration - Headlines**

**First Place**  
Atlantic City Weekly  
So much at 'steak';  
A Baker is a baker (and her son's a burger maker);  
Rock in a hard place  
Ryan Loughlin

**Second Place**  
Montclair Local  
Put on PJs, jump in the car;  
Steps toward a trail;  
They have each others' backs  
Joe Dziublenski, Copy editor

**Third Place**  
Montclair Local  
Scents and sensibility in the yard;  
Down love-15 before starting ;  
Good hair days  
Joe Dziublenski, Copy editor

**General Coronavirus/COVID-19 Coverage**

**First Place**  
The Two River Times  
W-22-The Human Cost of COVID; Devastated by Closures, Merchants Try to Adapt to New Normal; Seniors Adjust to Life in Lockdown; Unemployment Rates Reach Unprecedented Numbers; College Graduates Face Virtual Commencements, Uncertain Futures  
Judy O’Gorman-Alvarez, Allison Perrine, Elizabeth Wulfhorst, Eileen Moon

**Second Place**  
The SandPaper  
Island Family Battles COVID-19, Frustrated by Testing Slowness;  
Officials Declare LBI A Local Disaster Area;  
Seasonal Homeowners on LBI Are Requested to Stay Away;  
LBI Mourning Coronavirus Deaths Of Three Longtime Residents;  
35 LBI Lifeguards Cont  
Monique M. Demopoulos, Gina G. Scala, Juliet Kazas-Hoch, Writers

**Third Place**  
Montclair Local  
Stuck in Guatemala;  
Montclair applauds the front line;  
Learning to make the show go on;  
Shofar blasts, safely;  
Latino community faces challenges of COVID-19  
Gwen Orel, Reporter
Packaging the News - General Typography & Layout of the Entire Paper

First Place
Montclair Local
February 20; June 25
Editorial staff

Second Place
The SandPaper
The SandPaper July 8, 2020
Staff

Third Place
no winner

Packaging the News - Front Page Layout

First Place
Atlantic City Weekly
Candy hearts, a dozen roses and one giant elephant; 'Stages' of the pandemic
Jill Metzger

Second Place
The SandPaper
The SandPaper March 4, 2020; August 12, 2020
Staff

Third Place
Montclair Local
February 20; November 12
Jaimie Julia Winters, Editor/Reporter, Andrea Bondy, Paginator, Kevin Meacham
Editor/Paginator, Andrew Garda, Reporter

Packaging the News - Editorial Section Layout & Content

First Place
Ocean City Sentinel
Editorial Pages
David Nahan
Second Place
The SandPaper
The SandPaper February 19, 2020; July 1, 2020
Gail Travers, Executive Editor, Pattie McIntyre, Layout Supervisor

Third Place
Montclair Local
February 27; June 25
Jaimie Julia Winters, Editor, Andrea Bondy, Paginator, Kevin Meacham, Editor

Sports Section Layout and Content

First Place
Ocean City Sentinel
Sports Section
David Nahan, Craig D. Schenck, Kyle McCrane, Clyde Hughes

Second Place
Montclair Local
January 30; February 27
Andrew Garda, Reporter, Andrea Bondy, Paginator, Kevin Meacham, Editor

Third Place
The SandPaper
The SandPaper February 19, 2020; November 25, 2020
David Biggy, Writer, Pattie McIntyre, Layout Supervisor

Packaging the News - Special Issue

First Place
Montclair Local
Holiday Happenings, Nov. 19
Staff

Second Place
Ocean City Sentinel
Upper Township Community Guide 2020
David Nahan, Samuel Hutchins

Third Place
Montclair Local
Fall in Montclair, Sept. 10
Staff
GENERAL EXCELLENCE – WEEKLY DIVISION

MONTCLAIR LOCAL

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PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Spot News

First Place
South Jersey Times
Atlantic City protest
Tim Hawk, Photographer

Second Place
The Star-Ledger
Fatal Fire
Aristide Economopoulos

Third Place
The Jersey Journal
Stormy Day Help
Michael Dempsey, Photographer

General News

First Place
South Jersey Times
Focused
Tim Hawk, Photographer

Second Place
The Star-Ledger
Son’s farewell
Patti Sapone

Third Place
Asbury Park Press
Seventy Years Strong
Doug Hood
News Picture Story

First Place
The Record (Bergen County)
Madonna Funeral Home
Amy Newman, Staff Photographer

Second Place
The Star-Ledger
End of Watch
Staff

Third Place
The Record (Bergen County)
Paterson Covid-19 unit
Amy Newman, Staff Photographer

Sports Action

First Place
The Express-Times
Blocked
Saed Hindash

Second Place
Asbury Park Press
State Final
Doug Hood

Third Place
Asbury Park Press
Few Yards Short
Peter Ackerman

Sports Feature

First Place
The Star-Ledger
Steam Chris Faytok
Second Place
South Jersey Times
Connor O'Neill
Lori M. Nichols, Photographer

Third Place
South Jersey Times
Lady Herd
Lori M. Nichols, Photographer

Sports Feature Picture Story

First Place
The Express-Times
Two time champion
Saed Hindash

Second Place
The Jersey Journal
A First for Girls
Reena Rose Sibayan, Photographer

Third Place
South Jersey Times
Surf Jam
Lori M. Nichols, Photographer

Feature

First Place
South Jersey Times
Surfing Teddy
Tim Hawk, Photographer

Second Place
The Record (Bergen County)
Yom Kippur at home
Mitsu Yasukawa, Staff Photographer
Third Place
The Express-Times
Spray Fun
Saed Hindash

Feature Picture Story

First Place
South Jersey Times
FlyPups
Tim Hawk, Photographer

Second Place
Montclair Local
Bears and Rainbows
Kate Albright, Photographer

Third Place
South Jersey Times
Red Solo Cup service
Tim Hawk, Photographer

Portrait

First Place
Montclair Local
Dancing Out Trauma
Kate Albright, Photographer

Second Place
The Star-Ledger
Witch Doctor
Aristide Economopoulos

Third Place
The Jersey Journal
Track Standout
Reena Rose Sibayan, Photographer
**Pictorial**

**First Place**
South Jersey Times
Spooky Blue Moon
Tim Hawk, Photographer

**Second Place**
Asbury Park Press
Barnegat Inlet
Peter Ackerman

**Third Place**
South Jersey Times
The view from the jetty
Lori M. Nichols, Photographer

**Best Portfolio**

**First Place**
South Jersey Times
Portfolio
Tim Hawk Photographer

**Second Place**
Asbury Park Press
PTA Best Portfolio
Peter Ackerman

**Third Place**
The Record (Bergen County)
Amy Newman, Staff Photographer

**COVID-19**

**First Place**
The Jersey Journal
A Year Like No Other
Reena Rose Sibayan, Photographer
Second Place
Asbury Park Press
Out of Room
Thomas Costello

Third Place
Asbury Park Press
Heading Home
Tanya Breen

Protest

First Place
The Express-Times
Black Lives Matter
Saed Hindash

Second Place
South Jersey Times
Sign of the times
Tim Hawk, Photographer

Third Place
Asbury Park Press
Black Lives
Peter Ackerman, Thomas Costello, Tanya Breen

BEST OF SHOW

The Record (Bergen County)
Madonna Funeral Home
Amy Newman, Staff Photographer