



CAST Med High School (top) and The Young Women's Leadership Academy: Primary (center right) are SAISD's two newest schools, both opening this school year. Cyber P-TECH at Sam Houston (bottom right) welcomed students to the program site. This year, Bonham Academy (left) is celebrating serving the community for 130 years.

SAISD welcomes back students for 2019-2020

New schools, new programs and an appreciation for history this school year at SAISD

Classes across the majority of schools in the District began on Monday, including the District's two newest campuses, CAST Med High School and Young Women's Leadership Academy: Primary.

Modeled after SAISD's Young Women's Leadership Academy for grades 6-12 – a National Blue Ribbon School – the new primary school opens this year with kindergarten and first grades. The school focuses on science, technology, engineering, the arts and math (STEAM), and social-emotional learning. Over the next few years, the school will become a full K-5 program with a new grade added each year.

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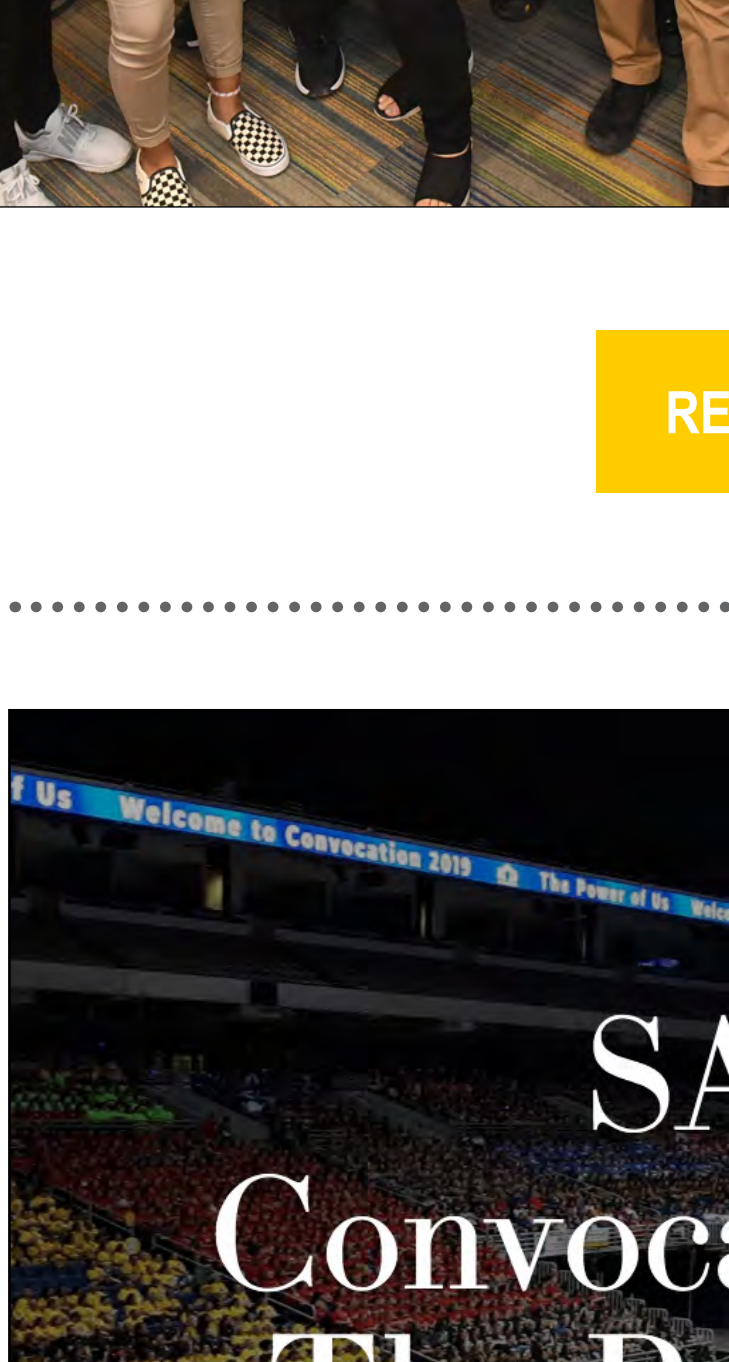
SAISD highest in student achievement gains among state's large school districts, per TEA Commissioner Morath

District achieves B in 2019 state accountability ratings

San Antonio received its 2019 accountability ratings today from the Texas Education Agency, showing a continued upward trajectory with strong gains in academic achievement. The District received an overall grade of a B. Earlier today, Texas Education Agency Commissioner Mike Morath kicked off his accountability tour at Schenck Elementary School, which received a campus grade of A. Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, as well as a number of state representatives, were in attendance for the announcement.

