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New Paltz has again been ranked among the top 100 best values in the nation for public four-year institutions that deliver a high quality education at an affordable price, according to Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine's annual rankings

for 2012-13. New Paltz ranked 44th out of nearly 600 public 4-year institutions of higher education in the United States, climbing from 55th in the 2011-12 Kiplinger's rankings. The ranking cites colleges that combine outstanding education with economic value. The annual public school rankings appear in Kiplinger's February 2013 issue, which is now available at newsstands and online at [www.kiplingers.com.links.college](http://www.kiplingers.com.links.college). New Paltz...

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Professor James Halpern (Psychology) was deployed by the American Red Cross Mid-Hudson Valley Chapter to volunteer in Newtown, Conn., in the weeks following the tragic school shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School. While in Newtown,

Halpern provided emotional support and grief counseling to first responders, members of the community, family members and classmates of the victims. He was stationed in the Family Assistance Center, was present at President Obama's visit with victim's family members, and supported the interfaith vigil at Newtown High School. Halpern,...

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## ***Ninth New Paltz alum joins Poughkeepsie Journal staff***

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Kudos to Roberto Cruz '12 (Journalism) for landing a job as a reporter at the Poughkeepsie Journal. "Cruz is the ninth New Paltz journalism graduate now on their staff," said Professor Rob Miraldi (Journalism). "Now, more than a quarter of their news staff comes from New Paltz. It's really remarkable." Cruz joins fellow journalism alumni Kevin Lenihan '95, city editor; sports reporters Sean McMann...

## ***Student artwork and faculty essay published in "Keep Delete"***

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**Artwork by Sarah Hefetz  
featured in “Keep Delete”**

Digital illustrations by undergraduate graphic design students in Professor Amy Papaelias’s (Art) Spring 2012 Interaction Design, an upper-level course in the Graphic Design Program, were selected for publication in “Keep Delete: turning

messages into keepsakes” (October 2013, CreateSpace) by Andrea Wilkinson, Lecturer at the Media, Arts, Design faculty in Limburg, Belgium. “Keep Delete” is about turning digital messages on the verge of being forgotten, deleted, outdated, or even lost into tangible artifacts. The publication includes more than 100 designed artifacts from designers, students, and artists from around the world and essays from designers reflecting on the relationship between design...

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