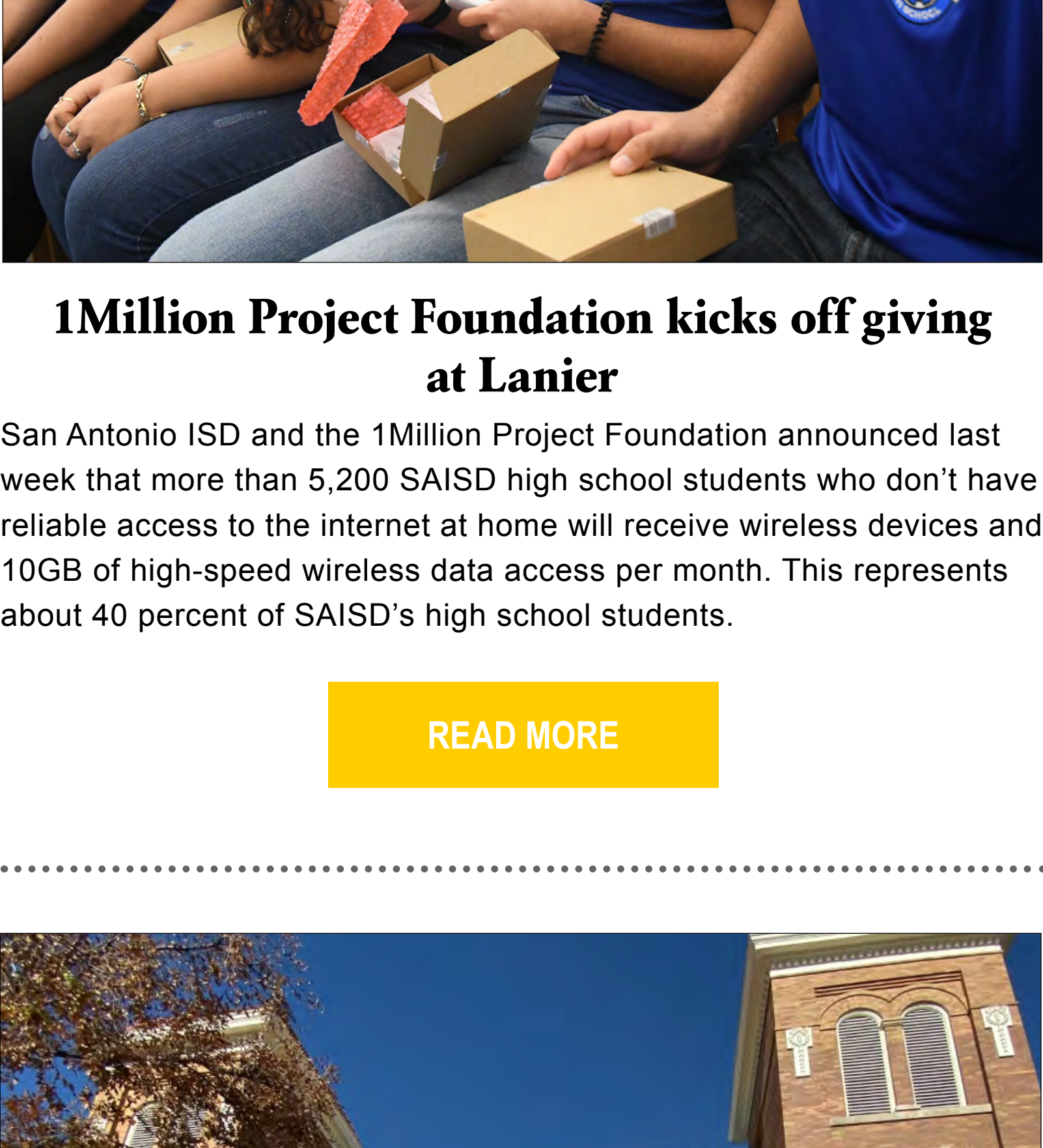


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1Million Project Foundation kicks off giving at Lanier

San Antonio ISD and the 1Million Project Foundation announced last week that more than 5,200 SAISD high school students who don't have reliable access to the internet at home will receive wireless devices and 10GB of high-speed wireless data access per month. This represents about 40 percent of SAISD's high school students.

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U.S. History road trip leads to reflection, learning

Eighth-grade students from the Advanced Learning Academy at the Fox Tech campus took their learning outside of the classroom, and out of state, when they participated in the school's first-ever Civil Rights Tour in late November. The trip, which was part of the students' U.S. History course, took students from Texas to Mississippi to Alabama, visiting five cities along the way, and was documented on [Instagram](#).

