

2024-25 NJ College Newspaper Contest Results

Four Year

Individual

Arts & Entertainment/Critical Writing

First Place

Ramapo News

Ramapo College of New Jersey

'Gladiator II' does not live up to the original

Amanda Jones

Four Year

Individual

Arts & Entertainment/Critical Writing

Second Place

The Daily Targum

Rutgers University

College Avenue Players work their magic with 'Wacky Hijinks'

Joel Pesantez

Four Year

Individual

Arts & Entertainment/Critical Writing

Third Place

The Signal

The College of New Jersey

TCNJ Art Gallery features modern interpretations of an ancient art form: Chinese calligraphy

Sky Pinkett

Two Year

Individual

Arts & Entertainment/Critical Writing

First Place

The College Voice

Mercer County Community College

"Rent" at the Kelsey Theatre filled the show with life on its 28-year anniversary

Mary-Simone Collazo

Two Year

Individual

Arts & Entertainment/Critical Writing

Second Place

Quo Vadis

Middlesex County College

Grab a Quick Bite to Eat in South Amboy; Taste of Latin Comfort Food in Sayreville

Nolan MacFadyen

Two Year

Individual

Arts & Entertainment/Critical Writing

Third Place

The Youngtown Edition

County College of Morris

Sara Lim: Shakespeare's Macbeth Struts and Frets Upon the Stage in Madison

Sara Lim

Four Year

Individual

Biography/Personality Profile

First Place

The Signal

The College of New Jersey

Rewriting the 'Trash Chute' narrative: The untold story of John Fiocco Jr.

Liz Ciocher

Four Year

Individual

Biography/Personality Profile

Second Place

The Rider News

Rider University

Coach's culture fosters maturity, championship; 'No senioritis'- Dell'Omo's retirement and beyond

Jake Tiger

**Four Year
Individual
Biography/Personality Profile**

Third Place

St. Peter's Tribune

St. Peter's University

Recognizing the Lives and Talents of School Workers: Lorenzo Pickett, Visual Artist and Photographer

Elektra Hanna

**Two Year
Individual
Biography/Personality Profile**

First Place

The College Voice

Mercer County Community College

After years in a gas station, this popular local eatery has a bright future thanks to its charismatic owner

Tiernan Stover

**Two Year
Individual
Biography/Personality Profile**

Second Place

The College Voice

Mercer County Community College

Terry Smith shows students the value of taking it one day at a time

Victoria Delgado

**Two Year
Individual
Biography/Personality Profile**

Third Place

The Youngtown Edition

County College of Morris

Romeo and Juliet in conversation with Professor Patten

Sara Lim

**Four Year
Individual
Column/Opinion Writing
First Place**

The Daily Princetonian
Princeton University

For the record, video cameras at CPUC meetings must not g ; Reactions: The Clio Hall student protesters' cases are sent to trial
Alex Norbrook, Christofer Robles, Siyeon Lee, Asa Santos

**Four Year
Individual
Column/Opinion Writing
Second Place**

St. Peter's Tribune
St. Peter's University

Behind the Wheel: A Cry for Safer Driving in Jersey City
Riza Bautista

**Four Year
Individual
Column/Opinion Writing
Third Place**

The Montclarion

Montclair State University

Montclair State Dining: Why Are We Still Waiting?

Sal DiMaggio

**Two Year
Individual
Column/Opinion Writing
First Place**

Quo Vadis

Middlesex County College

Social Media Impacts College Students Health

Trinity Dunn

**Two Year
Individual
Column/Opinion Writing
Second Place**

The Youngtown Edition
County College of Morris
Top Five Tips from The William Strunk and E.B. White Classic: The Elements of Style
Facella Leah

**Two Year
Individual
Column/Opinion Writing
Third Place**

The College Voice
Mercer County Community College
Lack of basic civics education in the United States is a crisis and we all are responsible for addressing it
Oluwakemi Olaleye

