

Barnegat High School Sophomore Wins 2020 New Jersey Shout Down Drugs Contest



*Shannon Harrington, winner of 2020 New Jersey Shout Down Drugs contest
Image courtesy of ShoutDownDrugs.com*

Barnegat, NJ – Barnegat High School Sophomore Shannon Harrington was named the winner of the 2020 New Jersey Shout Down Drugs Contest for her original song “Gonne Be Drug Free.”

The music competition, sponsored by the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey (PDFNJ), 95.9 WRAT, and the New Jersey Broadcasters Association, is open to high school students within New Jersey and challenges them to write, produce, and record an original song about substance abuse prevention.

This year there were 13 finalists from 6 different counties throughout the state. Shannon and the other finalists were chosen by peer judges and the results of online voting.

I love to sing and perform and thought this was a good opportunity to inform other students about the dangers of drug use,” said Shannon. “I’m so excited to perform at different events and present my message of being drug-free. It’s an honor and I love that I get to represent those values as a Barnegat student so people throughout the state will associate our district with this positive message.”

“This is a perfect example of how Barnegat Inspires,” said Superintendent Dr. Brian Latwis. “We are so proud of Shannon and her exceptional work. We know the competition looked a little different this year due to everything that is happening in our world, but she didn’t let that get in the way of perusing greatness.”

Typically, finalists perform their songs live at the Annual Statewide Prevention Concert held every spring. However, due to the Coronavirus pandemic, this year’s concert was made into an audio show that aired April 3 on Shout Down Drugs website. Shannon was announced the winner live on-air that night on 95.9 WRAT radio.

As the winner, Shannon will receive a music contract worth \$5,000, be featured with the second and third place winners on WRAT's Jersey Rock show on April 7, 8, and 9, and perform her winning song at different events throughout the state once they are reinstated.

To hear Shannon's song, visit <http://shoutdowndrugs.com/contestants/>

The audio show can be found online for listeners on the [Shout Down Drugs](#) website and on the Jersey Rock page of WRAT.com.

###