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Newspaper in Education wins national awards

Two educational publications produced by the [Tampa Bay Times Newspaper in Education program](#) have received awards in the 2025 [National Newspaper Association Foundation Better Newspaper Editorial Contest](#).

[Join the drive to conserve more water in Pasco County!](#) was awarded Second Place in the NIE - Partnerships category. The publication features the winners of the annual Water Poster Contest and informs Pasco County residents about water conservation, water savings tips, water quality, the water cycle, water hydrants and more. Created in partnership with Pasco County Utilities, it was written by Sandra E. Anderson, Pasco County Utilities Customer Information & Services Director, Phoenix McKinney, Pasco County Utilities Water Conservation & Efficiency Coordinator, and Jodi Pushkin, NIE manager, and designed by Stacy Rector of [Fluid Graphic Design](#) with cover art by Vanesa Shook, Pasco County Utilities Communication Coordinator.

[Separate ≠ Equal: Commemorating the 70th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education](#) was awarded Third Place in the NIE – Educational Support & Civic Literacy category. This publication examines the history and the continuing impact of the *Brown v. Board of Education* Supreme Court decision in Florida through the use of interviews, newspapers and other primary sources. Created in partnership with Florida Humanities, it was written by NIE manager Jodi Pushkin and designed by Stacy Rector of [Fluid Graphic Design](#).

Winners will be recognized at an awards ceremony at NNAF's 139th Annual Convention and Trade Show Oct. 9-10, 2025 in Minneapolis, Minn.

The [National Newspaper Association Foundation](#) (NNAF) is the educational arm and sister organization of the National Newspaper Association. NNAF's mission is to promote news literacy, protect the First Amendment, and enhance the quality, role and capabilities of community newspapers and community journalists.

The [Tampa Bay Times Newspaper in Education program](#) (NIE) serves educators, students, families and community members in the Tampa Bay area by providing classroom access to the Pulitzer Prize-winning Tampa Bay Times plus award-winning original educational publications, teacher guides, lesson plans, educator professional development resources and much more – all at no cost to schools, teachers or families.

NIE is a member of [Florida Press Educational Services](#) (FPES), a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization of newspaper professionals that promotes literacy, civic engagement and critical thinking, particularly for young people.

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