

2025-26 College Newspaper Contest Results

**Individual**

**Biography/Personality Profile**

**First Place**

**Quo Vadis**

**Middlesex College**

**Two Year**

**"Badaway Transforms Struggles Into Success, Student Athlete Plans to Mentor Youth Through Volleyball Club"**

**Ridha Mirza**

**Individual**

**Biography/Personality Profile**

**Second Place**

**Quo Vadis**

**Middlesex College**

**Two Year**

**Chef Katelyn Burns Elevates Pastry Excellence with Creativity**

**Stacey Rosales**

**Individual**

**Column/Opinion Writing**

**Third Place**

**Quo Vadis**

**Middlesex College**

**Two Year**

**Cultural Stigma Challenges Student Seeking Support**

**Daylin Arellano**

**Individual**

**Editorial Writing**

**First Place**

**Quo Vadis**

**Middlesex College**

**Two Year**

**Social Media Distorts Teen Self-Image**

**Jahzara Bryant, Daylin Arellano, Daniel Gonzalez, Uziel Alache**

**Individual**  
**Editorial Writing**  
**Second Place**  
**Quo Vadis**  
**Middlesex College**  
**Two Year**  
**Tech Industry Sacrifices Sustainability to Advance AI**  
**Marro Hawkins II, Trinity Dunn, Hina Naqvi**

**Individual**  
**Feature Writing**  
**Second Place**  
**Quo Vadis**  
**Middlesex College**  
**Two Year**  
**Princeton: Lively Streets and Historic Buildings, Experience Convenient Traveling and Seasonal Beauty with Edison**  
**Ridha Mirza**

**Individual**  
**Feature Writing**  
**Third Place**  
**Quo Vadis**  
**Middlesex College**  
**Two Year**  
**Wildflowers Brighten Chimney Rock's Paths, Trendsetters Embrace Bold Looks for Spring**  
**Catherine Warrington**

**Newspaper**  
**General Excellence**  
**Second Place**  
**Quo Vadis**  
**Middlesex College**  
**Two Year**  
**General Excellence**  
**Trinity Dunn, Ridha Mizra**

**Newspaper  
Layout & Design  
First Place  
Quo Vadis  
Middlesex College  
Two Year  
Layout  
Trinity Dunn, Ridha Mizra**

**Individual  
News Writing  
Second Place  
Quo Vadis  
Middlesex College  
Two Year  
Assembly Discusses ICE Concerns, Music Course, Students Named Coca-Cola Leaders Amani  
Harris and Bill Kawaka Awarded Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarships  
Ridha Mirza**

**Individual  
News Writing  
Third Place  
Quo Vadis  
Middlesex College  
Two Year  
Construction Starts Middlesex County and the College Break Ground on New Buildings,  
College Joins NJBioFutures New Coalition Forms Pathway to NJ Cell and Gene Therapy Sector  
Trinity Dunn**

**Online  
Online Video  
First Place  
Quo Vadis  
Middlesex College  
Two Year  
Quo Vadis Sports  
Marquis Pullins Jr.**

