



THE POETRY CENTER  
AT PASSAIC COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
is pleased to announce the winners of...

## THE 2025 ALLEN GINSBERG POETRY AWARDS

### FIRST PRIZE

Daniel Donaghy, Willington, CT  
Rafaella Del Bourgo, Berkeley, CA

"My Mother at Christmas"  
"Nightgown, 1960"

### SECOND PRIZE

Lisa Coll Nicolaou, Fair Lawn, NJ  
Charles Rossiter, Bennington, VA

"Conversations With Grandma Cookie"  
"Ordinary Days Back When"

### THIRD PRIZE

John T. Wagner, Irvine, CA  
Howard Berelson, Teaneck, NJ

"Greenwald's"  
"My Hands"

### HONORABLE MENTION

Barbara Krasner, Somerset, NJ

"Neon Celebration on Coney Island Avenue,  
February 1958"

Charlie Brice, Pittsburgh, PA

"The Visitation"

Francine Witte, New York, NY

"Math Isn't Everything, But Everything Is Math"

Sandra Fees, Reading, PA

"When My Doctor Orders"

Jeanne Fleming, Warwick, NY

"How A Sane Person Breaks Down, Goes Rogue"

Nancy Lubarsky, Cranford, NJ

"Voice Mail"

Minnie Wu, Philadelphia, PA

"Inner Mongolia, August"

Charmaine Valere, West Orange, NJ

"Ways To Water"

Jason Craig Poole, South Orange, NJ

"Magic Words"

Barbara Gravinese, Brunswick, ME

"The River In Spring"

Camille Norvaisas, Feasterville, PA

"When I Ask, You Say You Have One Fond  
Memory"

Jennifer Poteet, Glen Ridge, NJ

"Montclair, New Jersey"

J Brooke, Old Saybrook, CT

"Gigantor"

Anne Goethe, Eggleston, VA

"Reunion: Incense and Jasmine"

Chris Faunce, East Norriton, PA

"Livin' For A Honda Accord"

Diane Bliss, Middletown, NY

"Missing What Isn't Even Gone"

Linda Nemece Foster, Grand Rapids, MI

"What You Want - Baby, I Got It"

Tara Temprano, Hawthorne, NJ

"1979 - Oak Place"

Abby Bland, Overland Park, KS

"Clover Crowns"

Xandt Wyntreez, Montclair, NJ

"9-B Prospect Terrace"

Terry Bohnhorst Blackhawk, Hamden, CT

"Hawthorne Street: Back There Then "

Sherida Yoder, North Haledon, NJ

"Ballet Lessons"

## HONORABLE MENTION (CONT'D)

Laurie Lind, Sackets Harbor, NY  
Christopher Rubio-Goldsmith, Tucson, AZ  
Antoinette Libro, Sea Isle City, NJ  
Laura Daniels, Mt. Arlington, NJ

Kenneth Silvestri, Nyack, NY

Lynne Viti, Westwood, VA  
Bill Van Buskirk, Bryn Mawr, PA  
Daniel Gene Barlekamp, Melrose, MA  
Eileen Van Hook, Wannaque, NJ  
Norma Ketzis Bernstock, Milford, PA  
Maria Fama, Philadelphia, PA  
Robert A. Miller, Preston Hollow, NY  
Christine Baldino O'Hanlon, New York, NY  
French  
Frances Lombardi-Grahl, Clifton, NJ

Daniel A. Zehner, Woodstown, NJ  
Diane Khoury, Cresskill, NJ  
R. G. Evans, Elmer, NJ  
Arthur Russell, Nutley, NJ  
Lynne McEniry, Morristown, NJ  
Anne E. Wallace, Jersey City, NJ  
Bill Wunder, Langhorne, PA  
James D. Gwyn, Clifton, NJ  
Hilde Weisert, Chapel Hill, NC  
Marion Paganello, Fair Lawn, NJ

"After Bruce"  
"One Spring Break"  
"Father Ignatius Arrives In The Rain"  
"Shore Roots"

"I was eighteen, still had my Peter Gun hair cut, hot combed by Damascus Sam the Barber on River Street"  
"Flâneur"  
"The Plan"  
"Still Hungry"  
"The Poisoned Apple"  
"The Good Times"  
"U Famasuni"  
"Hot War"  
"How My Son Learns To Speak Flawless At The United Nations School"  
"Mario Lanza In My Father's Hospital Room"

"Making The First Run"  
"Shame"  
"Marriage Portrait"  
"The Widower"  
"another new year"  
"A Final Offering"  
"Oma Makes Chicken Soup"  
"The Simpler Things"  
"The Family LLC"  
"The Grey Scale"

### Award Winners' Reading — February 7, 2026

The Poetry Center at Passaic County Community College,  
The Hamilton Club Building, 32 Church Street, 2nd Floor, Paterson, NJ

For 2026 guidelines, visit [www.poetrycenterpccc.com/awards/](http://www.poetrycenterpccc.com/awards/)



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