



2012 Journalism Award

Winners – In-Service

The Ted Bleecker Award

“Best of the Best”

Valley Central Teachers' Association

VC ECHOES

Editor: Meghan Rilley

President: Timothy Brown

Solidarity Awards

Arlington Teachers' Association

THE EDUCATOR

Author: Sam Falk

Editors: Sam Falk and Robert McHugh

President: Bob Maier

and

Beacon Teachers Association

Between Assignments

Special solidarity issue

Author: Dawn Clemens

Editor: Dawn Clemens

President: Kim Atwell

Class I

FIRST PLACE

Best Opinion Writing

Cambridge Faculty Association

The Blackboard

Headline: Down the rabbit hole

Author: Colleen McDonald

Editor: Colleen McDonald

President: Donna Phinney

Class I

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Editorial Design

Deposit Teachers Association

The Hatchet

Headline: School funding w/ rant

Designer: Eileen Plunkett

Editor: Eileen Plunkett

President: Tred Burch

Class I

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Union News Story

Deposit Teachers Association

The Hatchet

Headline: Cooperstown revisited

Author: Eileen Plunkett

Editor: Eileen Plunkett

President: Tred Burch

Class I

AWARD OF MERIT

Solidarity Award

Deposit Teachers Association

The Hatchet

Headline: The bottom drawer

Author: Tred Burch

Editor: Eileen Plunkett

President: Tred Burch

Class I

FIRST PLACE

Best Community Outreach Using Electronic Media

Hastings Teachers Association

Hastings Teachers Association YouTube Channel

Webmaster: Nate Morgan

President: Nate Morgan

Class I

FIRST PLACE

Best Website

Hastings Teachers Association

Hastings Teachers Association Website

Webmaster: Nate Morgan

President: Nate Morgan

Class I

AWARD OF MERIT

Solidarity Award

Hastings Teachers Association

Hastings Teachers Association YouTube Channel

Author: Nate Morgan

President: Nate Morgan

Class I

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Editorial Design

Homer Teachers' Association

The Tale

Headline: Rally

Designer: Karen Exelby

Editor: Karen Exelby

President: Jim Baldwin

Class I

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Opinion Writing

Homer Teachers' Association

The Tale

Headline: The importance of a union

Author: Karen Exelby

Editor: Karen Exelby

President: Jim Baldwin

Class I

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Profile

Homer Teachers' Association

The Tale

Headline: Fair Trade chocolate

Author: Karen Exelby

Editor: Karen Exelby

President: Jim Baldwin

Class I

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Publication

Homer Teachers' Association

The Tale

Editor: Karen Exelby

President: Jim Baldwin

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Best Union News Story

Homer Teachers' Association

The Tale

Headline: Rally

Author: Karen Exelby

Editor: Karen Exelby

President: Jim Baldwin

Class I

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Publication

Liberty Assistants, Monitors & Aides Association

LAMA Lines _ _ _

Editor: Sue Huggler

President: Sue Huggler

Class I

FIRST PLACE

Best Profile

Randolph Central School Teachers Association

The RCSTA Banner

Headline: Retired RCSTA member Kathy Klee honored with NYSUT outstanding service award