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SAISD teacher named 2020 Teacher of the Year for Region 20



The beginning of the school year is always an exciting time for students and teachers alike. And for Belinda Medellin, a technology teacher at CAST Tech High School, another layer of excitement was added when on Wednesday, she was surprised to find that she has been named the 2020 Secondary Teacher of the Year by Education Service Center, Region 20.

Medellin's eyes filled with tears as representatives from Region 20 and the District surprised her with balloons, a plaque and a \$250 gift card in front of a classroom full of students.

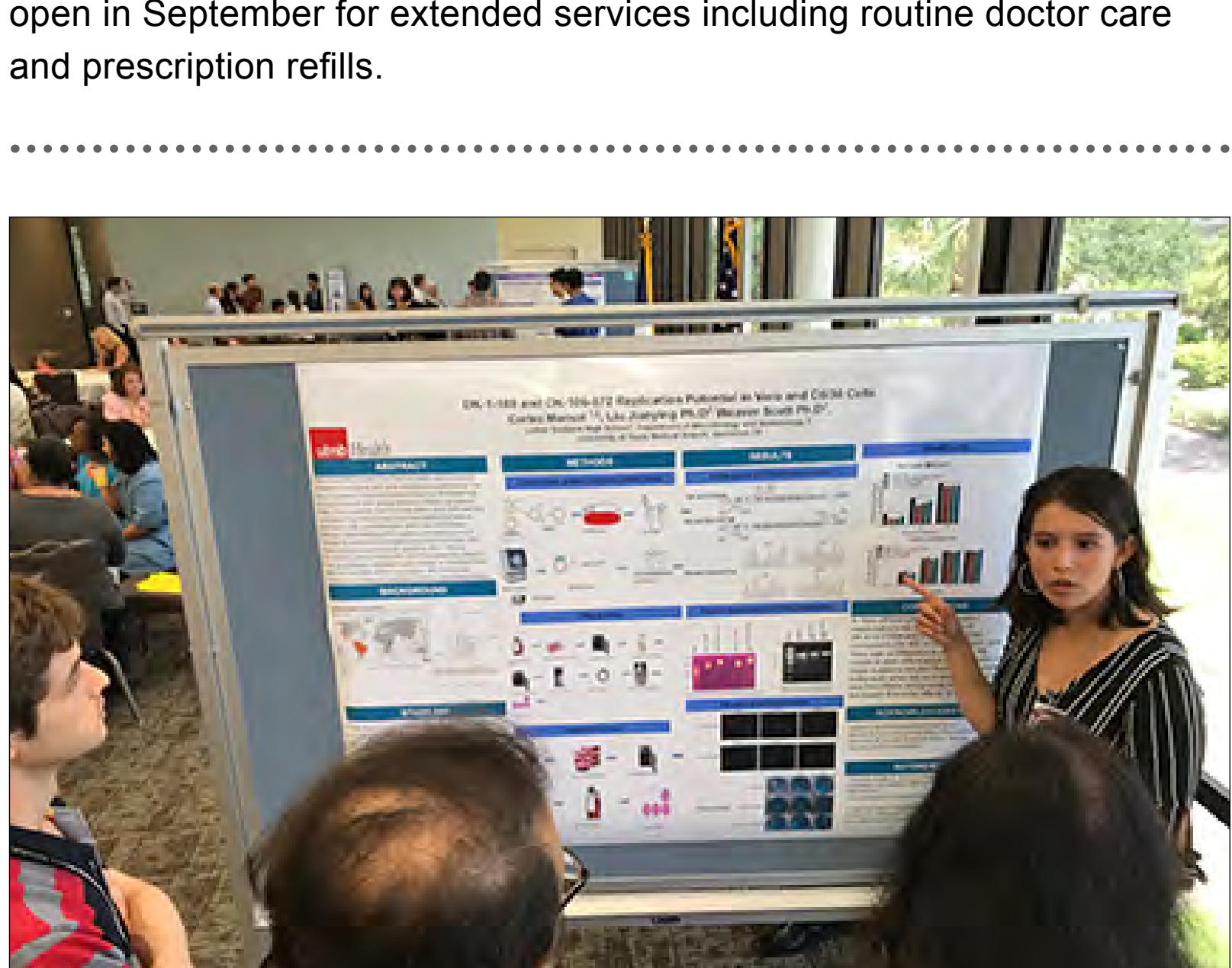
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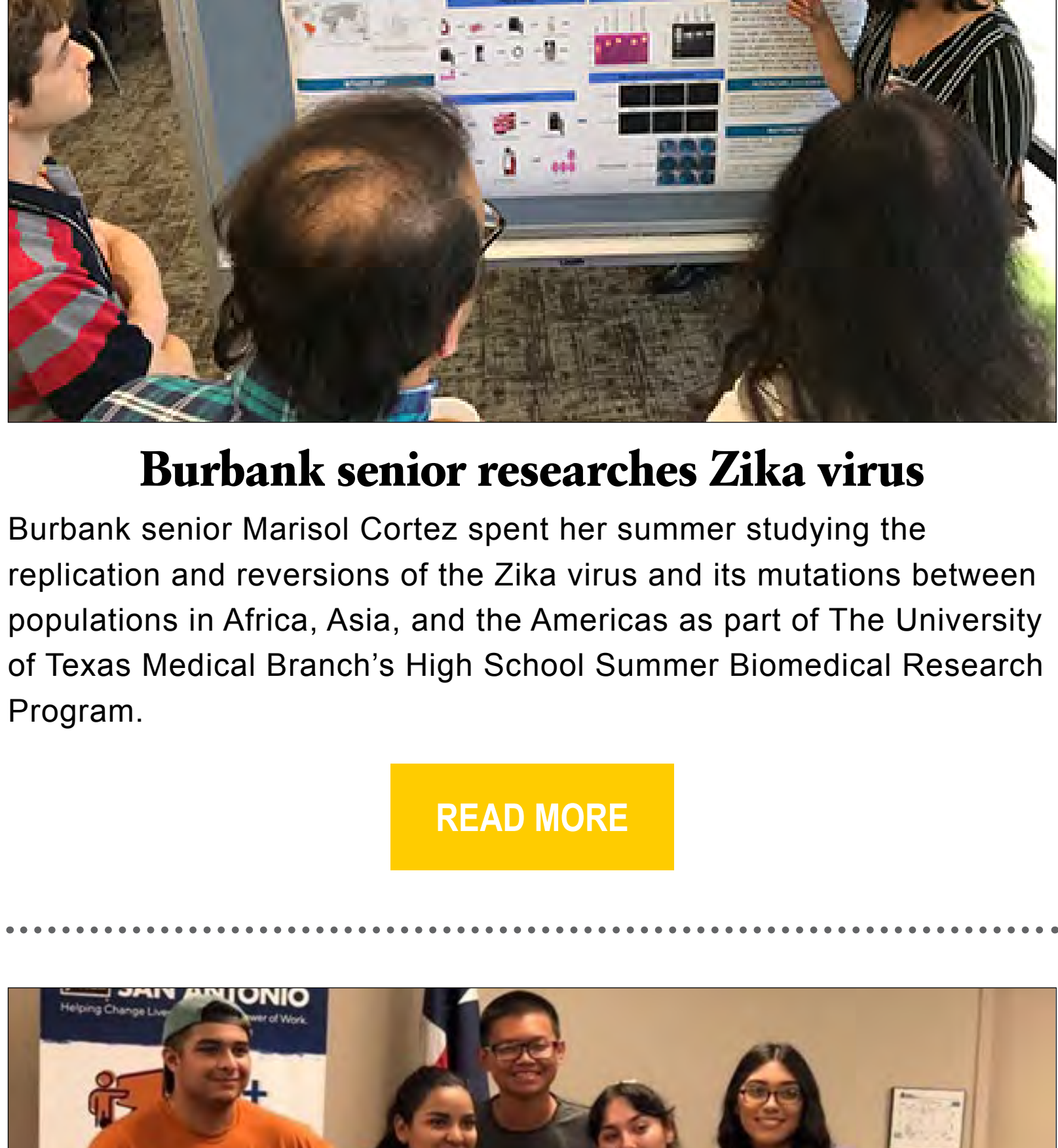


