



# Jersey City Poetry Contest

During the course of this year, *The Pavan* felt it necessary to encourage unity within the community—more specifically, in the form of creative expression. The publication hosted a poetry contest from September 2016 to January 2017, asking participants to write a poem of any length, answering the question: “What is Jersey City to Me?” We purposely left the question as vague as possible to allow participants to interpret any way they chose: this could include the city’s culture, people, food, landscape, and so on.

Our hope was to encourage those who reside, work, and learn in Jersey City to voice how they perceive the local environment. The pages that follow are the poems which have been notably recognized by *The Pavan* staff.

## Winner

### **What Does Jersey City Mean to You?**

*by Alexis O’Callahan*

## Honorable Mentions

**Jersey City: November 2016** *by Dr. Rachel Wifall*

**J.E.R.S.E.Y C.I.T.Y** *by Anna Kosakowski*

**Jersey City** *by Elizabeth Demers*

**#JC** *by Tony Haywood*

