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New Jersey Lottery Just Created Another Millionaire! Million Dollar Replay Finalists Share \$1.5 Million in Prizes

TRENTON – (February 12, 2016) – The New Jersey Lottery held the Grand Prize Drawing of the **2015 Million Dollar Replay** program with more than 100 semi-finalists and their guests in attendance at the War Memorial in Trenton.

The excitement and anticipation in the room was palpable as attendees hoped their name would be drawn as the next New Jersey Lottery millionaire or recipient of another top prize. Fifteen finalists received a share of the \$1.5 million prize pool.

Carole Hedinger, New Jersey Lottery Executive Director, opened the event and welcomed all to the festivities. She shared notable moments that transformed the Lottery during its 45-year journey from fledgling start-up to its current status as the fourth largest revenue producer for the state and a source of public entertainment. As such, the Lottery provides vital funding to its beneficiaries that include educational programs, facilities for disabled veterans, centers for developmentally disabled and institutions that make a difference in the lives of New Jersey's residents.

"This is the fifth year that the Million Dollar Replay program has provided New Jersey Lottery players the opportunity to win significant cash prizes with previously non-winning tickets," Hedinger said. "It is thrilling to have the semi-finalists in the audience to experience the anticipation and excitement surrounding the potential of becoming a millionaire or recipient of one of the other significant cash prizes."

Erica Young, New Jersey Lottery Ambassador, and Kaitlyn Cunning, drawing hostess, conducted the drawing. The drawing was performed under the observation of Mercadien Certified Accountants, and the official results will be posted to the New Jersey Lottery website (www.NJLottery.com).

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Million Dollar Replay 2015 Finalists Win \$1.5 Million

The Grand Prize Drawing prizes are: one \$1,000,000 Grand Prize winner; two \$100,000 winners; three \$50,000 winners; four \$25,000 winners; and five \$10,000 winners. All of the other semi-finalists receive a \$250 prize for earning a spot in the final drawing.

2015 Million Dollar Replay Grand Prize Winners

PRIZE	NAME	CITY/STATE
\$1,000,000	AMY HAMMERSTONE	WEST BELMAR, NJ
\$100,000	DANIEL DESANTO	ISELIN, NJ
\$100,000	MARILYN LAWRENCE	LITTLE FALLS, NJ
\$50,000	VALERIE WAYNICK	IRVINGTON, NJ
\$50,000	ANTHONY FIORICA	WESTWOOD, NJ
\$50,000	OMAR GONZALEZLEAL	JERSEY CITY, NJ
\$25,000	DIANE COLEMAN	HIGHLANDS, NJ
\$25,000	SHATAN MCRAE THOMPSON	TRENTON, NJ
\$25,000	LAURA PALUMBO	SUMMERDALE, PA
\$25,000	TIMOTHY WOLFF	AVENEL, NJ
\$10,000	KATHY RAMO	ORANGE, NJ
\$10,000	MARK KARG	KEYPORT, NJ
\$10,000	SHARON SUTTER	WESTVILLE, NJ
\$10,000	MICHAEL DAY	FORKED RIVER, NJ
\$10,000	STANLEY ROZUM	HASKELL, NJ



L-R, Carole Hedinger, NJ Lottery Executive Director, Shatan McRae Thompson, \$25,000 Million Dollar Replay winner, Laura Palumbo, \$25,000 Million Dollar Replay winner, R. John Custodio, NJ Lottery Deputy Executive Director

Shatan McRae Thompson and Laura Palumbo were both present at the event and experienced the thrill of hearing their names called as winners.

“I have been blessed this year,” said Thompson. “I was the winner of the television show **Sugar Showdown** in December and now this.” Thompson will be using these winnings to expand her bakery business Tan’s Tasty Cakes LLC which specializes in gourmet cupcakes and sweet treats.

Palumbo shared the excitement with her family by her side. “I will be making some responsible choices and use some money to pay for grad school but I also hope to use some toward having adventures,” Palumbo shared.



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The drawing is a culmination of the year-long program that provides instant ticket game players with the opportunity to turn their non-winning instant tickets into a second opportunity to win big money. This year, the Lottery received more than 8.7 million entries during the four quarters of the program. There were more than 14.4 million tickets entered through the VIP Club Million Dollar Replay entry portal.

For details on how to play and enter the **2016 Million Dollar Replay** program, which is currently underway, go to the New Jersey Lottery website at www.NJLottery.com and log into the VIP Club.

ABOUT THE LOTTERY

Since its inception in 1970, the New Jersey Lottery (NJLottery.com) has contributed nearly \$24 billion to the State in support of education and institutions. In Fiscal Year 2015, the Lottery's contribution was more than \$960 million. Among its beneficiaries are: veterans homes, colleges and universities, school nutrition programs, homes for the developmentally disabled, psychiatric hospitals, higher education scholarship programs and the Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf.

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