Providing healthy start for students

Danyel Gloria, an LVN at University Health System, inoculates a student at Tafolla Middle School's [new mobile clinic](#). The clinic is part of a partnership between SAISD and University Health System and was open this week to provide vaccinations to students.

"This is really rewarding because we get to help people who need it the most," said Gloria. "We don't turn away anybody whether they can pay or not."

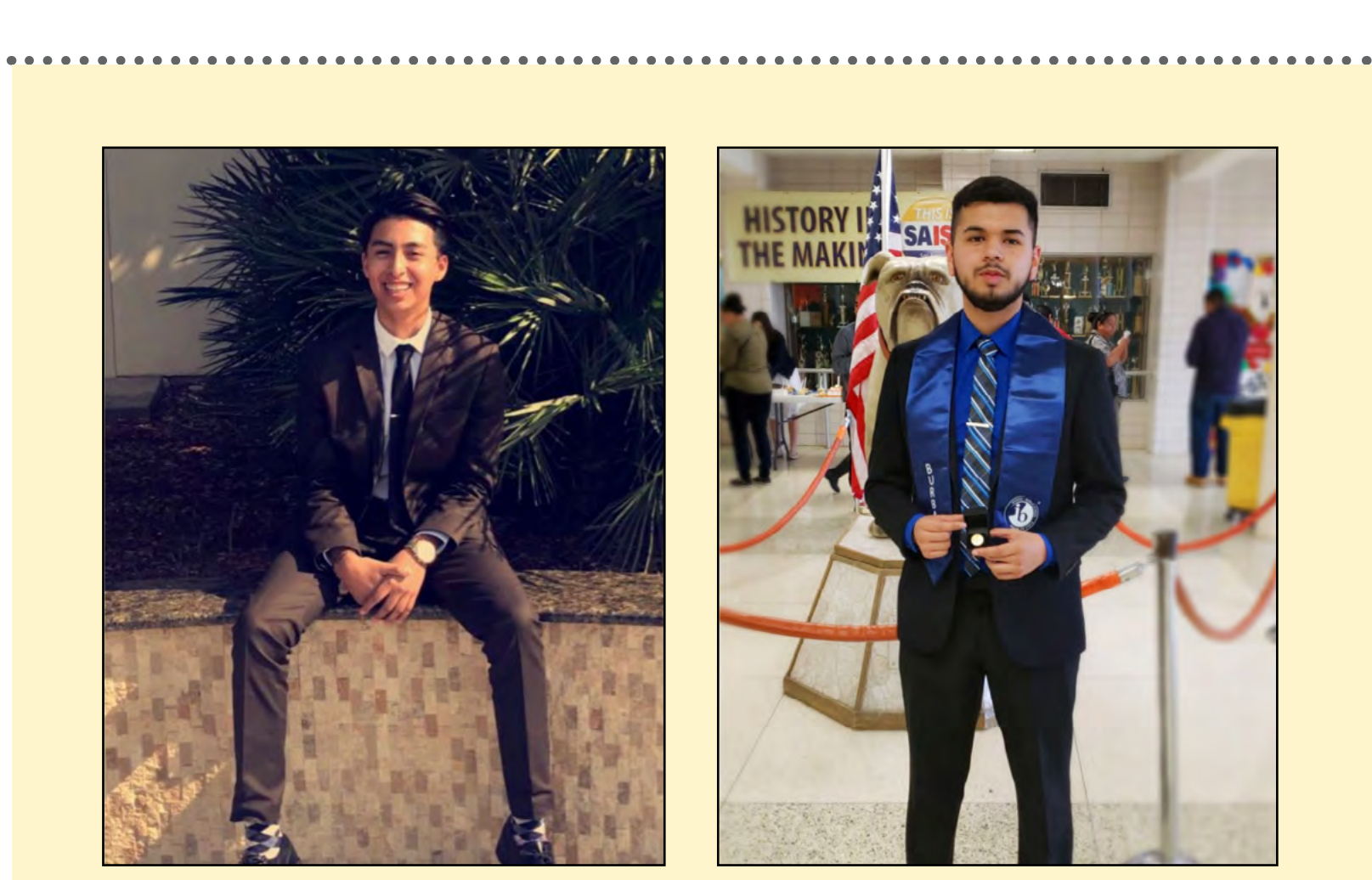
The clinic, which was only open two days this week for vaccinations, will open in September for extended services including routine doctor care and prescription refills.



