



Berkeley College English professor Julie Porter congratulates alumnus Joseph Pugliese of Totowa and student Lili Pacheco of Clifton for placing in the Alfred H. Baumann Free Public Library Poetry Contest.BERKELEY COLLEGE

College writers are recognized for poetry

Berkeley College's Joseph Pugliese of Totowa and Lili Pacheco of Clifton took second and first place, respectively, in the Alfred H. Baumann Free Public Library Poetry Contest in the 18-and-older category.

"I am so glad that their talent was recognized," Berkeley English professor Julie Porter said of her former creative writing students.

Woodland Park residents, Passaic Valley High School students and Berke-

ley College attendees are eligible for the annual competition.

"In my poem, I comment about life and just trying to be present in the moment," said Pacheco, who is seeking a bachelor's degree in fashion merchandising and management.

Pugliese's poem, "Ode to Stuffing," was about his love of Thanksgiving stuffing. He graduated in May with a bachelor's degree in national security.