Author: Craig Ridgway

Editors: Craig Ridgway and Christina Gruber

President: Geoff Olson

Class I

FIRST PLACE

Best Union News Story

Randolph Central School Teachers Association

The RCSTA Banner

Headline: Local NYSUT rallies to organize against cuts in budget & rights

Author: Craig Ridgway

Editors: Craig Ridgway and Christina Gruber

President: Geoff Olson

Class I

FIRST PLACE

Best Editorial Design

Schalmont Teachers' Association

STATIC

Headline: Take a look; It's in a Nook

Designer: Sarah Mattice

Editor: Sarah Mattice

President: Mary Beth Flatley

Class I

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Opinion Writing

Schalmont Teachers' Association

STATIC

Headline: A view from Kindergarten

Authors: Schalmont Kindergarten Teachers

Editor: Sarah Mattice

President: Mary Beth Flatley

Class I

FIRST PLACE

Best Publication

Schalmont Teachers' Association

STATIC

Editor: Sarah Mattice

President: Mary Beth Flatley

Class I

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Website

Schalmont Teachers' Association

Schalmont Teachers' Association Website

Webmaster: Carol Carelli

President: Mary Beth Flatley

Class I

AWARD OF MERIT

Solidarity Award

Schalmont Teachers' Association

STATIC

Headline: NYSUT rally for education

Author: Carol Carelli

Editor: Sarah Mattice

President: Mary Beth Flatley



Class II

FIRST PLACE

Best Community Outreach Using Electronic Media

Amityville Teachers' Association

Amityville Teachers' Association Website

Webmaster: Shannon Reilly

President: Carolyn Dodd

Class II

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Editorial Design

Amityville Teachers' Association

the Scribe

Headline: Not waiting for Superman

Designer: Jolene Maccarone

Editor: Jolene Maccarone

President: Carolyn Dodd

Class II

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Opinion Writing

Amityville Teachers' Association

the Scribe

Headline: It's not what you think

Author: Ron Weber

Editor: Jolene Maccarone

President: Carolyn Dodd

Class II

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Publication

Amityville Teachers' Association

the Scribe

Editor: Jolene Maccarone

President: Carolyn Dodd

Class II

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Union News Story

Amityville Teachers' Association

the Scribe

Headline: Stand in solidarity

Author: Carolyn Dodd

Editor: Jolene Maccarone

President: Carolyn Dodd

Class II

FIRST PLACE

Best Website

Amityville Teachers' Association

Amityville Teachers' Association Website

Webmaster: Shannon Reilly

President: Carolyn Dodd

Class II

AWARD OF MERIT

Solidarity Award

Amityville Teachers' Association

the Scribe

Headline: Not waiting for Superman

Author: Carolyn Dodd

Editor: Jolene Maccarone

President: Carolyn Dodd

Class II

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Community Outreach Using Electronic Media

Beacon Teachers Association

Beacon Teachers Association Website

Webmaster: Dawn Clemens

President: Kim Atwell

Class II

FIRST PLACE

Best Editorial Design

Beacon Teachers Association

Between Assignments

Designer: Dawn Clemens

Editor: Dawn Clemens

President: Kim Atwell

Class II

FIRST PLACE

Best Opinion Writing

Beacon Teachers Association

Between Assignments

Headline: NYSUT endorsements

Author: Dawn Clemens

Editor: Dawn Clemens

President: Kim Atwell

Class II

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Profile

Beacon Teachers Association

Between Assignments

Headline: BTA scholarship winners honor influential teachers

Author: Dawn Clemens

Editor: Dawn Clemens

President: Kim Atwell

Class II

FIRST PLACE

Best Publication

Beacon Teachers Association

Between Assignments

Editor: Dawn Clemens

President: Kim Atwell

Class II

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Profile

Nyack Teachers Association

The Bridge

Headline: The NTA newsletter, *The Bridge*, wins awards

Author: Tracy Potter

Editor: Tracy Potter

President: Donna Ramundo

Class II

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Publication

Nyack Teachers Association

The Bridge

Editor: Tracy Potter

President: Donna Ramundo

Class II

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Union News Story

Nyack Teachers Association

The Bridge

Headline: The NTA takes action, rallies for teachers and unions

Author: Tracy Potter

Editor: Tracy Potter

President: Donna Ramundo

Class II

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Website

Nyack Teachers Association

Nyack Teachers Association Website

Webmaster: Tracy Potter

President: Donna Ramundo

Class II

AWARD OF MERIT

Solidarity Award

Nyack Teachers Association

The Bridge

Headline: What is ahead and in our future

Author: Donna Ramundo

Editor: Sheri Viggiano

President: Donna Ramundo

Class II

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Editorial Design

Wallkill Teachers' Association

IMPACT

Headline: Wisconsin: From outrage to action!

Designer: Lisa Bender

Editor: Lisa Bender

President: Donna Carr

Class II

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Opinion Writing

Wallkill Teachers' Association

IMPACT

Headline: President's message

Author: Donna Carr

Editor: Lisa Bender

President: Donna Carr

Class II

FIRST PLACE

Best Profile

Wallkill Teachers' Association

IMPACT

Headline: PAC News

Author: Lisa Bender

Editor: Lisa Bender

President: Donna Carr

Class II

FIRST PLACE

Best Union News Story

Wallkill Teachers' Association

IMPACT

Headline: Union News!

