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## ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

Progress SAISD is an electronic publication of the [San Antonio Independent School District](#), distributed by the Communications Department to inform the community about the District's progress in the areas of college readiness and drop-out prevention.

## THIS JUST IN

Edison, Lanier and Sam Houston high schools received a combined \$281,000 to implement an online college preparation program. The program, which will be available to all grades, will allow students to perform a number of activities online, including creating a portfolio/resumé, completing college preference and comparison lists, submitting college applications and the federal financial aid application and saving scholarship lists.

The District will contract with an approved service provider, with at least 85 percent of grant funds to go toward services, goods and materials.

## FIRST EARLY COLLEGE HS CLASS SET TO GRADUATE

The rows of certificates displayed on the Wall of Success At Travis Early College High School represent college acceptance letters received by this year's seniors -- the school's first graduating class. With 153 letters received to date, it's one of the best visual representations of the students' hard work.

So far, 68 percent of the 86 students in the Class of 2012

has been accepted to at least one college. The program, which targets groups of students that are underrepresented in higher education, allows students to earn up to 60 college credit hours and/or an Associate's Degree - tuition-free - by the time they graduate high school.

This year, students are expected to graduate with a combined 3,624 credit hours.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM SHOWS PROMISING RESULTS

A first look at retention results for students who went through the Middle School Partners Program indicates the program is achieving its goals: keeping students in school and helping to put them on track to on-time graduation.

The program is currently serving its third group of 8th-graders, with 538 of them at 14 middle schools this year. Of the 488 students who were a part of the first and second student groups served by the program, 98.4 percent went into and remain in a high school inside or outside of SAISD.

Each Partner Program class has about 25 students, who double up on learning by working through the 8<sup>th</sup>- and 9<sup>th</sup>-grade curricula simultaneously, so they can transition to high school as sophomores.

Several school districts interested in replicating the program, including one outside of the state, have come to San Antonio to see the program first-hand.

### GROUPS TEAM TO PUSH CRUCIAL COLLEGE AID STEP



Roxanna Diaz, with Advise TX, works with a student at Brackenridge High School's GO Center, a one-stop shop for college information and help.

High schools throughout the District are continuing to work diligently to ensure that seniors have completed the crucial step of applying for federal financial aid for college. Among those schools is Brackenridge High School, where counselors have teamed up with members of various organizations to get the job done. The school's College Team is comprised of representatives from various programs or organizations, including Project STAY, San Antonio Education Partnership, Advise TX and UTSA Collegiate G-Force.

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