

### Did you know?

In 2020-2021, NIE provided more than **400,000** free print copies of the *Times* to area classrooms.

### Did you know?

In 2020-2021, NIE provided more than **12 million** free e-Newspaper licenses to area classrooms.

### Did you know?

In 2020-2021, NIE served **1,266 teachers** at 512 public, private, alternative and home schools in Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco and Pinellas counties.

# Newspaper in Education

## 2020-2021 highlights

### 2021 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 2021 winners were recognized at a virtual award presentation on Thursday, April 29, 2021.



#### 2021 Grand Prize Winner

Elizabeth Crawley  
Seminole High School  
Pinellas County

#### 2021 Honorable Mention

Patrice Brown, East Bay High School,  
Hillsborough County

Learn more about the Teacher of the Year award, view previous year's winners and [watch the 2021 virtual award presentation](#) by visiting [tampabay.com/nie](http://tampabay.com/nie) and clicking on [About NIE / Teacher of the Year](#).

## 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](#) as well as a series of virtual facilitated events. For more information, to download free copies of both publications and to register for the virtual events, visit [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?

In 2020-2021, NIE published **10 original educational publications**. Visit [tampabay.com/nie](http://tampabay.com/nie) and click on the Curriculum tab to explore.

## 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 Resources.

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## Newspaper in Education Week 2021

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. The following Tampa Bay municipalities issued proclamations in honor of NIE Week 2021:

- Citrus County Board of County Commissioners
- Hernando 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

## 2021 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.

### Grand Prize Winner

Kaeleigh Dawson, "Wait, Our Brother is an Alien?!"  
Indian Rocks Christian School, Pinellas County

### First Runner Up

Shannan Adams, "Perunya"  
H.B. Plant High School, Hillsborough County

### Second Runner Up

Timothy Kovacs, "To Earth"  
Wiregrass Ranch High School, Pasco County

The 2021-2022 contest will open Nov. 1, 2021. Learn more and read past Grand Prize-winning stories at [tampabay.com/nie/storycontest](http://tampabay.com/nie/storycontest).