

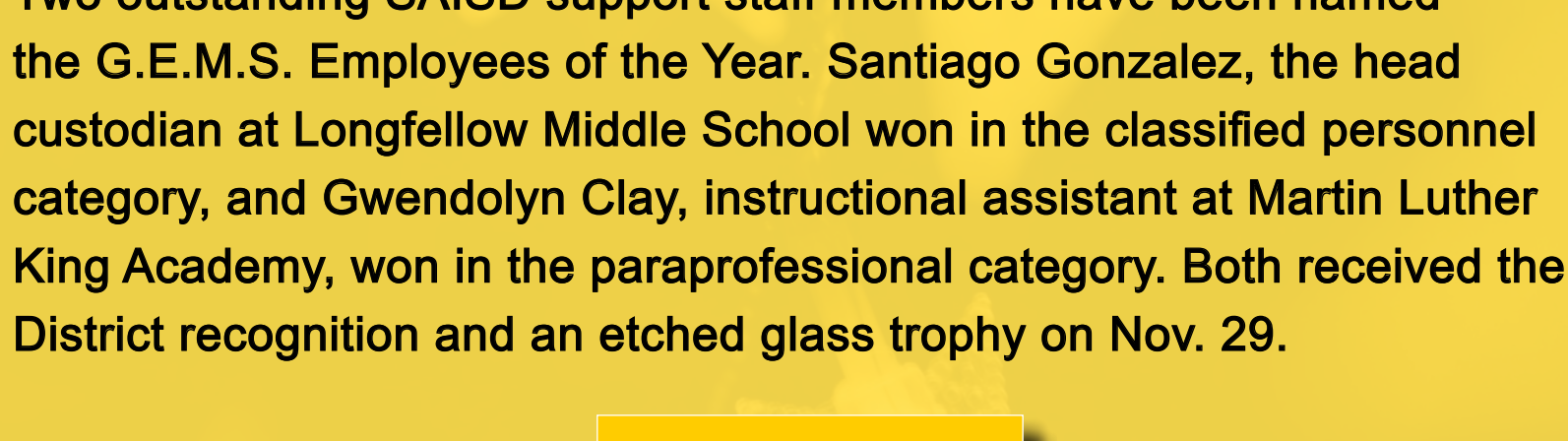
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Students, parents flock to second annual Experience SAISD

This past weekend, thousands of parents, students and District personnel gathered at the Freeman Coliseum Expo Hall for the District's second annual Experience SAISD, a showcase of school options available to students. The event featured representatives from 90+ SAISD schools and programs to answer questions from parents and students.

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District G.E.M.S. awardees recognized

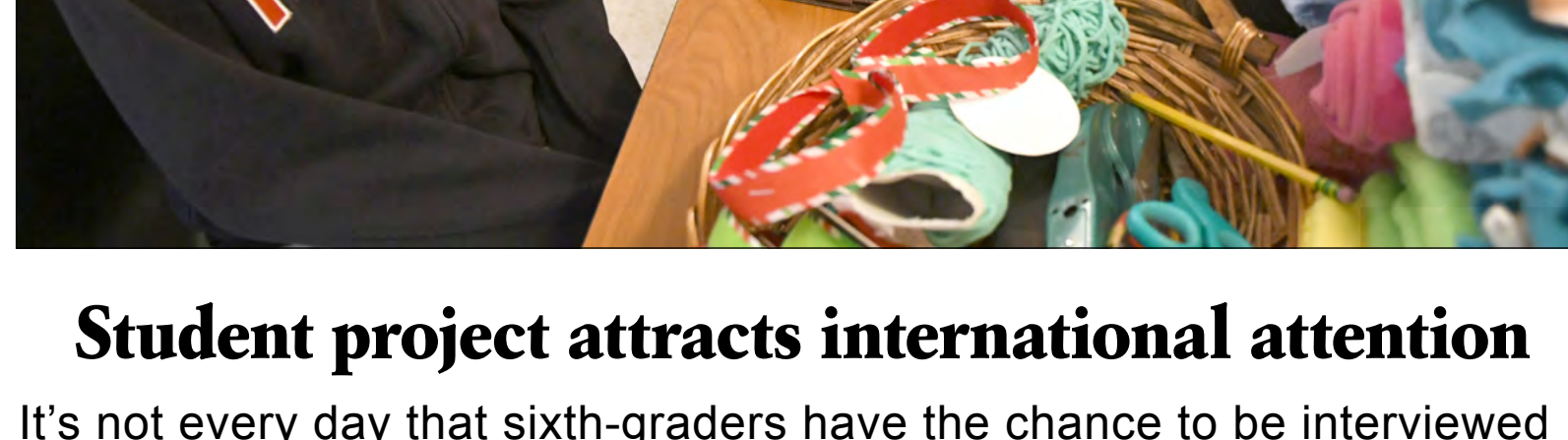
Two outstanding SAISD support staff members have been named the G.E.M.S. Employees of the Year. Santiago Gonzalez, the head custodian at Longfellow Middle School won in the classified personnel category, and Gwendolyn Clay, instructional assistant at Martin Luther King Academy, won in the paraprofessional category. Both received the District recognition and an etched glass trophy on Nov. 29.