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YWLA student awarded full ride to MIT

Through the QuestBridge National College Match program, María García-García of Young Women's Leadership Academy has been matched with Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), where she plans to study computer science and electrical engineering next fall. The QuestBridge National College Match program is a college and scholarship application process that helps outstanding, low-income high school seniors gain admission and full, four-year scholarships to the nation's most selective colleges.



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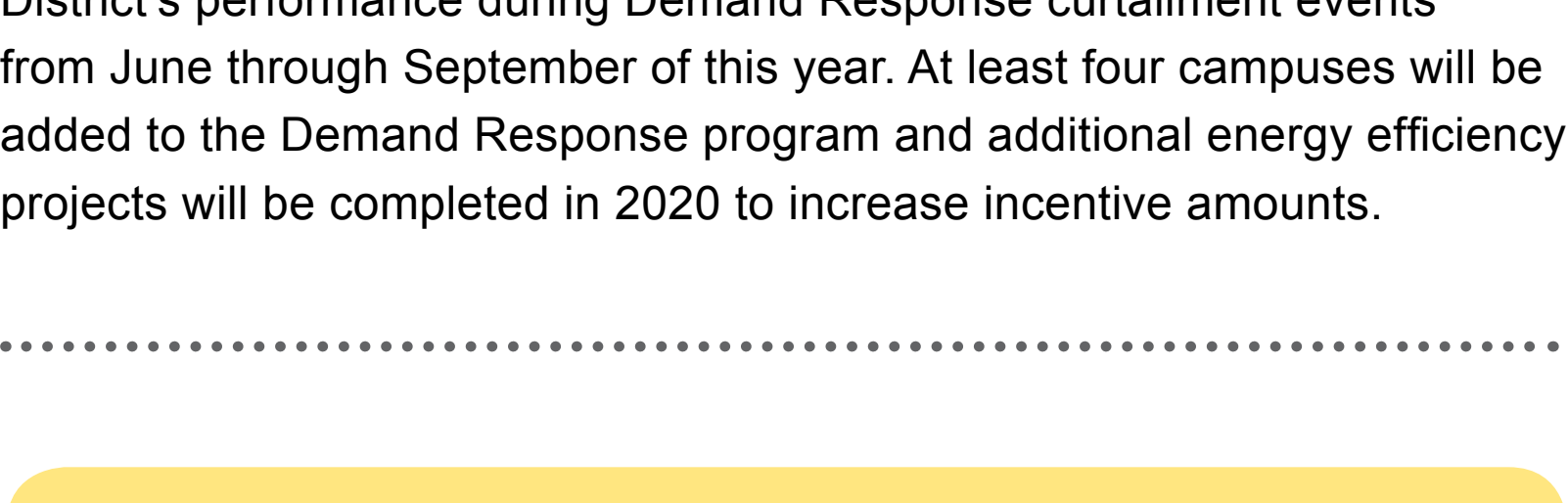
Sharing the holiday spirit through the arts

Students at Highlands High School performed in the school's 2019 Holiday Showcase on Tuesday evening. The show featured performances by the Highlands Choir, Owl's Nest Theatre Company, Jazz Band, Orchestra, Concert Band, Dance Brigade, Color Guard, and Mariachi Tecolote, as well as a visual art exhibit.

