ITS Science Fiction Short Story Contest

- Purpose: 1) to get students to think about the impact of science and technology change on society; 2) to provide a fun way for students from multiple backgrounds and majors to relate to a focus area of ITS
- **Stories due by Mar. 1st** with winner to be announced by the end of the semester
- The rules:
    - Story must be at least **2000 words** (cannot exceed 2500 words)
    - Must be science fiction, not fantasy (No hobbits, vampires, etc. If not sure, students can ask Gary Halada at ghalada@notes.cc.sunysb.edu…)
    - Should be fiction, not an essay – in other words, it must have a plot and characters
    - Story should be based on extrapolation into the future of a scientific or technological idea or development and how it impacts people (i.e. solutions to an energy problem)
    - The descriptions of science and technology in the story do not have to be fully developed but should be thought out
    - Should take place in near to distant future (20 years from today to 20 billion years from today)
    - No plagiarism – computer tools will be used to check
- Criteria for judgment – a good story (idea, plot, and characters); quality of writing will be considered, but quality of story and originality of science and technology ideas are more important
- Prizes:
    - 1st = $300, plus a full I-CON 27 membership (value around $45) AND ticket to "Meet the Pros" authors/actors banquet
    - 2nd = $200, plus a full I-CON 27 membership (value around $45)
    - 3rd = $100
- "Honorable mentions" will receive magazine subscriptions or something of similar value
- Prize winning story will be read on "*Destinies*", the longest running science fiction radio show in the country!