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SAISD Foundation awards multiple mini-grants

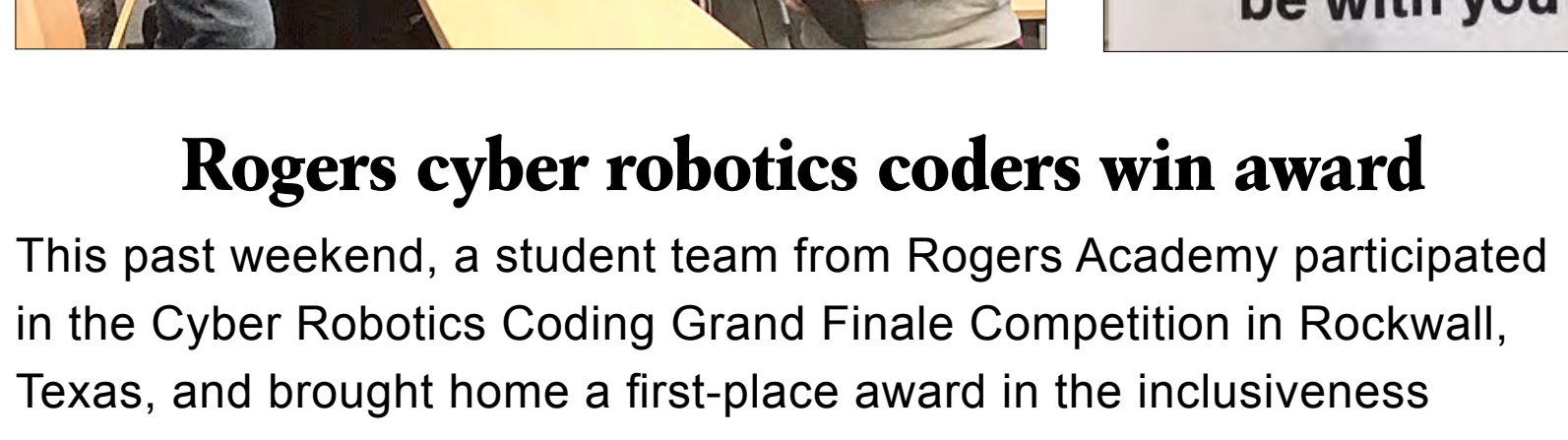
Last week, the SAISD Foundation celebrated Giving Tuesday by surprising 40 teachers from across the District with \$500 mini-grant awards. Over the next few weeks, a total of 155 mini-grants across 55 schools will be awarded to teachers. These grants benefit SAISD schools, classrooms and students. Shown above is Lowell Middle School special education teacher Daniella Tullos with members of the school's Pep Squad. Tullos was awarded a grant to help "Pep up the Pep Squad," a grant with a goal of allowing team members to be uniformed, creating a sense of belonging and motivation among athletics teams.



Student project attracts international attention

It's not every day that sixth-graders have the chance to be interviewed by an international radio outlet. But on Tuesday, Advanced Learning Academy (ALA) sixth graders Mizael Solis and Emma Garrido did just that. The pair were interviewed for the British Broadcasting Company (BBC) and Public Radio International (PRI) radio show "The World" about their involvement in collecting blankets for migrant families who have been released from family detention centers.

