

## NEW JERSEY CAREER CENTER CONSORTIUM (NJC3)

### 2019 STUDENT & PRACTITIONER AWARDS WINNERS

It is my pleasure to present the winners of the NJC3 Awards program. There are no winners for the Practitioner of the Year Award, but we have two winners for the Student of the Year Awards and one Graduate Award.

Each Student of the Year Award winner received notification and will receive a cash award of \$250 at our Summer Event. The graduate award winner received notification and will also receive a cash award of \$300 at our Summer Event.

Below are brief summaries of our award recipients. There were very impressive applications submitted, making this a tough decision for our Awards Review and Selection Committee.

**David Liptsyn** won the student award in the technical internship category for 4-year institutions. He majored in Biology at New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT). David worked as a Global Trade Compliance Intern at Tesla, Inc. During his internship, he worked to save millions of dollars on importing duties by managing and optimizing Free Trade Agreement and Special Trade programs.

**Nishit Nagar**, also of New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) won the student award for the technical category for 4-year institutions. She majored in Mechanical Engineering and worked as Technology Services Intern at Aurobindo Pharma USA. The major technical skills Nishit developed during her internship were PLC & HMI programming, database extraction, SQL, C#, Siemens controls, Sinamics Drive commissioning, Fanuc Robot programming, Oracle E-business suites, enterprise resource planning, preventive maintenance and basics of .NET development. By working with this company, Nishit picked up additional skills along the way such as time management, prioritizing time sensitive work, communication skills and being a team player.

There were no applications received from technical or non-technical 2-year institutions.

The Graduate of the Year Award was given to **Desiree Saraceno**. She majored in Business/Liberal Arts and worked as a Career Advising Intern at the Office of Career Advancement at Rowan University. During her internship, Desiree developed new skills such as salary negotiations, career counseling, conducting mock interviews, and understanding FOCUS-2 assessment. Desiree also developed strong skills in public speaking, critical thinking, and conflict resolution.

NJC3 salutes all the award winners and nominees for their hard work and dedication. We also appreciate and thank our awards committee members: Wendy Schnall (RV), Charlotte Quigley (MSCC), Christine Cervelli (NJIT), Deborah Sims (NJIT), and Ashley Alba (Berkeley College).

Sincerely,

Ashley Alba  
Vice President of Awards