



Janine Strafaci

Janine Strafaci is a news anchor and health reporter for News 12 New Jersey.

Hello, New Jersey. I'm home and happy to be here bringing you all the health news from around the state allows me to share my enthusiasm about New Jersey with you. My life, along with my career as a journalist, began in this state.

I'm truly a "Jersey Girl." Most of my childhood years were spent growing up in Essex County although, I've lived in Ocean, Middlesex, Morris and Monmouth Counties as well. I'm a graduate of Queen of Peace High School in North Arlington. I spent my time there being a ham on stage, and in serving as editor of the school newspaper. From there, I went on to conquer Boston. I graduated from Boston University, with honors, with a B.S. in Broadcast Journalism and a B.A. in French Language and Literature. During college, I worked at just about every broadcast outlet that would take me in, including Channel 9, WPLJ, WOBN and the Ocean County Observer. I also lived six months in Paris, France, where I got to hit the airwaves with entertainment reports at Oui FM in Paris. (I'm told the French like our American accents!) Upon graduating from BU, I returned to New Jersey.

My journalism career began in Ocean County. I was a newspaper reporter at the Ocean County Observer. From there, I hit the airwaves at WOBN FM in Ocean County. I worked just about every shift including the overnights. (Thanks to all those who stayed awake to listen!) Then, Ocean County finally got to see my face. I became a news anchor at Adelpia Cable Channel 8. After several years on the air in Ocean County, News 12 New Jersey opened its doors to me. I started as a general assignment reporter and then moved on to be our Northwest Bureau reporter. My assignment then turned to the medical beat. And ultimately, my love for New Jersey brought me to the anchor desk.

When Bryan Jenkins and I bring you the news on the Morning Edition, Monday through Friday, I couldn't be more pleased. It's a service New Jersey was lacking for too long. The stories on News 12 New Jersey are about our families, our friends and us. With my medical beat, I'm able to take that a step further. In "Twelve to Your Health," we're bringing you information you can use, such as, our series on New Jerseyans lacking medical coverage and where they can turn for help. I've had the honor to fly with New Jersey's air medical trauma team, NorthStar, featured in our special report "Angels From Above." I've taken a close investigative look at New Jersey's nursing shortage in "On Life Support: A Nursing Crisis." And in my special report, "Is There a Doctor in the House?" I took on our state's potential medical malpractice crisis. These reports have been honored by the Associated Press, the North Jersey Press Club and New Jersey's chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.

But most of all, I enjoy meeting all of you. I take every opportunity to speak with students and organizations throughout the state to share my pride in New Jersey. The fact is, News 12 New Jersey is about all of us. When I'm not on the air at News 12 New Jersey, you can find me with my family. My favorite place in New Jersey: the Jersey shore in the winter. There is nothing more beautiful.

Janine's ties to New Jersey and her work in the community have brought her many honors, including: The Jaycees Outstanding Citizen of The Year 2001, New Jersey Education Association Woman of Accomplishment 2001, UNICO's Outstanding Italian-American, and the ARC Excellence in Media Award