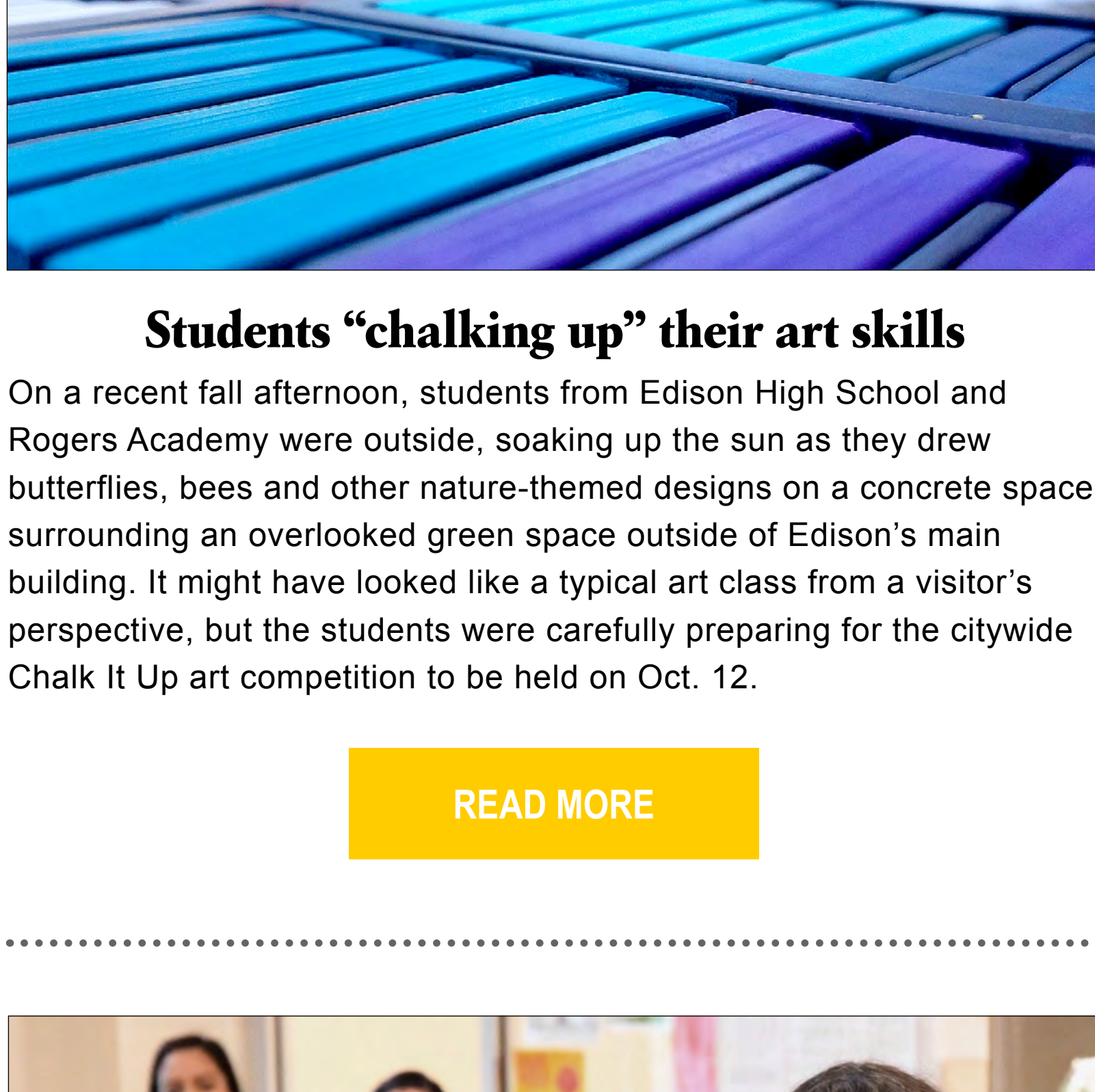


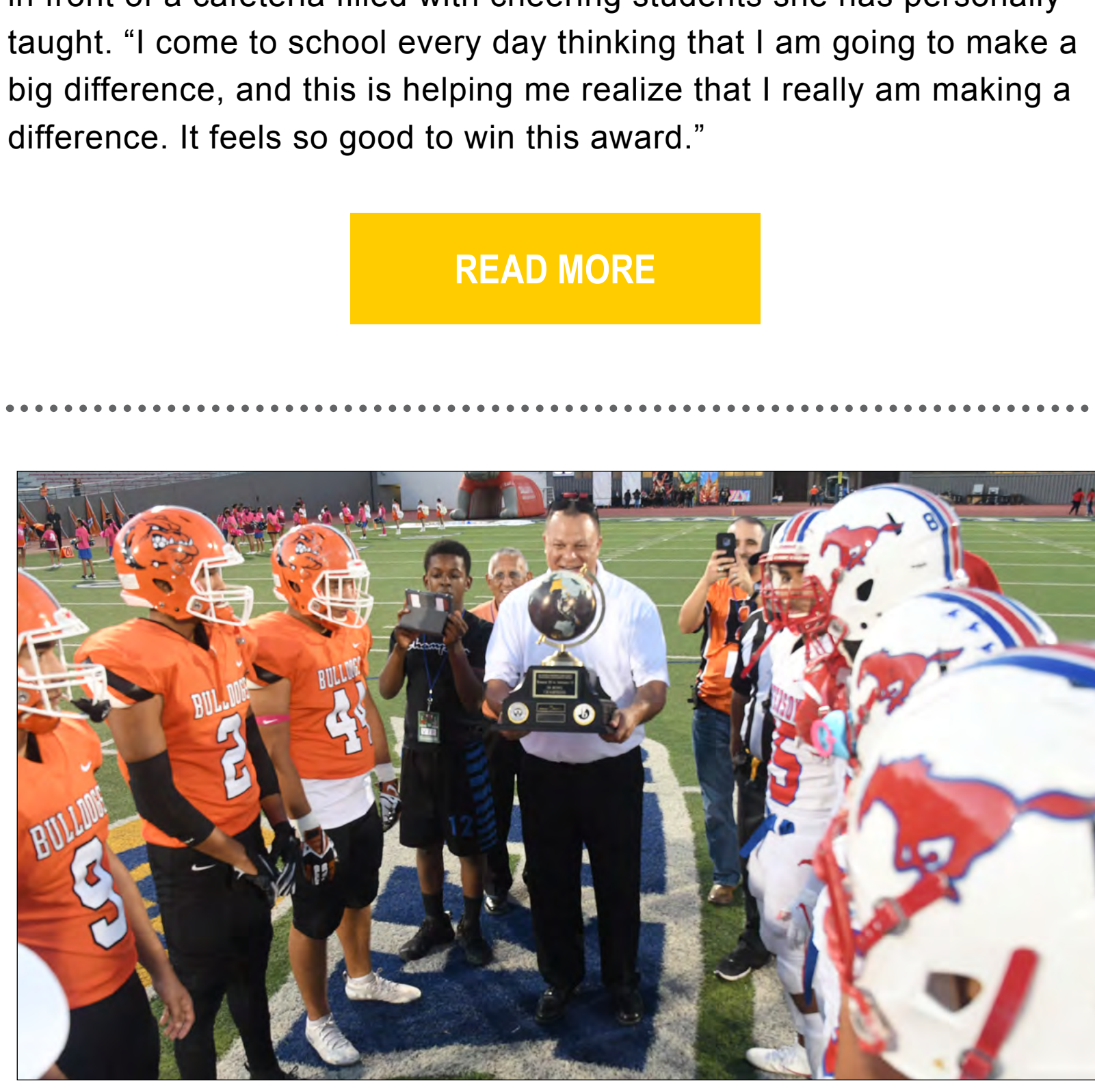
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Students “chalking up” their art skills

On a recent fall afternoon, students from Edison High School and Rogers Academy were outside, soaking up the sun as they drew butterflies, bees and other nature-themed designs on a concrete space surrounding an overlooked green space outside of Edison’s main building. It might have looked like a typical art class from a visitor’s perspective, but the students were carefully preparing for the citywide Chalk It Up art competition to be held on Oct. 12.

