

# Newspaper in Education

## 2019-2020 highlights

### 2020 Newspaper in Education Teacher of the Year

The annual NIE Teacher of the Year award recognizes educators who advocate for literacy and civic learning through innovative classroom use of the *Tampa Bay Times* and other NIE resources. Our 2020 winners will be recognized at a virtual award presentation in spring 2021.



**2020 Grand Prize Winner**  
Tiffany Southwell  
Steinbrenner High School  
Hillsborough County

### 2020 Honorable Mentions

Brenda Curtwright, Anclote High School, Pasco County  
Kathryn Jeakle, Shorecrest Preparatory School, Pinellas County  
Susan Tkacik, Pride Elementary School, Hillsborough County  
Johana Wright, Hillsborough High School, Hillsborough County

### NIE at the Florida State Fair

In 2020, NIE was invited to be part of Hillsborough County Public Schools' exhibit at the Florida State Fair.

NIE's booth featured historic *Times* front pages, including the 1954 edition reporting on the Supreme Court's *Brown vs. Board of Education* ruling; the famous 1962 "Blue Times," printed in blue to represent record low temperatures; and the 1968 edition reporting on the passage of the Civil Rights Act.



### Did you know?

In 2019-2020, NIE provided more than **1.1 million** free print copies of the *Times* to area classrooms.

### Did you know?

In 2019-2020, NIE provided more than **10 million** free e-Newspaper licenses to area classrooms.

### Did you know?

In a 2019 survey, **66 percent** of NIE teachers agreed that classroom newspapers improved their students' interest in learning.

## Did you know?

In 2019-2020, NIE served **1,589 teachers** at **548 schools** in Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco and Pinellas counties.

## Did you know?

In a 2019 survey, **77 percent** of NIE teachers agreed that classroom newspapers improved their students' knowledge of and engagement with community issues and news.

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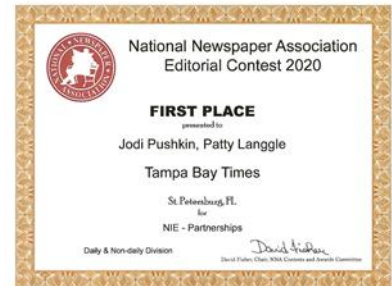
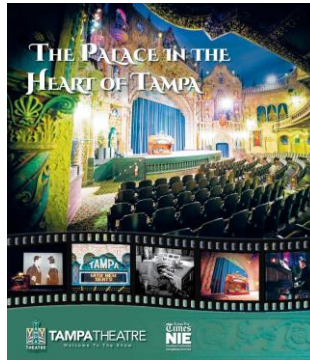
In 2019-2020, NIE published **12 original educational publications**. Visit [tampabay.com/nie](http://tampabay.com/nie) and click on the Curriculum tab to explore.

## Did you know?

Teachers in Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco and Pinellas counties can receive free classroom newspapers through NIE.

## NIE publications win national awards

Two educational publications produced by the Tampa Bay Times Newspaper in Education program received awards in the 2020 National Newspaper Association Better Newspaper Editorial Contest in the NIE - Partnerships category. *The Palace in the Heart of Tampa*, created in partnership with Tampa Theatre, won First Place, while *Pasco County Recycling 2019: Caring for our Earth*, created in partnership with Pasco County Recycling and Pasco County Schools, won Second Place.



## Pathways to Understanding

Pathways to Understanding is a joint project of NIE and Community Tampa Bay. Its goal is to give community members the opportunity to build relationships across faith communities by promoting meaningful interactions between Tampa Bay's Muslim and non-Muslim communities.

The project features two educational publications: *Exploring Muslim Cultures in Tampa Bay* and *Creating Community through Allyship*. It will also include a series of virtual facilitated small-group dialogues in 2021. Download free copies of both publications and register for the virtual events at [nieonline.com/tbtimes/pathways.cfm](http://nieonline.com/tbtimes/pathways.cfm). To request print copies, email [ordernie@tampabay.com](mailto:ordernie@tampabay.com).

### Did you know?

NIE offers dozens of free online literacy resources for teachers, students and families. Visit [tampabay.com/nie](http://tampabay.com/nie) and click on the Resources tab.

### Did you know?

NIE offers monthly virtual teacher training workshops in conjunction with the USF Stavros Center. Go to [tampabay.com/nie](http://tampabay.com/nie) and click on the Information for Teachers link under the Resources tab.

### Did you know?

In a 2019 survey, 63 percent of NIE teachers agreed that classroom newspapers improved their students' reading skills.