**Four Year
Individual
Editorial Writing
First Place**

The Daily Princetonian
Princeton University
Encampments are not 'inherently unsafe.' Princeton should not arrest or expel students for them.; Serving our readers and ourselves: introducing the Public Editor
Daily Princetonian Editorial Board , Abigail Rabieh

**Four Year
Individual
Editorial Writing
Second Place**

The Montclarion
Montclair State University
EDITORIAL: In Bad Taste: Mandated Meal Plans for Apartment Residents is Unsavory
Colin Luderitz, Cassandra Michalakis

**Four Year
Individual
Editorial Writing
Third Place**

The Daily Targum
Rutgers University

EDITORIAL: Tick Tock TikTok: Trump's free speech; EDITORIAL: Trump rollbacks DEI: How minority students are affected
Jesse Singer

**Two Year
Individual
Editorial Writing
First Place**

The College Voice

Mercer County Community College

Mercer's administration unveils underwhelming rebrand: They should have saved the money
Sky Johnson, Staff of The College VOICE

**Two Year
Individual
Editorial Writing
Second Place**

The Youngtown Edition

County College of Morris

The Illusion of Free Will-Stanford Professor Robert Sapolsky's analysis
Favio Jasso

**Two Year
Individual
Editorial Writing
Third Place**

Quo Vadis

Middlesex County College

ICE Raids and Deportations Cause a Disruption

Ridha Mirza, Hina Naqvi, Sandra Milton-Rodriguez

**Four Year
Individual
Enterprise/Investigative Reporting
First Place**

The Signal
The College of New Jersey
Alcohol-related calls to TCNJ Campus Police rise to pre-pandemic numbers
Isabella Darcy

**Four Year
Individual
Enterprise/Investigative Reporting
Second Place**

The Rider News
Rider University
Rider mulls DEI 'balancing act'; Anti-DEI letter sparks re-evaluation of Rider's courses
Jake Tiger

**Four Year
Individual
Enterprise/Investigative Reporting
Third Place**

The Setonian
Seton Hall University
Controversy surrounding Msgr. Reilly continues as archbishop orders a new investigation
"Rachel Suazo, Jacqueline Litowinsky, Dominique Mercadante"

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Individual
Enterprise/Investigative Reporting
First Place**

The College Voice
Mercer County Community College
MCCC students face ongoing issues with disability access
Mary-Simone Collazo

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Individual
Enterprise/Investigative Reporting
Second Place**

The Youngtown Edition
County College of Morris
Community Colleges provide support for student mental health
Fiona Quirk

**Two Year
Individual
Enterprise/Investigative Reporting**

Third Place

Quo Vadis

Middlesex County College

Track and Field Track Coach's Contract Not Renewed Due to Track and Field Cut

Marquis Pullins, Trinity Dunn, Erin Hellhake, Nolan MacFadyen

Four Year

Individual

Feature Writing

First Place

The Signal

The College of New Jersey

'Be Kind 4 Michael': TCNJ staff member honors late son by spreading painted rocks around campus

Victoria Gladstone

Four Year

Individual

Feature Writing

Second Place

The Vector

New Jersey Institute of Technology

Experiences of Women at NJIT

Yukthi Sangoi

Four Year

Individual

Feature Writing

Third Place

The Rider News

Rider University

Toro reconnects with Puerto Rican heritage through writing; DeVercellys aid in first federal anti-hazing act

Grace Bertrand

**Two Year
Individual
Feature Writing
First Place**

The College Voice
Mercer County Community College
Magic the Gathering: card game draws diverse groups together
Sky Johnson

**Two Year
Individual
Feature Writing
Second Place**

The College Voice
Mercer County Community College
College students struggle to push through social anxiety that worsened after COVID lockdown
Felicia Polanco da Silva

**Two Year
Individual
Feature Writing
Third Place**

Quo Vadis
Middlesex County College
College Partners with RWJ for Blood Drive
Ellen Kwon

