

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 Suring - 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

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

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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. Menendes?; 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 repped Lehigh 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

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

No contest

Reporting and Writing - Scholastic Sports Portfolio – Daily Over 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 Under 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 Kalessar, 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

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 harrassed
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

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