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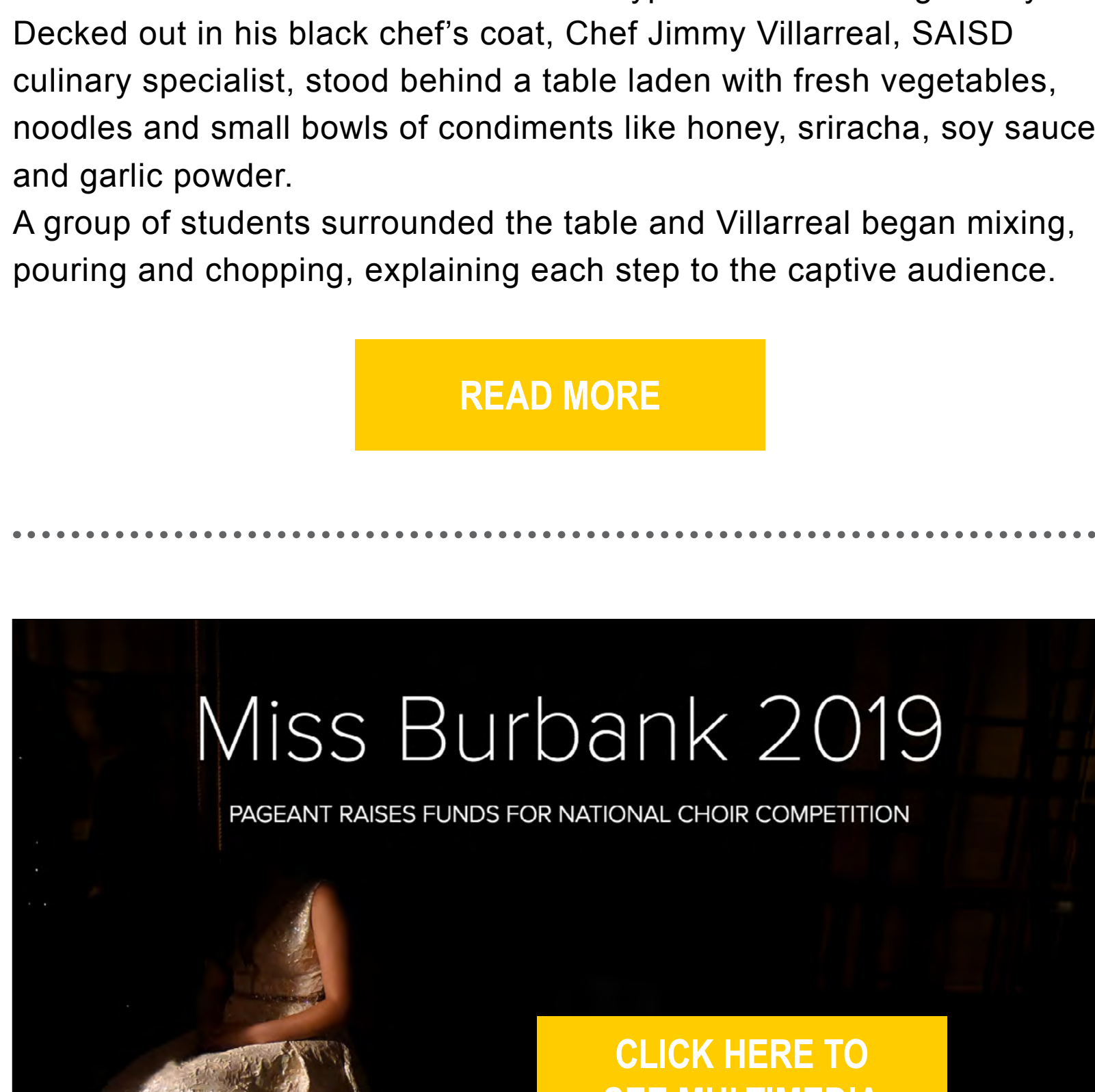