**Four Year
Newspaper
General Excellence
First Place**

The Daily Princetonian
Princeton University
Going Back to Nassau Ball
Malia Gaviola, Ryan Konarska, Diego Uribe, Cole Keller

**Four Year
Newspaper
General Excellence
Second Place**

The Montclarion
Montclair State University
The Montclarion: The Election Edition and The Winter Edition
The Montclarion Staff

**Four Year
Newspaper
General Excellence**

Third Place

The Rider News
Rider University
The Rider News Staff

**Two Year
Newspaper
General Excellence**

First Place

Quo Vadis
Middlesex County College
September 18, September 4
Sean Huey Melido, Erin Hellhake, Trinity Dunn

**Two Year
Newspaper
General Excellence**

Second Place

The College Voice
Mercer County Community College
Staff of The College VOICE

**Two Year
Newspaper
General Excellence**

Third Place

The Youngtown Edition
County College of Morris
The Rolling Stones Across Generations
Ruth Adams

**Four Year
Newspaper
Layout & Design**

First Place

The Rider News
Rider University
Josiah Thomas, Maggie Kleiner

**Four Year
Newspaper
Layout & Design
Second Place**

The Montclarion
Montclair State University
The Montclarion: The Election Edition
Nicky Vidal

**Four Year
Newspaper
Layout & Design
Third Place**

The Outlook
Monmouth University
Binder1.pdf
Taylor Memoli, Bailey Fredericks

**Two Year
Newspaper
Layout & Design
First Place**

Quo Vadis
Middlesex County College
May 1, 2024; Nov.27 2024
Trinity Dunn, Sean Huey Melido, Erin Hellhake, Nolan MacFadyen

**Two Year
Newspaper
Layout & Design
Second Place**

The Youngtown Edition
County College of Morris
Planning to Transfer to Rutgers
Drew Notarnicola

**Four Year
Individual
News Writing
First Place**

The Rider News

Rider University

Rider mulls DEI balancing act; Anti-DEI letter sparks re-evaluation of Rider's courses.pdfRider
mulls DEI balancing act; Anti-DEI letter sparks re-evaluation of Rider's courses

Jake Tiger

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News Writing
Second Place**

The Montclarion

Montclair State University

Confusion on Campus as Classes Without Rooms Get Moved to Online

Emily Ramirez

**Four Year
Individual
News Writing
Third Place**

The Rider News

Rider University

Department chair on unpaid leave for offensive salute; Admin stands by decision

Hannah Newman

**Two Year
Individual
News Writing
First Place**

Quo Vadis

Middlesex County College

Middlesex College Gets a \$1.2 Million Arts Grant; Wi-Fi Renovations Arrive on Campus

Erin Hellhake

**Two Year
Individual
News Writing
Second Place**

The College Voice
Mercer County Community College
Putting the "Moo" in Mercer: steer offers students his soothing service
Mary-Simone Collazo, Demetrius Davis

**Two Year
Individual
News Writing
Third Place**

Quo Vadis
Middlesex County College
Get Bus Tickets; College Enters 2025 With Changes and Looks Ahead
Trinity Dunn

**Four Year
Online
Online Video
First Place**

The Signal
The College of New Jersey
Trump executive orders could impact TCNJ policies and programs
Andre Paras, Isabella Darcy, Tristan Weisenbach, Ally Uhlendorf

**Four Year
Online
Online Video
Second Place**

The Signal
The College of New Jersey
WTSR Underground brings local indie music scene to TCNJ
Andre Paras

**Four Year
Online
Online Video
Third Place**

The Rider News
Rider University
Rider Rock makes groundbreaking move
Josiah Thomas