**Online**

**Overall Website**

**First Place**

**Quo Vadis**

**Middlesex College**

**Two Year**

**Quo Vadis Newspaper website**

**Staff 2025-2026**

**Individual**

**Photography**

**Third Place**

**Quo Vadis**

**Middlesex College**

**Two Year**

**Women's Soccer Midfielder Commits to Rosemont College, Colts Baseball Open Conference**

**Play, Men's Volleyball Falls to Union College, Colts Split Doubleheader in Raritan Valley**

**Nolan MacFadyen**

**Individual**

**Sports Writing**

**Second Place**

**Quo Vadis**

**Middlesex College**

**Two Year**

**Soccer Team Wins Against Ranked Team, College Builds Stadium: Project Modernizes**

**Athletics and Creates Opportunities**

**Uziel Alache**

**Individual**

**Sports Writing**

**Third Place**

**Quo Vadis**

**Middlesex College**

**Two Year**

**Colts Baseball Opens Season Against Suffolk County, Colts Baseball Claim First Victory of**

**Season to Close out Opening Day**

**Nolan MacFadyen**

**Online**

**Web Project**

**First Place**

**Quo Vadis**

**Middlesex College**

**Two Year**

**Students Explore East Jersey Old Town Village**

**Trinity Dunn**

**Individual**

**Arts & Entertainment/Critical Writing**

**First Place**

**Ramapo News**

**Ramapo College of New Jersey**

**Four Year**

**'The Pitt' is a compelling portrayal of hospital reality**

**Maryellen Kane**

**Individual**

**Column/Opinion Writing**

**First Place**

**Ramapo News**

**Ramapo College of New Jersey**

**Four Year**

**Bad Bunny's halftime show should not be controversial**

**Julia Caramagna**

**Individual**

**Column/Opinion Writing**

**Third Place**

**St. Peter's Tribune**

**St. Peter's University**

**Four Year**

**As Our Generation Graduates into a World of Uncertainty, We're Reimagining What Comes Next**

**Riza Bautista**

**Individual**

**Arts & Entertainment/Critical Writing**

**First Place**

**The College Voice**

**Mercer County Community College**

**Two Year**

**"Gaslight" thrills audiences at Kelsey Theatre**

**Maryanne Fiuza**

**Individual**

**Arts & Entertainment/Critical Writing**

**Second Place**

**The College Voice**

**Mercer County Community College**

**Two Year**

**Kinky Boots delivered joy, power and pride at Kelsey Theatre**

**Demetrius Davis**

**Individual**

**Arts & Entertainment/Critical Writing**

**Third Place**

**The College Voice**

**Mercer County Community College**

**Two Year**

**Ila Mae's Restaurant in Trenton: food for the soul**

**Keith Morris Jr.**

**Individual**

**Column/Opinion Writing**

**First Place**

**The College Voice**

**Mercer County Community College**

**Two Year**

**Leaving Mercer scares me, but I'm ready to go**

**Valerie Mulrine**

**Individual**

**Column/Opinion Writing**

**Second Place**

**The College Voice**

**Mercer County Community College**

**Two Year**

**A boyfriend would just be in the way**

**Linnea Rameil**

**Individual**

**Enterprise/Investigative Reporting**

**First Place**

**The College Voice**

**Mercer County Community College**

**Two Year**

**Financial aid outsourced: staff laid off before spring registration**

**Jyotika Aggarwal, Bianca Araujo Menezes**

**Individual**

**Enterprise/Investigative Reporting**

**Second Place**

**The College Voice**

**Mercer County Community College**

**Two Year**

**Mercer opens investigation into class trip to New York**

**Jyotika Aggarwal**

**Individual**

**Feature Writing**

**First Place**

**The College Voice**

**Mercer County Community College**

**Two Year**

**Mercer twin models balance school and fashion**

**Keith Morris Jr.**

**Newspaper**

**General Excellence**

**First Place**

**The College Voice**

**Mercer County Community College**

**Two Year**

**The College VOICE**

**Staff of The College VOICE**

**Individual**

**News Writing**

**First Place**

**The College Voice**

**Mercer County Community College**

**Two Year**

**"Stand Up For Science" protest draws hundreds of NJ scientists to Trenton**

**Jyotika Aggarwal, Valerie Mulrine**

**Online**

**Overall Website**

**Second Place**

**The College Voice**

**Mercer County Community College**

**Two Year**

**The College VOICE**

**Staff of The College VOICE**

**Individual**

**Photography**

**First Place**

**The College Voice**

**Mercer County Community College**

**Two Year**

**"Stand Up For Science" protest draws hundreds of NJ scientists to Trenton**

**Jyotika Aggarwal, Valerie Mulrine**

**Individual**

**Photography**

**Second Place**

**The College Voice**

**Mercer County Community College**

**Two Year**

**Come for the aliens, stay for the lattes at Grover's Mill Coffee**

**Micah Witter**

**Individual**  
**Sports Writing**  
**First Place**  
**The College Voice**  
**Mercer County Community College**  
**Two Year**  
**Visa problems worry MCCC international athletes**  
**Bianca Araujo Menezes, Victoria Delgado**

**Individual**  
**Arts & Entertainment/Critical Writing**  
**Second Place**  
**The Daily Princetonian**  
**Princeton University**  
**Four Year**  
**South Asian Theatrics' Legally Brown: wonderfully absurd and horrifically brain-rotted**  
**Amaya Taylor**

**Individual**  
**Biography/Personality Profile**  
**First Place**  
**The Daily Princetonian**  
**Princeton University**  
**Four Year**  
**A brilliant young contemporary writer and a beautiful human being': Remembering Lauren Blackburn '26; 'A brilliant, generous, and determined young woman': Remembering Maria Catotola Bowling GS**  
**Victoria Davies, Caitlyn Tablada, Maya Mukherjee, Clara Docherty**

