

Jamy Hoch, Countryside High School, Pinellas County



"I use the Tampa Bay Times in my Child Development and Early Childhood Education classes at Countryside High School. The three articles that I use the most – 'The girl in the window,' 'A young mother tries to save two sons and loses everything' and 'The long fall of Phoebe Jonchuck' – bring to the forefront issues facing children and families today."

Jamy was chosen as a 2018 Honorable Mention because of the innovative way that she uses long-form feature writing to encourage her Child Development and Early Childhood Education students to think deeply about issues facing children and families.

In her application, Jamy highlighted three articles by Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Lane DeGregory:

- "[The girl in the window](#)" (for which Lane won a Pulitzer) documents the extraordinary case of a severely neglected girl who was rescued and given a chance at a better life.
- "[A young mother tries to save two sons and loses everything](#)" delves into the history behind a young boy's fatal assault of his brother.
- "[The long fall of Phoebe Jonchuck](#)" explores the circumstances leading up to the murder of a young girl by her father.

Every day throughout the semester, Jamy's students read relevant articles, write about what they have read in graphic organizers and participate in a class discussion. Jamy notes, "The students usually have many comments and questions that lead to further research."