Trobaugh wins EXCEL Award for SAISD

Iliana Trobaugh, an SAISD Distinguished Teacher of the Year, was recognized on Oct. 1 as one of Bexar County’s best educators. The sixth-grade science teacher at Ogden Academy learned during a surprise visit to her school that she was named the 2019 EXCEL award honoree for SAISD, presented by KENS5 and Credit Human.

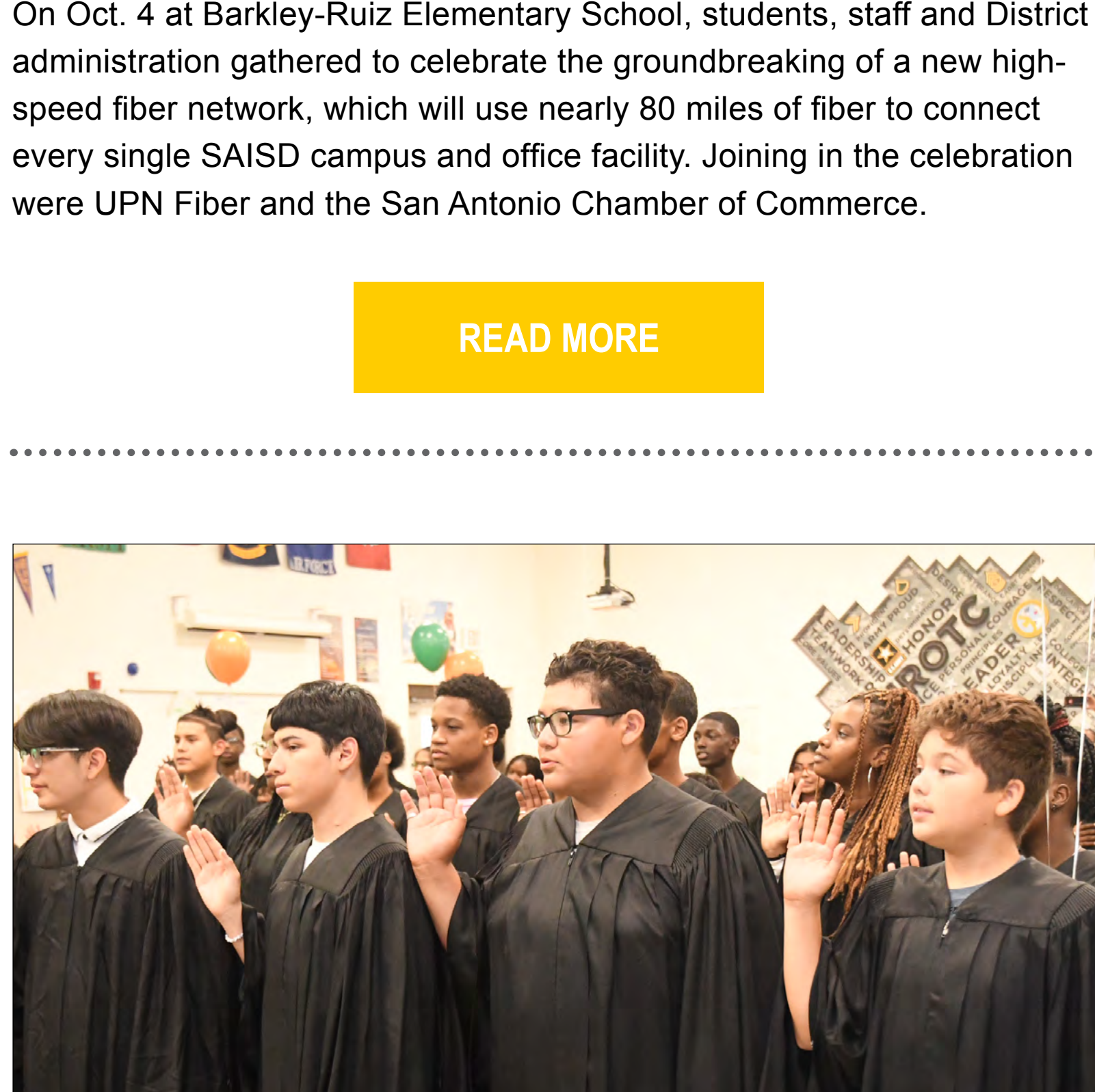
“This was a big surprise,” said Trobaugh after she accepted the award in front of a cafeteria filled with cheering students she has personally taught. “I come to school every day thinking that I am going to make a big difference, and this is helping me realize that I really am making a difference. It feels so good to win this award.”