**Individual**  
**Biography/Personality Profile**  
**Second Place**  
**The Daily Princetonian**  
**Princeton University**  
**Four Year**  
**From La Masia to Princeton: how the Kelley brothers built a lifetime of soccer together**  
**Leela Hensler**

**Individual**  
**Enterprise/Investigative Reporting**  
**First Place**  
**The Daily Princetonian**  
**Princeton University**

**Four Year**

**Princeton wants to help students in mental health crises. Can it succeed?**

**Raphaela Gold**

**Individual**

**Enterprise/Investigative Reporting**

**Second Place**

**The Daily Princetonian**

**Princeton University**

**Four Year**

**Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth '03 'plagiarized' small portions of his senior thesis, experts say. But how serious is it?**

**Sena Chang**

**Individual**

**Feature Writing**

**First Place**

**The Daily Princetonian**

**Princeton University**

**Four Year**

**The future of humanities teaching in the AI age, according to Princeton professors**

**Nikki Han**

**Individual**

**Feature Writing**

**Second Place**

**The Daily Princetonian**

**Princeton University**

**Four Year**

**The rise and fall of Hoagie Haven**

**Jillian Ascher, Mara DuBois**

**Individual**

**Feature Writing**

**Third Place**

**The Daily Princetonian**

**Princeton University**

**Four Year**

**To defend or expand? That is the question for one controversial Princeton development**  
**Oliver Wu, Teresa Chen**

**Newspaper**  
**General Excellence**  
**First Place**  
**The Daily Princetonian**  
**Princeton University**  
**Four Year**  
**The Daily Princetonian**  
**Editorial Staff**

**Newspaper**  
**Layout & Design**  
**Second Place**  
**The Daily Princetonian**  
**Princeton University**  
**Four Year**  
**The Daily Princetonian**  
**Juan Fajardo, Malia Gaviola**

**Individual**  
**News Writing**  
**First Place**  
**The Daily Princetonian**  
**Princeton University**  
**Four Year**  
**Protesters, fire alarm disrupt former prime minister of Israel**  
**Kian Petlin, Devon Rudolph, Vitus Larrieu**

**Individual**  
**News Writing**  
**Second Place**  
**The Daily Princetonian**  
**Princeton University**  
**Four Year**

**Five percent of Class of 2029 identify as Black or African-American, lowest since 1968**  
**Sena Chang**

**Individual**

**News Writing**

**Third Place**

**The Daily Princetonian**

**Princeton University**

**Four Year**

**'An existential crisis': The faculty research stopped after research grants suspended**

**Luke Grippo**

**Online**

**Overall Website**

**Third Place**

**The Daily Princetonian**

**Princeton University**

**Four Year**

**dailyprincetonian.com**

**Editorial Staff**

**Individual**

**Photography**

**First Place**

**The Daily Princetonian**

**Princeton University**

**Four Year**

**Princeton University Art Museum**

**Calvin Grover, Katharine Shea, MC McCoy, Siena Sydenham**

**Individual**

**Sports Writing**

**Third Place**

**The Daily Princetonian**

**Princeton University**

**Four Year**

**After difficult season, two men's basketball assistants asked not to return for the 2025–26 season**

**Doug Schwartz**

**Online**

**Web Project**

**First Place**

**The Daily Princetonian**  
**Princeton University**  
**Four Year**  
**Tracking Trump's Executive Actions**  
**Cole Ramer, Ibraheem Amin, Emilia Reay, Olivia Sanchez**

**Online**  
**Web Project**  
**Second Place**  
**The Daily Princetonian**  
**Princeton University**  
**Four Year**  
**Inside the Princeton University Art Museum**  
**Yacoub Kahkajian, Cole Ramer, John Wu, Victoria Davies**

**Individual**  
**Column/Opinion Writing**  
**Second Place**  
**The Daily Targum**  
**Rutgers University**  
**Four Year**  
**Nathan Duguid**

**Individual**  
**Photography**  
**Third Place**  
**The Daily Targum**  
**Rutgers University**  
**Four Year**  
**Lucas Tang**

