



# Newspaper in Education

## 2021-2022 highlights

### 2022 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 NIE resources. Our 2022 winners were recognized at a virtual award presentation on Thursday, April 21, 2022.

#### 2022 Grand Prize Winner



The 2022 NIE Teacher of the Year is **Linda Cox**. Linda teaches art at Bay Crest and Morgan Woods Elementary Schools in Hillsborough County.

Linda was chosen as NIE Teacher of the Year for her ongoing use of the Tampa Bay Times to promote literacy, civic awareness and character development through art. Linda has used the Times as a classroom resource since 2015.

Linda received a \$1,500 cash prize, a grand prize plaque and a personalized Tampa Bay Rays jersey, thanks to our generous sponsors: Caspers Company McDonald's, Suncoast Credit Union Foundation and the Tampa Bay Rays.

#### 2022 Runners Up

2022 Runners Up included **Rachel Kingdom**, who teaches science at Central High School in Hernando County; **Dean Robertson**, who teaches U.S. history and economics at Steinbrenner High School in Hillsborough County; and **Dawana Whyte-Hug**, who teaches journalism at Melrose Elementary School in Pinellas County. Each Runner Up received a cash prize of \$300.

The 2022-2023 contest will open Nov. 1, 2022. Learn more about the Teacher of the Year award and watch the 2022 virtual award presentation by visiting [tampabay.com/nie](http://tampabay.com/nie) and clicking on About NIE / Teacher of the Year.

#### Did you know?

In 2021-2022, NIE provided more than **290,000** free print copies of the Times to area classrooms.

#### Did you know?

In 2021-2022, NIE provided more than **10.5 million** free e-Newspaper licenses to area classrooms.

#### Did you know?

In 2021-2022, **62** percent of NIE teachers agreed that classroom newspapers improved their students' interest in learning.

## Did you know?

In 2021-2022, NIE served **919 teachers at 467 schools** in Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco and Pinellas counties.

## Did you know?

In 2021-2022, 64 percent of NIE teachers agreed that classroom newspapers **improved their students' knowledge of and engagement with community issues and news.**

## Did you know?

In 2021-2022, NIE published **15 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.

## Thank you to our 2021 supporters

The *Tampa Bay Times* would like to thank the many businesses, organizations and individuals who supported our Newspaper in Education program in 2021.

We would also like to thank our subscribers who made gifts to NIE with their newspaper subscription payments, as well as those who donated the value of their newspapers to NIE while on vacation.

A list of our 2021 supporters can be found by visiting [tampabay.com/nie](http://tampabay.com/nie) and clicking on Supporting NIE / Our Partners. Find out how you can help by visiting [tampabay.com/nie](http://tampabay.com/nie) and clicking on Supporting NIE / How You Can Help.

## Newspaper in Education Week 2022



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 2022:

- Citrus County Board of County Commissioners
- Hernando County School Board
- Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners
- Hillsborough County School Board
- Pinellas County School Board
- Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners
- City of Clearwater
- City of Tampa



## 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 regular **teacher professional development** workshops and webinars with various partners. Visit [tampabay.com/nie](http://tampabay.com/nie) and click on the Information for Teachers link under the Resources tab.

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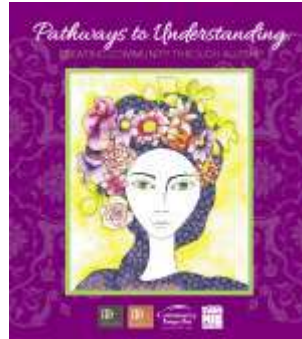
In 2021-2022, 56 percent of NIE teachers agreed that classroom newspapers **improved their students' reading skills**.

## Did you know?

NIE has won two prestigious **World Young Reader Prizes** from the World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers.

## NIE publications win national awards

Three educational publications produced by the Tampa Bay Times Newspaper in Education program received awards in the 2022 National Newspaper Association Better Newspaper Editorial Contest in the Newspaper in Education Partnerships category.



[Pathways to Understanding](#) was awarded First Place. This publication was produced in partnership with Community Tampa Bay, the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art. It presents an overview of Muslim culture, busts some myths about Islam and Muslims, and explores the causes and consequences of Islamophobia, prejudice and discrimination.



[Reduce Your Use: The Dos and Don'ts of Recycling in Hillsborough County 2019](#) was awarded Second Place. This bilingual publication, produced in partnership with Hillsborough County, focused on helping students and community members understand the environmental impact of single-use plastics, waste reduction, and reducing, reusing and recycling.



[NEA Big Read: The Things They Carried](#) was awarded Third Place. This publication was produced in partnership with the Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative as part of the National Endowment for the Arts' Big Read program. It focused on Tim O'Brien's 1990 novel *The Things They Carried*, considered one of the nation's most important books about the experience of war.

Winners were recognized at an awards ceremony held Saturday, October 2, 2021, during the NNAF's 135th Annual Convention & Trade Show in Jacksonville, Fla.

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## 2022-23 NIE events

Oct. 2-8, 2022 – National  
Newspaper Week 2022

Oct. 5-10, 2022 – eBuy  
for Education 2022

March 6-10, 2023 – NIE  
Week 2023

May 1-5, 2023 – Teacher  
Appreciation Week 2023

May 3, 2023 – World  
Press Freedom Day 2023

## 2022 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 theme of the 2021-2022 contest was “Fantastic Florida.” This year’s judges included Tampa Bay Times book critic Colette Bancroft, 2021 winner of the Mystery Writers of America’s Robert L. Fish Award; Parallax Award-winning author, editor and musician Tenea D. Johnson; and Sidewise Award-winning writer, editor and educator Rick Wilber.



### Grand Prize Winner

Lydia Cooper  
“Well Done”  
Home school, Hillsborough County

### First Runner Up

Elle Mehlretter, “Beach Days in a Summer Haze,” Osceola Fundamental High School, Pinellas County

### Second Runner Up

Dirk Fernandez, “Memento Vitae”  
Hillsborough High School, Hillsborough County

### Third Runner Up

Isabella Luettinger, “Under the Waves”  
Osceola Fundamental High School, Pinellas County

### Fourth Runner Up

Rachel Henderson, “E-Mail Mayhem”  
Osceola Fundamental High School, Pinellas County

### Fifth Runner Up

Luke W. McAllister, “Fountain of Youth”  
Palm Harbor University High School, Pinellas County

Learn more and read past Grand Prize-winning stories at [tampabay.com/nie/storycontest](http://tampabay.com/nie/storycontest).