### Did you know?

Two NIE projects have won a prestigious World Young Reader Prize from the World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers.

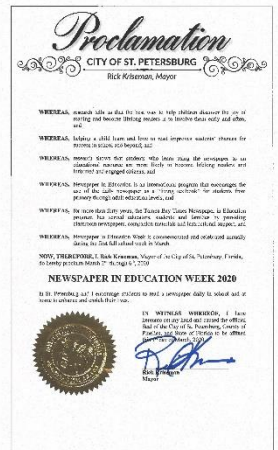
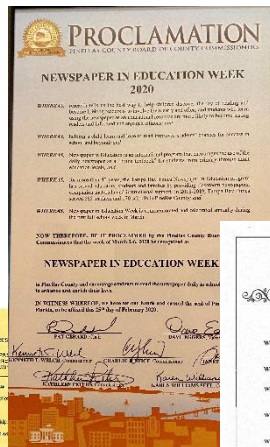
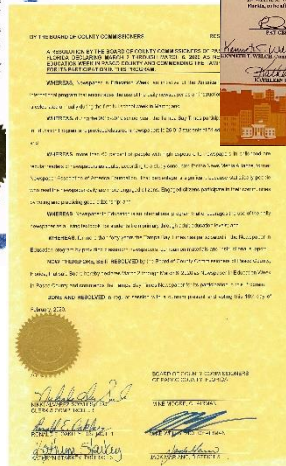
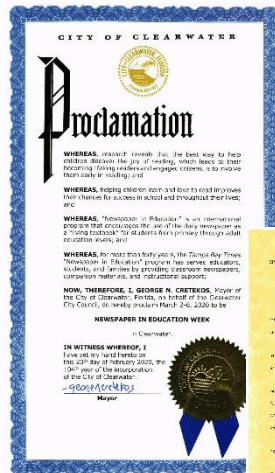
## Newspaper in Education Week 2020

*“Newspapers are an important teaching tool that can challenge Florida’s students to...think critically about important issues that impact our state, nation, and the world. Reading newspapers provides students with the opportunity to understand current events and encourages them to remain active and engaged members of society.”*

**- Florida Governor Ron DeSantis**

Newspaper in Education Week, celebrated annually during the first full school week in March, recognizes the accomplishments of NIE programs across the country and around the world. In addition to a letter of support from Governor DeSantis, the following Tampa Bay municipalities issued proclamations in honor of NIE Week 2020:

- Citrus County Board of County Commissioners
- Hernando County School Board
- Hillsborough County School Board
- Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners
- Pasco County School Board
- Pasco County Board of County Commissioners
- Pinellas County School Board
- Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners
- City of Clearwater
- City of St. Petersburg
- City of Tampa



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## 2021 NIE events

Jan. 25-29 – Celebrate  
Literacy Week, Florida!

March 1-5 – NIE Week

May 3 – World Press  
Freedom Day

Oct. 3-9 – National  
Newspaper Week

Visit [tampabay.com/nie](http://tampabay.com/nie)  
for a full calendar of NIE  
events.

## 2020 Science Fiction and Fantasy Writing Award

The Tampa Bay Times Newspaper in Education Science Fiction and Fantasy Writing Award is an annual writing contest for Tampa Bay area high school students.

The award seeks to nurture and recognize the creativity and talent of young writers in the Tampa Bay area. It was established to encourage aspiring authors to explore the genres of science fiction and fantasy and to experiment with the short story format. The 2019-2020 theme was “I never wanted to be a hero.”



### 2019-2020 Grand Prize Winner

Rashi Lakhota

“Gunshot”

Middleton High School, Hillsborough County

### 2019-2020 Runners Up

Witt Pizarro, “Disco Inferno”

Armwood High School, Hillsborough County

Tahreem Cheema, “Case File 4977: The Happiness”

Universal Academy of Florida, Hillsborough County

Timothy Kovacs, “Nurse”

Wiregrass Ranch High School, Pasco County

Audra Nikolajski, “Taking Flight “

Bloomington Senior High School, Hillsborough County

Kaeleigh Dawson, “The Villains of Citysburg”

Indian Rocks Christian School, Pinellas County

Shelley Lawson, “The Impact of a Single Smile”

Palmetto High School, Manatee County

The 2020-2021 contest is now open. Tampa Bay-area high school students are invited to submit original, unpublished short stories on the theme of “Mars – the Red Planet” by May 11, 2021. Learn more and read past Grand Prize-winning stories at [tampabay.com/storycontest](http://tampabay.com/storycontest).