**Individual**  
**Sports Writing**  
**First Place**  
**The Daily Targum**  
**Rutgers University**  
**Four Year**

**Matt Mangam**

**Individual**

**Sports Writing**

**Second Place**

**The Daily Targum**

**Rutgers University**

**Four Year**

**Nicholas Hart**

**Individual**

**Biography/Personality Profile**

**Third Place**

**The Montclarion**

**Montclair State University**

**Four Year**

**Student Spotlight: Damian Cacciato on Legitimacy, Leverage, and Launching a Global Brand//**

**Portrayal of Resilience: Cancer Survivor and Her Artistic Journey**

**Olivia Yayla , David Bien-Aime**

**Newspaper**

**General Excellence**

**Second Place**

**The Montclarion**

**Montclair State University**

**Four Year**

**Election Impact Edition; Essentials Edition**

**The Montclarion Staff**

**Newspaper**

**Layout & Design**

**Third Place**

**The Montclarion**

**Montclair State University**

**Four Year**

**The Montclarion's 2025 Player of the Year: Jacob Morales**

**Tom Sheridan**

**Online**

**Online Video**

**First Place**  
**The Montclarion**  
**Montclair State University**  
**Four Year**  
**The First Mountain Music Festival**  
**Jeimmy Garita**

**Individual**  
**Photography**  
**Second Place**  
**The Montclarion**  
**Montclair State University**  
**Four Year**  
**Capturing the School Spirit of Red Hawk Day**  
**Sophia Lazaridis, David Bien-Aime**

**Individual**  
**Editorial Writing**  
**First Place**  
**The Rider News**  
**Rider University**  
**Four Year**  
**Financial Sacrifices Target The 'Backbone' of Rider**  
**Cal Sutton, Samantha Clark**

**Newspaper**  
**General Excellence**  
**Third Place**  
**The Rider News**  
**Rider University**  
**Four Year**  
**November 12, 2025; October 22, 2025**  
**The Rider News**

**Online**  
**Overall Website**

**Second Place**  
**Rider University**  
**Four Year**  
**The Rider News**

**Individual**  
**Arts & Entertainment/Critical Writing**  
**Third Place**  
**The Setonian**  
**Seton Hall University**  
**Four Year**  
**'Baby, let the games begin': the art of diss tracks**  
**Kaelyn Blizzard**

**Individual**  
**Editorial Writing**  
**Second Place**  
**The Setonian**  
**Seton Hall University**  
**Four Year**  
**All we want for Christmas is transparency; America can no longer ignore gun reform**  
**Editorial Board**

**Online**  
**Overall Website**  
**First Place**  
**The Setonian**  
**Seton Hall University**  
**Four Year**  
**thesetonian.com**  
**Editorial Board**

**Online**  
**Web Project**  
**Third Place**  
**The Setonian**  
**Seton Hall University**  
**Four Year**  
**Instagram Reel PSO Mo Morrison; Instagram Reel Dunkin Reopening**  
**Keira Bala**

**Individual**

**Editorial Writing**

**Third Place**

**The Signal**

**The College New Jersey**

**Four Year**

**Just because it's anonymous, doesn't mean you should post**

**Alena Bitonti, Lake DiStefano"**

**Individual**

**Enterprise/Investigative Reporting**

**Third Place**

**The Signal**

**The College New Jersey**

**Four Year**

**Eateries at TCNJ show progress on safety violations, but problems still remain**

**Isabella Darcy**

**Online**

**Online Video**

**Second Place**

**The Signal**

**The College New Jersey**

**Four Year**

**New Jersey Assembly Public Safety Committee advances immigration safety bills**

**Andre Paras**

**Online**

**Online Video**

**Third Place**

**The Signal**

**The College New Jersey**

**Four Year**

**Massive winter storm brings snow to TCNJ's campus**

**Andre Paras, Isabella Darcy**

**Newspaper**

**Layout & Design**

**First Place**

**The Vector**

**NJ Institute of Technology**

**Four Year**

**Fall Issue 2 and Spring Issue 1**

**Esai Jacobson, Kinjal Gupta, Ethan Lalanne**

**Individual**

**Biography/Personality Profile**

**Third Place**

**The Youngtown Edition**

**County College of Morris**

**Two Year**

**Emphasizing the community in community college: Meet the new student government!**

**Sara Lim**

**Sweepstakes Award – Two Year**

**Quo Vadis**

**Middlesex College**

**Sweepstakes Award – Four Year**

**The Daily Princetonian**

**Princeton University**