

NEW JERSEY CAREER CENTER CONSORTIUM (NJC3)
2018 STUDENT & PRACTITIONER AWARDS WINNERS

It is my pleasure to present the winners of the NJC3 Awards Program. There is one winner for the Practitioner of the Year Award and two winners for the Student of the Year Awards. Each winner received notification along with a cash award of \$250. Below are brief summaries about our award recipients. There were very impressive applications submitted, making this a tough decision for our Awards Review and Selection Committee.

Heather Sootkoos won the student award in the non-technical internship category for 4-year institutions. She majored in Exercise Science at Montclair State University. Heather worked as a Clinical Exercise Physiologist Intern at St. Barnabas Medical Center/RWJBarnabas Health. During her internship she worked closely with concussion assessments, a comprehensive case study on student athletes, and a research project tracking how active recovery is working for patients suffering from concussion symptoms. As a result of her internship, Heather has decided to pursue her nursing degree.

Rashmi Ketha of NJIT won the student award for the technical internship category for 4-year institutions. She majored in Cell Biology & Neuroscience and worked as a Global Decision Support Project Management Intern at Novartis Pharmaceuticals. Rashmi's proudest accomplishment is the success she was able to have with data migration during her internship. By working with Excel, she was able to automate the migration process from one project tool to another thereby reducing the time it took to manually enter large quantities of data.

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

The Practitioner of the Year Award was given to **Patrick Young**, Assistant Director of Employer Relations with NJIT. Patrick has served in various roles within in career services at both the undergraduate and professional levels, working closely with marketing, student employment, and on-campus interviewing programs. His proudest accomplishments center around the visible impact his work has on his students – especially those seen in the On-Campus Interviewing Program and NJIT internship programs.

NJC3 salutes all the award winners and nominees for their hard work and dedication. We also appreciate and thank our awards committee. The awards committee members were: Wendy Schnall (RV), Dominique Clarke (NJIT), Gabriela Gutierrez (NJIT), Jorge Rivera (SHU), Sarah Andrews (SHU), and James D'Arecca (Berkeley).