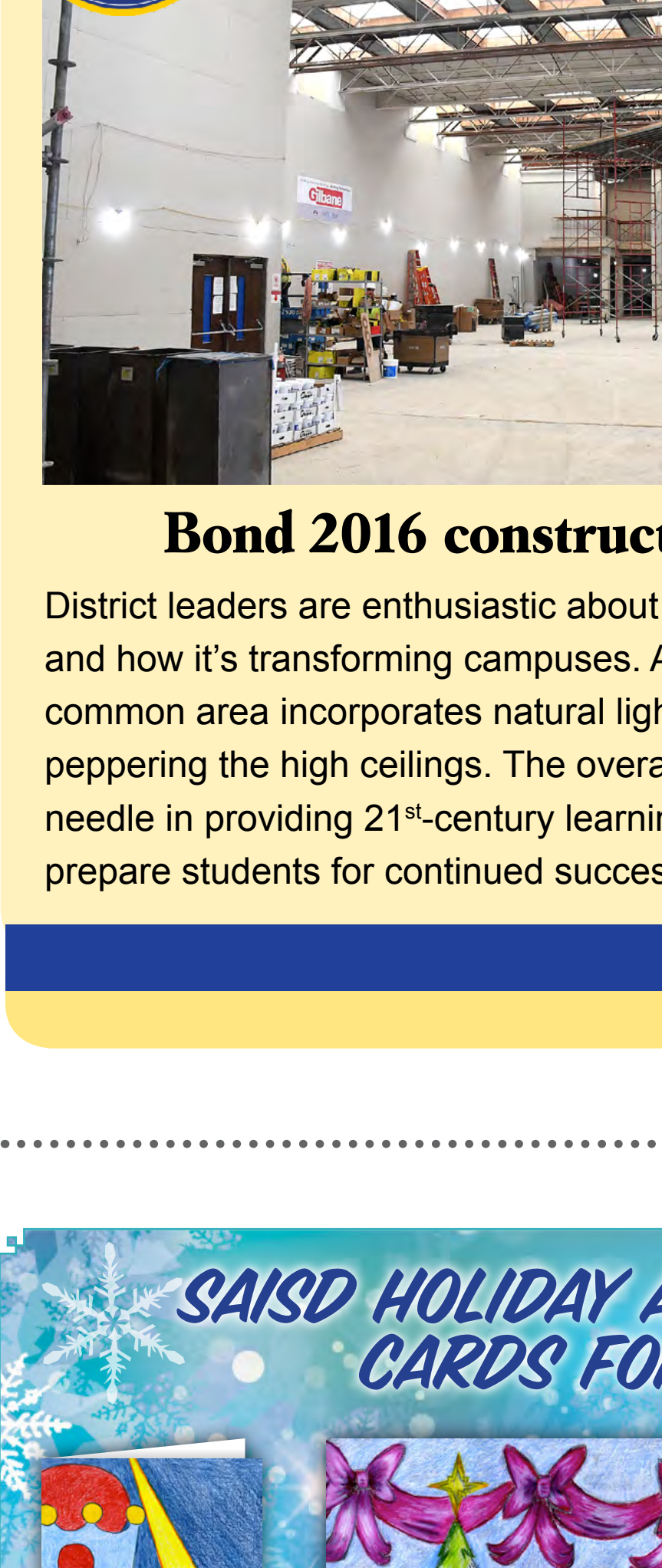


Mini-grant awards embody spirit of season

A team from the SAISD Foundation has been visiting schools around the District as they award this round of \$500 mini-grants to deserving teachers. In total, 200 grants will be given out before the holiday break. Above, students at Briscoe Elementary School pose in a redesigned classroom that will be the location of STAARy Nights, a series of after-school tutoring sessions targeted for fourth-grade students. The sessions address TEKS in an engaging environment with an outdoor, camping theme. This mini-grant was received by Briscoe's Sarah Christal.



(Left-right) Mini-grant winners Sarah Christal, Anna Ulate, and Angela Williams.



Hands-on learning at Science Night

Douglass Academy hosted Family Science Night on Tuesday. The event, held in the school's gym, encouraged family members to get involved in their student's learning. Participants had the chance to explore topics like planting seeds, looking at owl pellets, examining cells under microscopes, earthworm dissection, chemical reactions and frog dissection.



Pearl Harbor remembrance ceremony

The students and staff of Dorie Miller Elementary School, which is named after the first African American recipient of the Navy Cross for his valor during the bombing of Pearl Harbor, commemorated Pearl Harbor Day on Dec. 6 with a ceremony at the school. Members of each branch of the United States Armed Services were invited to attend.



Getting rewarded for saving energy

At this Monday's board meeting, SAISD was awarded almost \$350,000 in incentives from CPS Energy. This amount represents rebates from completed energy efficiency projects as well as incentives from the District's performance during Demand Response curtailment events from June through September of this year. At least four campuses will be added to the Demand Response program and additional energy efficiency projects will be completed in 2020 to increase incentive amounts.

LEARN MORE ABOUT BOND 2016 HERE

Bond 2016 construction in full swing

District leaders are enthusiastic about the acceleration of Bond 2016 and how it's transforming campuses. At Lanier High School, the new common area incorporates natural light into the space with skylights peppering the high ceilings. The overall Bond program is moving the needle in providing 21st-century learning environments, helping to prepare students for continued success beyond high school.

SAISD HOLIDAY ART CONTEST CARDS FOR SALE

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This week's closing shot

Teacher featured at San Antonio Chamber of Commerce Gala

SAISD's Secondary Teacher of the Year Belinda Medellin, Master Teacher at CAST Tech High School and Secondary Teacher of the Year for the State of Texas, Region 20, speaks to a full house at the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce Gala held in the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. Education is a top priority for the Chamber's incoming chair, Adam Hamilton.