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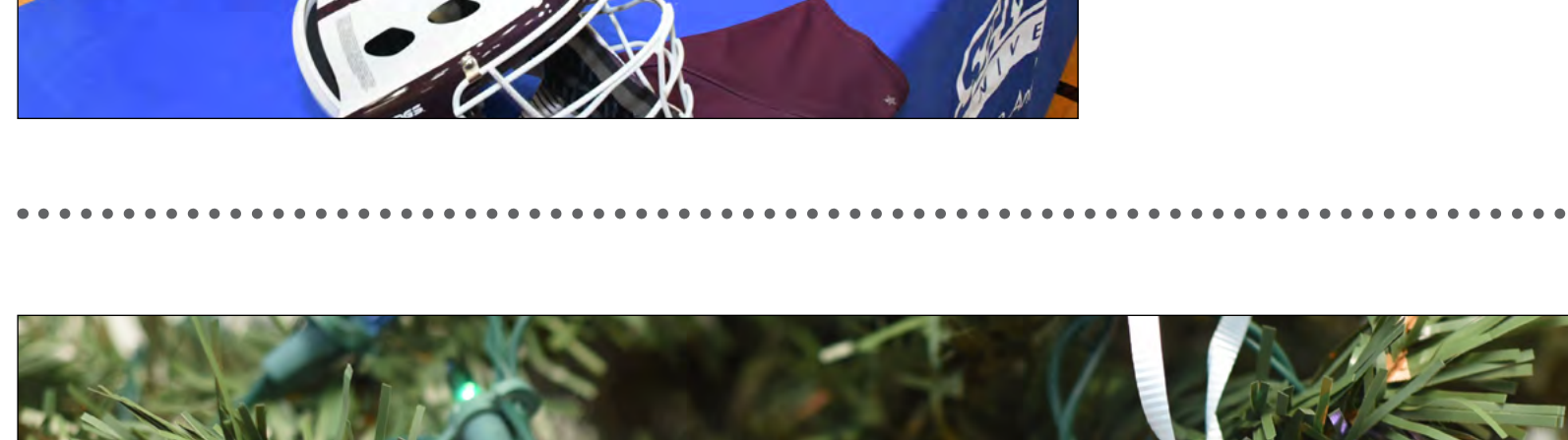
Rogers cyber robotics coders win award

This past weekend, a student team from Rogers Academy participated in the Cyber Robotics Coding Grand Finale Competition in Rockwall, Texas, and brought home a first-place award in the inclusiveness category for its 94 percent school participation rate. The competition is for middle schoolers challenges students' programming, planning and strategizing skills as well as showcases schools' STEM achievements. Poe Middle School also qualified for the final competition, but were unable to make Saturday's meet.



Student Council elections at Kelly ES

For the first time in a number of years, students Kelly Elementary School voted in a school Student Council election. Fourth- and fifth-grade students created campaign posters and gave speeches to their peers. The class then voted for the offices of president, vice president, secretary, and historian.



Softball signer

Congratulations to Highlands senior Alyssa Flores who signed a letter of intent to play softball at St. Mary's University last week. Way to go, Alyssa!



Be an angel in a child's life this holiday season

SAISD Employees have the opportunity to play Santa by participating in the Giving Tree project, which benefits the District's children who are homeless. Employees can choose an angel ornament from the tree located in the Central Office cafeteria. The angels specify age and wish list. New and gently used clothing will also be collected. Contributions can be left in the donation box at the Central Office Accounting Department. Both projects are taking place until Dec. 17.



THIS SEASON, GIVE THE GIFT OF MUSIC TO A STUDENT

IF YOU HAVE AN INSTRUMENT THAT IS NO LONGER BEING PLAYED, LET US HELP YOU GET IT IN THE HANDS OF STUDENTS WHO CAN PUT IT TO GREAT USE!

THE SAISD FOUNDATION'S DRIVE IS FROM NOVEMBER 15- DECEMBER 15. IN-KIND TAX RECEIPTING IS AVAILABLE

DROP YOUR INSTRUMENTS OFF AT ALAMO MUSIC 425 N MAIN AVE, SAN ANTONIO, TX 78205 FROM 10AM-6:30PM

NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR 2019 SAISD ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME HONOREES

Nominations for the 2019 San Antonio ISD Athletic Hall of Fame are now being accepted. Nominees include former athletes, administrators, coaches, or special contributors.

The official nomination form is located at www.saisd.net/athletichalloffame

Completed nomination forms can be mailed to the SAISD Athletic Office at 110 Tuleta Dr., San Antonio, TX., 78212 or emailed to saisdathletics@saisd.net. The submission deadline is March 1, 2019. For questions, call (210) 554-2655.

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www.saisd.net/bussafety



Members of the Fox Tech High School and Advanced Learning Academy mariachi played a variety of holiday music in the studios of television station FOX 29 last week. A total of six SAISD student musical groups, including the Fox Tech and ALA mariachi, will have their performances aired on KABB on Christmas day.