Author: Lisa Bender

Editor: Lisa Bender

President: Donna Carr

Class III

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Profile

Farmingdale Federation of Teachers

CLASSROOM POINTERS

Headline: A teacher who's a cut above

Author: Barbara Lieberman

Editor: Barbara Lieberman

President: Claire Zatorski

Class III

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Editorial Design

Gates Chili Teachers' Association

The Voice

Headline: Know your contract

Designer: Susan Evans

Editor: Susan Evans

President: Erik Johnson

Class III

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Publication

Gates Chili Teachers' Association

The Voice

Editor: Susan Evans

President: Erik Johnson

Class III

FIRST PLACE

Best Editorial Design

North Babylon Teachers' Organization

Partners in Education

Headline: Spotlight on the high school

Designer: Patricia Caraway

Editor: Patricia Caraway

President: Selina Durio

Class III

FIRST PLACE

Best Publication

North Babylon Teachers' Organization

Partners in Education

Editor: Patricia Caraway

President: Selina Durio



Class III

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Union News Story

North Babylon Teachers' Organization

Partners in Education

Headline: North Babylon Teachers' Organization holds karaoke contest to fight breast cancer

Author: Patricia Caraway

Editor: Patricia Caraway

President: Selina Durio

Class III

FIRST PLACE

Best Website

North Babylon Teachers' Organization

North Babylon Teachers' Organization Website

Webmaster: Patricia Caraway

Editor: Patricia Caraway

President: Selina Durio

Class III

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Profile

Patchogue-Medford Congress of Teachers

Connection

Headline: Margaret King-Literacy Award

Author: Chris Paino

Editor: Kathy Bucaria

President: Paul Pecorale

Co-President: Beth Warnken

Class III

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Website

Patchogue-Medford Congress of Teachers

Patchogue-Medford Congress of Teachers Website

Webmaster: Kathy Bucaria

President: Paul Pecorale

Co-President: Beth Warnken

Class III

FIRST PLACE

Best Opinion Writing

Port Jefferson Station Teachers Association

PORTAL

Headline: Fair assessment or bad science?

Author: David Indelicato

Editor: Beth Shapiro

President: Beth Dimino

Class III

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Union News Story

Port Jefferson Station Teachers Association

PORTAL

Headline: NYSUT RA

Author: Beth Shapiro

Editor: Beth Shapiro

President: Beth Dimino

Class III

AWARD OF MERIT

Solidarity Award

Port Jefferson Station Teachers Association

PORTAL

Headline: One nation working together

Author: Rob Pearl

Editor: Beth Shapiro

President: Beth Dimino

Class III

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Opinion Writing

Port Washington Teachers Association

PWTA CONTACT

Headline: "Dear (personalized)"

Author: Christine Vasilev

Editor: Robert Moore

President: Christine Vasilev

Co-President: Arthur Cooke

Class III

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Editorial Design

Rondout Valley Federation of Teachers and
School-Related Professionals

THE UNION SOUND

Designer: Bev Bennett

Editor: Diana Zuckerman

President: Sheryl Delano

Class III

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Opinion Writing

Rondout Valley Federation of Teachers and
School-Related Professionals

THE UNION SOUND

Headline: What has happened to the joy?

