



## **Tampa Bay Times Newspaper in Education program wins national awards**

Two curriculum supplements produced by the Tampa Bay Times Newspaper in Education program (NIE) have been recognized with national awards in the National Newspaper Association's 2013 Newspaper And Education Contest.

*Breaking the Cycle of Teen Dating Abuse* won Second Place in the Traditional Newspaper in Education Stories and Curriculum, Daily Division.

The goal of *Breaking the Cycle of Teen Dating Abuse* was to help preteens and teens gain the knowledge and learn the skills they need to form positive, healthy relationships and protect themselves both online and off. *Breaking the Cycle of Teen Dating Abuse* was funded by a generous grant from the Verizon Foundation and was produced in partnership with WFTS-TV ABC Action News, CASA of St. Petersburg, the Family Justice Center of Hillsborough County, the Haven of RCS, the Salvation Army of Pasco County, The Spring of Tampa Bay and Sunrise of Pasco County. The judges commented on *Breaking the Cycle of Teen Dating Abuse*: "A very important topic, well presented with broad distribution. The collaboration with the TV station was powerful and added value to the proposition."

*At the Crossroads of Freedom & Equality: Florida's Journey from Separate toward Equal* won Third Place in the Traditional Newspaper in Education Stories and Curriculum, Daily Division.

*At the Crossroads of Freedom & Equality* explores the issues of intolerance, prejudice, racism and stereotyping in the context of Tampa Bay's past and present, with the goals of encouraging students to think carefully and critically about the issues, to understand the connections between intolerance, bullying and violence, and to become "upstanders" and agents for tolerance and change in their schools and in their communities. *At the Crossroads of Freedom & Equality* was funded by generous grants from the Altrusa International of Tampa Bay Wilma B. Hogan Foundation, the Frank E. Duckwall Foundation and the Florida Humanities Council. The judges commented on *At the Crossroads of Freedom & Equality*: "A strong contender. A great topic, thoughtful execution and beautiful materials."

Winning newspapers will be recognized at the Toast to the Winners Awards Reception, Saturday, Sept. 14, during NNA's 127th Annual Convention & Trade Show, which will be held in Phoenix, AZ, September 12-15.