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IB Bowl gives feeders a chance to shine

The football teams of two International Baccalaureate (IB) World Schools – Burbank and Jefferson high schools – competed for an IB Bowl trophy on Friday night. The game coincided with Feeder Night for both schools. Students in the elementary, academies and middle schools that feed into the two high schools participated in a parade on the field prior to game kickoff, while celebrating and showing their support for Tier One universities. An IB education is acclaimed worldwide because the IB programme’s active and engaging framework prepares students for college, and primes them to excel as lifelong learners in a global society.

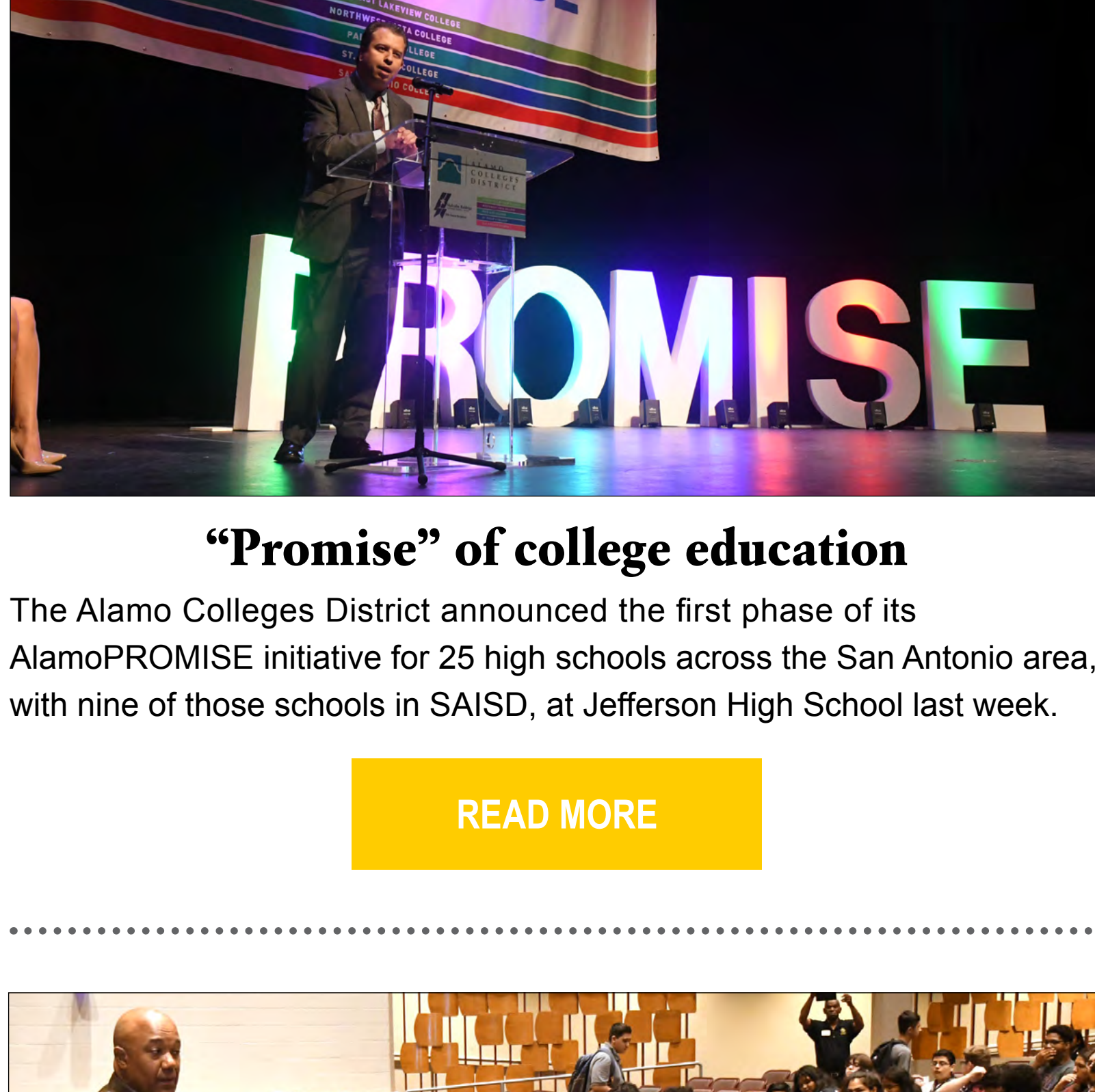


Food demo highlights fresh ingredients, ideas

Recently, a corner of the Tafolla Middle School cafeteria looked more like a Food Network test kitchen than a typical school eating facility. Decked out in his black chef’s coat, Chef Jimmy Villarreal, SAISD culinary specialist, stood behind a table laden with fresh vegetables, noodles and small bowls of condiments like honey, sriracha, soy sauce and garlic powder.

A group of students surrounded the table and Villarreal began mixing, pouring and chopping, explaining each step to the captive audience.

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New fiber network brings lightning-fast speeds

On Oct. 4 at Barkley-Ruiz Elementary School, students, staff and District administration gathered to celebrate the groundbreaking of a new high-speed fiber network, which will use nearly 80 miles of fiber to connect every single SAISD campus and office facility. Joining in the celebration were UPN Fiber and the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce.

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Students pledge program completion at ceremony

Students, families and community members came together on Sept. 30 to celebrate the inaugural class of freshman at Cyber P-TECH at Sam Houston High School. The 91 Cyber P-TECH students were dressed in black graduation robes as they filed into the induction ceremony held in the JROTC building on the Sam Houston campus. Some looked nervous while others smiled and waved at their family members in the audience.

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Ninth Annual Inspire Awards

On Oct. 2 in a packed house, past and present SAISD shining stars were honored for making a significant difference in their fields and for their ability to inspire others at the Ninth Annual SAISD Foundation Inspire Awards.