Author: Catherine Arra

Editor: Diana Zuckerman

President: Sheryl Delano

Class III

FIRST PLACE

Best Profile

Rondout Valley Federation of Teachers and
School-Related Professionals

THE UNION SOUND

Headline: Count me in! RVF LAP update

Author: Sheryl Delano

Editor: Diana Zuckerman

President: Sheryl Delano

Class III

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Publication

Rondout Valley Federation of Teachers and
School-Related Professionals

THE UNION SOUND

Editor: Diana Zuckerman

President: Sheryl Delano

Class III

FIRST PLACE

Best Union News Story

Rondout Valley Federation of Teachers and
School-Related Professionals

THE UNION SOUND

Headline: Shoulder-to-shoulder

Author: Sheryl Delano

Editor: Diana Zuckerman

President: Sheryl Delano

Class III

AWARD OF MERIT

Solidarity Award

Rondout Valley Federation of Teachers and
School-Related Professionals

THE UNION SOUND

Authors: multiple authors

Editor: Diana Zuckerman

President: Sheryl Delano

Class III

AWARD OF MERIT

Solidarity Award

Sayville Teachers Association

The STatement

Headline: President's message

Author: Tim Southerton

Editor: Tim Southerton

President: Tim Southerton

Class IV

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Editorial Design

Arlington Teachers' Association

THE EDUCATOR

Designer: Sam Falk

Editors: Sam Falk and Robert McHugh

President: Bob Maier

Class IV

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Opinion Writing

Arlington Teachers' Association

THE EDUCATOR

Headline: State budget threatens

Arlington

Author: Robert McHugh

Editors: Sam Falk and Robert McHugh

President: Bob Maier

Class IV

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Publication

Arlington Teachers' Association

THE EDUCATOR

Editors: Sam Falk and Robert McHugh

President: Bob Maier

Class IV

FIRST PLACE

Best Community Outreach Using Electronic Media

Faculty Association of Suffolk Community College

Faculty Association of Suffolk Community College Website

Webmaster: Kevin McCoy

President: Ellen Schuler Mauk

Vice President: Kevin Peterman

Class IV

FIRST PLACE

Best Profile

Faculty Association of Suffolk Community College

THE WORD

Headline: Profiles of FA leaders and activists

Author: Cynthia Eaton

Editor: Cynthia Eaton

President: Ellen Schuler Mauk

Vice President: Kevin Peterman

Class IV

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Publication

Faculty Association of Suffolk Community College

THE WORD

Editor: Cynthia Eaton

President: Ellen Schuler Mauk

Vice President: Kevin Peterman

Class IV

FIRST PLACE

Best Union News Story

Faculty Association of Suffolk Community College

THE WORD

Headline: Why Stanley Fish is suddenly pro-union

Author: Cynthia Eaton

Editor: Cynthia Eaton

President: Ellen Schuler Mauk

Vice President: Kevin Peterman

Class IV

FIRST PLACE

Best Website

Faculty Association of Suffolk Community College

Faculty Association of Suffolk Community College Website

Webmaster: Kevin McCoy

President: Ellen Schuler Mauk

Vice President: Kevin Peterman

Class IV

AWARD OF MERIT

Solidarity Award

Faculty Association of Suffolk Community College

THE WORD

Headline: WTF?!

Author: Cynthia Eaton

Editor: Cynthia Eaton

President: Ellen Schuler Mauk

Vice President: Kevin Peterman

Class IV

FIRST PLACE

Best Opinion Writing

Smithtown Teachers' Association

FACULTY FOCUS

Headline: Opportunity vs. Opportunism

Author: Rich Forzano

Editor: Kathleen L. Martin

President: Rich Forzano

Class IV

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Union News Story

Smithtown Teachers' Association

FACULTY FOCUS

Headline: United we stand

Author: Rich Forzano

Editor: Kathleen L. Martin

President: Rich Forzano

Class IV

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Community Outreach Using Electronic Media

United University Professions –
Farmingdale Chapter

*United University Professions –
Farmingdale Chapter Website*

Webmaster: Margaret Porciello

Editor: Margaret Porciello

President: Yolanda Pauze

Class IV

FIRST PLACE

Best Editorial Design

United University Professions –
Farmingdale Chapter

Unifier

Headline: Part-time labor management

Designer: Margaret Porciello

Editor: Margaret Porciello

President: Yolanda Pauze

Class IV

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Profile

United University Professions –
Farmingdale Chapter

Unifier

Headline: A stellar night for Farmingdale
in Buffalo

Author: Margaret Porciello

Editor: Margaret Porciello

President: Yolanda Pauze

Class IV

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Union News Story

United University Professions –
Farmingdale Chapter

Unifier

Headline: One Nation March

Author: Yolanda Pauze

Editor: Margaret Porciello

President: Yolanda Pauze

Class IV

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Editorial Design

Valley Central Teachers' Association
VC ECHOES

Headline: They're back!

Designers: Meghan Rilley and Patti Lunden

Editor: Meghan Rilley

President: Timothy Brown

Class IV

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Opinion Writing

Webster Teachers' Association

THE WTA VOICE

Headline: How many years can you survive
without a raise?

