



GSSPA GARDEN STATE
SCHOLASTIC
PRESS ASSOCIATION



Friday, May 1, 2026

Spring Advisers Conference 2026

Building Student Voices for the Next 250 Years

Keynote Speaker: Jack Brewster, Newsreel Co-founder and CEO, "Designing Democracy for the Internet Age" - what the next 250 years of U.S. democratic life will require from our information systems

Presented in cooperation with Rutgers Journalism, the Garden State Scholastic Press Association's Spring Adviser Conference is a perfect time to get your bearings in the always changing world of scholastic journalism. Get together with your fellow advisers, share information, network, and get valuable advice from experienced professionals.

Unsure of Your Direction?

Ever feel a little lost in the ever-changing landscape of press law, copyright, ethics, and curriculum standards? Would you like to create a staff manual to help your students stay on course, but don't know where to begin? Or help guide your staff members in world of technology and information systems?

We Can Help!

Come to the **GSSPA Spring Advisers' Conference on May 1, 2026**, and meet fellow advisers and journalism professionals from all over New Jersey who can help provide guidance, resources, and the information you need to get your bearings and chart your course through the coming year.

Find information on the most important issues facing advisers today.

And seize the opportunity to become involved in a vibrant, vital organization committed to the building and strengthening of scholastic journalism in New Jersey.

LOCATION

Rutgers University
Busch Student Center
604 Bartholomew Rd
Piscataway, NJ 08854

SCHEDULE

8:30-9:30 - Check-In/Breakfast
9:30-9:45 - Opening Remarks
10:00-11:00 - Keynote
11:15-1:00 - Breakout Sessions
1:00 - Lunch

Coffee, danish & fruit served during check-in.

The annual GSSPA business meeting will be held during lunch.

REGISTRATION

\$50 (Includes workshop, breakfast and lunch.)

Don't miss out—Register online NOW at <https://rb.gy/wuohzj> - you will receive confirmation and payment information

Questions?

Call Sue Everett at (201)906-8661 or email everetts@earthlink.net

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

GSSPA is a provider of Professional Development hours registered with the NJ Department of Education.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
April 24, 2026**

Why attend the GSSPA Spring Advisers Conference?

For 47 years GSSPA has offered New Jersey advisers and publication staffs with opportunities to improve their publications through workshops, critiques, and scholarship opportunities. You can take advantage of our experience to hone your craft at our 2018 Spring conference.

You will be able to network with other advisers to share ideas, insights and tips.

You will have the chance to meet advisers with years of experience who will share the knowledge they have gained.

You will learn about the myriad resources available to help you do the job better. You will earn professional development hours.

GSSPA Summer Publication Contests:

GSSPA sponsors summer contests for yearbook and news publications, both print and online.

Winners will be honored at the Fall Press Day, October 26, 2026. The contest deadline is July 1.

Watch for a mailing about the contest within the next few weeks, or check the GSSPA website at www.gsspa.org.

Join JEA - the national publications adviser association

GSSPA is an affiliate of the Journalism Education Association. Join JEA today and you will become eligible for the membership discount on purchases from the JEA store. (If you are already a JEA member, you may renew through GSSPA as well.)

You will also receive JEA's quarterly magazine *CJET: Communications, Journalism Education Today*. Please include your JEA payment (\$95) in the same check or purchase order as your registration - made out to GSSPA.

We will combine everyone's payment and forward it to JEA.

GSSPA Membership Benefits:

- College scholarships for high school journalism students
- Annual contest/critique • Fall Press Day for students & advisers
- Spring Workshops for advisers
- Professional development hours
- Advice, ideas, assistance and so much more!

Visit the GSSPA web site www.gsspa.org for news, information, scholarships, contests, resources, and more.

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