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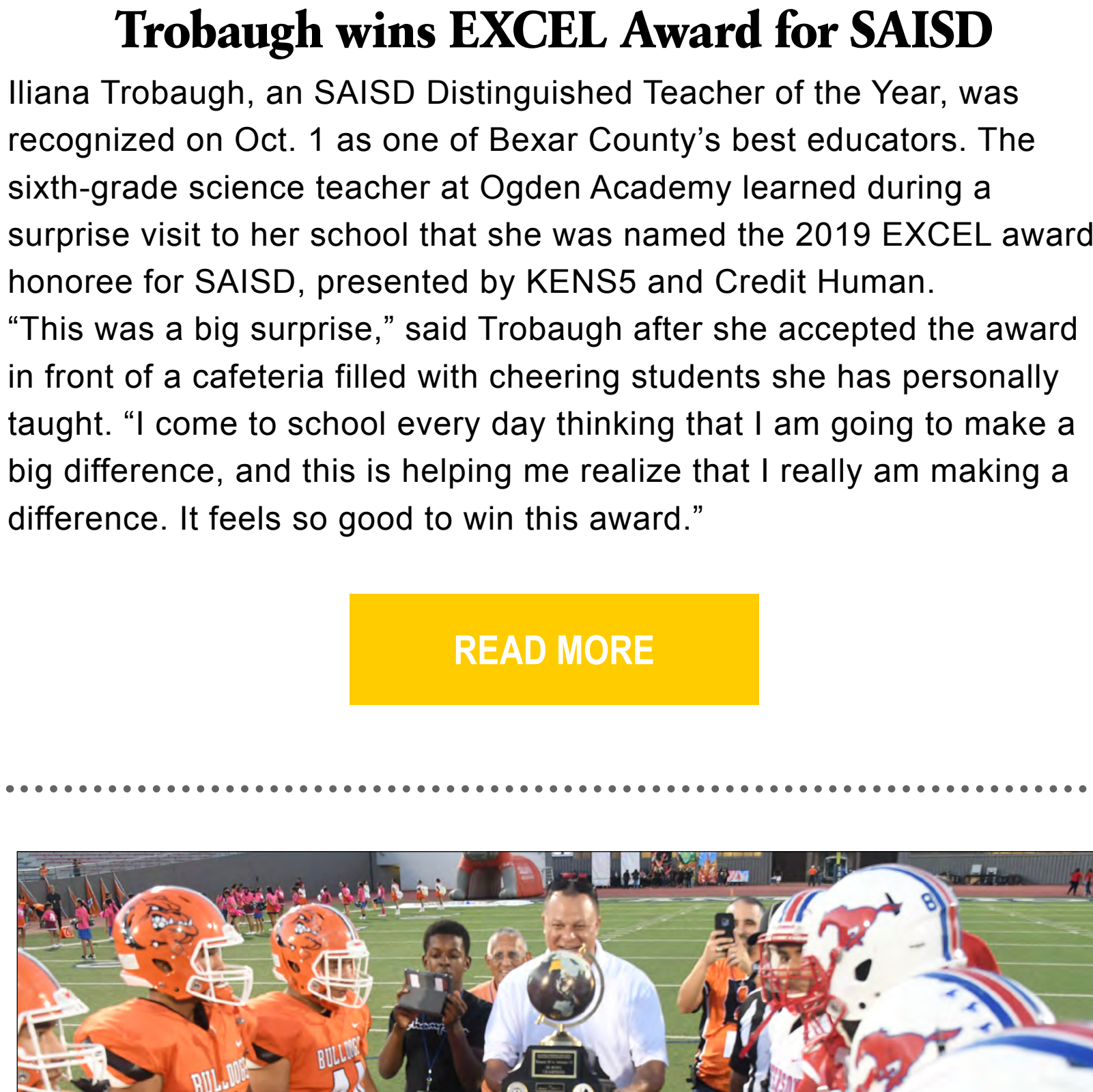
“Promise” of college education

The Alamo Colleges District announced the first phase of its AlamoPROMISE initiative for 25 high schools across the San Antonio area, with nine of those schools in SAISD, at Jefferson High School last week.

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West Point superintendent visits SAISD

Lieutenant General Darryl A. Williams, the first African-American superintendent of the United States Military Academy at West Point, visited two SAISD high schools last month. Williams spoke to a group of JROTC cadets from Highlands, Jefferson and Sam Houston high schools, Young Men’s Leadership Academy, and Young Women’s Leadership Academy at a LEADS workshop hosted at Highlands. The LEADS workshop is committed to improving access to quality leadership, ethics, diversity and STEM educational programs. Williams also spoke at an ROTC scholarship workshop at Edison.



Marching to the beat of their own drums

On Oct. 1, 2019, high school and middle school bands from across the District performed during the annual SAISD Marching Band Showcase, a pre-UIL contest.

