

Alan C. Miller, founder of the News Literacy Project

Short biography

Alan C. Miller is the founder of the News Literacy Project, the largest provider of news literacy education in the country. He established NLP in 2008 to give middle and high school educators the tools to teach their students how to separate fact from fiction in the digital age. He stepped down as CEO in June 2022, after leading NLP for more than 14 years. He continues to work with NLP and to speak publicly about news literacy, journalism and democracy. NLP provides educators with classroom resources and programs to ensure that all students are skilled in news literacy before high school graduation, giving them the knowledge and ability to participate in civic society as wellinformed, critical thinkers. Alan previously spent 29 years as a journalist, the last 21 at the Los Angeles Times. During his journalism career, Alan received more than a dozen national reporting honors, including the 2003 Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting. More recently, he received the 2022 AARP Purpose Prize. The same year, he also received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the East-West Center in Honolulu; in June 2024, during the center's International Media Conference, he received its award for Journalists of Courage and Impact, which "recognizes the contributions of exceptional journalists from across the Asia-Pacific region." In September 2024, Alan and three other graduates of Ridgewood (N.J.) High School were named Distinguished Alumni by the RHS Alumni Association. He was also named a Washingtonian of the Year in 2020 by Washingtonian Magazine. He is a graduate of Wesleyan University and has a master's degree in political science from the University of Hawaii.