Two Year
Online
Online Video

First Place

The College Voice

Mercer County Community College

TikTok election 2025 - VOICE on-the-street interviews

Mary-Simone Collazo, Oluwakemi Olaleye, Tiernan Stover, Sky Johnson

Four Year

Online

Overall Website

First Place

The Rider News

Rider University

The Rider News Staff

Four Year

Online

Overall Website

Second Place

The Daily Princetonian

Princeton University

The Daily Princetonian Staff

Four Year

Online

Overall Website

Third Place

The Setonian

Seton Hall University

Editorial Staff

Two Year

Online

Overall Website

First Place

The College Voice

Mercer County Community College

Staff of The College VOICE

**Two Year
Online
Overall Website**

Second Place

Quo Vadis

Middlesex County College

Trinity Dunn, Nolan MacFayden, Marquis Pullins, Ridha Mirza

Four Year

Individual

Photography

First Place

The Daily Princetonian

Princeton University

'Gaza Solidarity Encampment': From the Sidelines

Calvin Grover, Ryland Graham

Four Year

Individual

Photography

Second Place

The Daily Targum

Rutgers University

The Look of Cheer; The Look of Enjoyment; The Look of Teammates; The Look of Victory

Christian Sanchez

Four Year

Individual

Photography

Third Place

The Daily Targum

Rutgers University

Celebrate; Focus; Joy; Strategize

Evan Leong

Two Year

Individual

Photography

First Place

The College Voice

Mercer County Community College

"Rent" at the Kelsey Theatre filled the show with life on its 28-year anniversary

Mary-Simone Collazo

**Two Year
Individual
Photography
Second Place**

Quo Vadis
Middlesex County College
College Community Engages in Student Fair; Harvest Takes Over College
Trinity Dunn

**Two Year
Individual
Photography
Third Place**

Quo Vadis
Middlesex County College
Women's Soccer Team Prepares for the Season; Woodbridge Celebrates Jazz Festival
Nolan MacFadyen

**Four Year
Individual
Sports Writing
First Place**

The Daily Targum
Rutgers University
Harper does Harper things: Dylan Harper sinks buzzer-beater to take down Seton Hall
Camden Markel

**Four Year
Individual
Sports Writing
Second Place**

The Rider News
Rider University
Winning streak reaches 11, unbeaten in MAAC; 'It was time'- Baseball coach resigns after 20 years, 4 titles
Benjamin Shinault

**Four Year
Individual
Sports Writing**

Third Place

The Daily Targum

Rutgers University

Rattled at Rate Bowl: Diving into Rutgers football's heartbreaking postseason loss to Kansas State

Josh Meyers

**Two Year
Individual
Sports Writing**

First Place

The Youngtown Edition

County College of Morris

March Madness Forecast: who will go far and who will disappoint?

William Edmonson

**Two Year
Individual
Sports Writing**

Second Place

Quo Vadis

Middlesex County College

Life Lessons and Volleyball Drama Collide in 'Haikyu!!'

Sean Huey Melido

**Two Year
Individual
Sports Writing**

Third Place

The College Voice

Mercer County Community College

Vikings men's basketball rebounds from bad first half against Dundalk Lions

Steven Schechter

Four Year

Online

Web Project

First Place

The Rider News

Rider University

Portals and pipelines: How Rider recruits post-NIL

Jake Tiger

Four Year

Online

Web Project

Second Place

The Daily Princetonian

Princeton University

Princeton Rewind: 1999 Surveyed

Yacoub Kakhajian, Andrew Bosworth, Julia Hines

Four Year

Online

Web Project

Third Place

The Daily Princetonian

Princeton University

The State of Activism

Yacoub Kakhajian, Patrick Chen, Luiza Chevres, Malia Gaviola

Two Year

Online

Web Project

First Place

Quo Vadis

Middlesex County College

Instagram Posts

Trinity Dunn

Two Year

Online

Web Project

Second Place

CCC Times

Camden County College

Rachael McKeen: How the pandemic shifted her education, career, and passions

Kathryn Custer

**Two Year
Online
Web Project
Third Place**

Quo Vadis

Middlesex County College

With the role that women play in politics, do you think that America will ever be ready to elect a female president?

Trinity Dunn

**Four Year
Sweepstakes Award**

The Rider News

Rider University

**Two Year
Sweepstakes Award**

The College Voice

Mercer County Community College