Author: Steven Turiano

Editor: Christine Dunne

President: Steven Turiano

Class IV

AWARD OF MERIT

Solidarity Award

Webster Teachers' Association

THE WTA VOICE

Headline: Positive community relations in
2 easy steps

Author: Carrie Waldarek and others

Editor: Christine Dunne

President: Steven Turiano



Class V

FIRST PLACE

**Best Community Outreach Using Electronic
Media**

BOCES Educators of Eastern Suffolk

*BOCES Educators of Eastern Suffolk
Website*

Webmaster: Nancy Rosati

President: Thelma Shaw

Class V

FIRST PLACE

Best Profile

BOCES Educators of Eastern Suffolk

THE BEACON

Headline: Wayne Kubacki's world

Author: Wayne Kubacki

Editor: Thomas Rosati

President: Thelma Shaw

Class V

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Publication

BOCES Educators of Eastern Suffolk

THE BEACON

Editor: Thomas Rosati

President: Thelma Shaw

Class V

FIRST PLACE

Best Website

BOCES Educators of Eastern Suffolk

*BOCES Educators of Eastern Suffolk
Website*

Webmaster: Nancy Rosati

President: Thelma Shaw

Class V

FIRST PLACE

Best Editorial Design

Buffalo Teachers Federation

PROVOCATOR

Headline: Vote! You are the union

Designer: Chris Salamone

Editor: Barbara Bielecki

President: Philip Rumore

Vice President: Edith LeWin

Class V

AWARD OF MERIT

Solidarity Award

Buffalo Teachers Federation

PROVOCATOR

Headline: Rally shows strong solidarity
among Buffalo public school teachers

Author: Chris Salamone

Editor: Barbara Bielecki

President: Philip Rumore

Vice President: Edith LeWin

Class V

FIRST PLACE

Best Publication

Mount Vernon Federation of Teachers

The Agenda

Editor: Karen Wallace

President: Jeff Yonkers

Class V

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Union News Story

Mount Vernon Federation of Teachers

The Agenda

Headline: MVFT leadership demonstrates solidarity

Author: Dominick Ciccone

Editor: Karen Wallace

President: Jeff Yonkers

Class V

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Profile

Oceanside Federation of Teachers

OFTIMES

Headline: Soul shines: Heart rejoices

Author: Frank Nappi

Editor: Christine Sartory

President: Richard Roschelle

Class V

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Community Outreach Using Electronic Media

Professional Staff Congress/CUNY

Professional Staff Congress/CUNY Website

Webmaster: Bill Friedheim

President: Barbara Bowen

Class V

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Editorial Design

Professional Staff Congress/CUNY

Clarion

Headline: Faculty & staff rights at risk in Bylaws changes

Designer: Margarita Aguilar

Editor: Peter Hogness

President: Barbara Bowen

Class V

FIRST PLACE

Best Opinion Writing

Professional Staff Congress/CUNY

Clarion

Headline: Reclaiming public institutions

Author: Michelle Fine

Editor: Peter Hogness

President: Barbara Bowen

Class V

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Publication

Professional Staff Congress/CUNY

Clarion

Editor: Peter Hogness

President: Barbara Bowen

Class V

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Website

Professional Staff Congress/CUNY

Professional Staff Congress/CUNY Website

Webmaster: Bill Friedheim

President: Barbara Bowen

Class V

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Editorial Design

Sachem Central Teachers' Association

Speak Out

Headline: Budget cuts

Designer: MJ Maione

Editor: Lori Pritchett

President: John Heslin

Class V

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Opinion Writing

Sachem Central Teachers' Association

Speak Out

Headline: The politics of hate

Author: John Heslin

Editor: Lori Pritchett

President: John Heslin

Class V

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Profile

Sachem Central Teachers' Association

Speak Out

Headline: Honoring my sister

Author: Terri Doon

Editor: Lori Pritchett

President: John Heslin

Class V

AWARD OF MERIT

Solidarity Award

Yonkers Federation of Teachers

The Yonkers Teacher

Headline: United voices of protest

Author: Connie Sajdak

Editor: Connie Sajdak

President: Patricia Puleo

Class V

FIRST PLACE

Best Union News Story

Sachem Central Teachers' Association

Speak Out

Headline: Capital gains?

Author: Jon Weston

Editor: Lori Pritchett

President: John Heslin

Class V

AWARD OF MERIT

Solidarity Award

Sachem Central Teachers' Association

Speak Out

Headline: A call for civility

Author: Jon Weston

Editor: Lori Pritchett

President: John Heslin

Class V

AWARD OF MERIT

Best Opinion Writing

Yonkers Federation of Teachers

The Yonkers Teacher

Headline: Why "Last in first out" makes sense

Author: Kara Popiel

Editor: Connie Sajdak

President: Patricia Puleo

Congratulations!