Burbank senior researches Zika virus

Burbank senior Marisol Cortez spent her summer studying the replication and reversions of the Zika virus and its mutations between populations in Africa, Asia, and the Americas as part of The University of Texas Medical Branch's High School Summer Biomedical Research Program.

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Raising money for Goodwill San Antonio

The Brackenridge High School Class of 2020 announced that through the contributions of its class members in their first community service event, they have raised over \$9,500 in scholarships through Goodwill, San Antonio. The scholarships will go to teenagers and adults facing struggles to get a technical education in a selected field. Way to go, seniors!

Summer internship provides research, development opportunities

This summer, Burbank High School senior Hugo Sanchez (left) and Burbank Class of 2019 alumnus Julius Cervantes (right) participated in a summer student internship focused on developing real-world research and data analysis skills. The students worked with Samuel Yi, director of Human Capital Analytics at SAISD and fellow at the Center for Education Policy Research at Harvard University.

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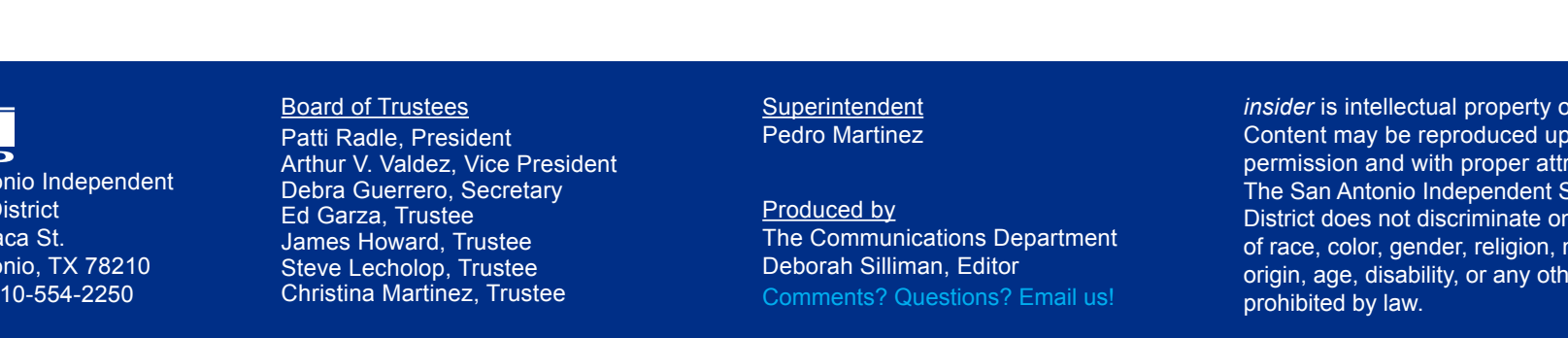


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This week's closing shot



Ring in a new school year

Earlier this summer, administrators, teachers and students from the Sam Houston Feeder Pattern visited six apartment complexes in the area (with the drumline leading the way) to inform and assist families with online registration.