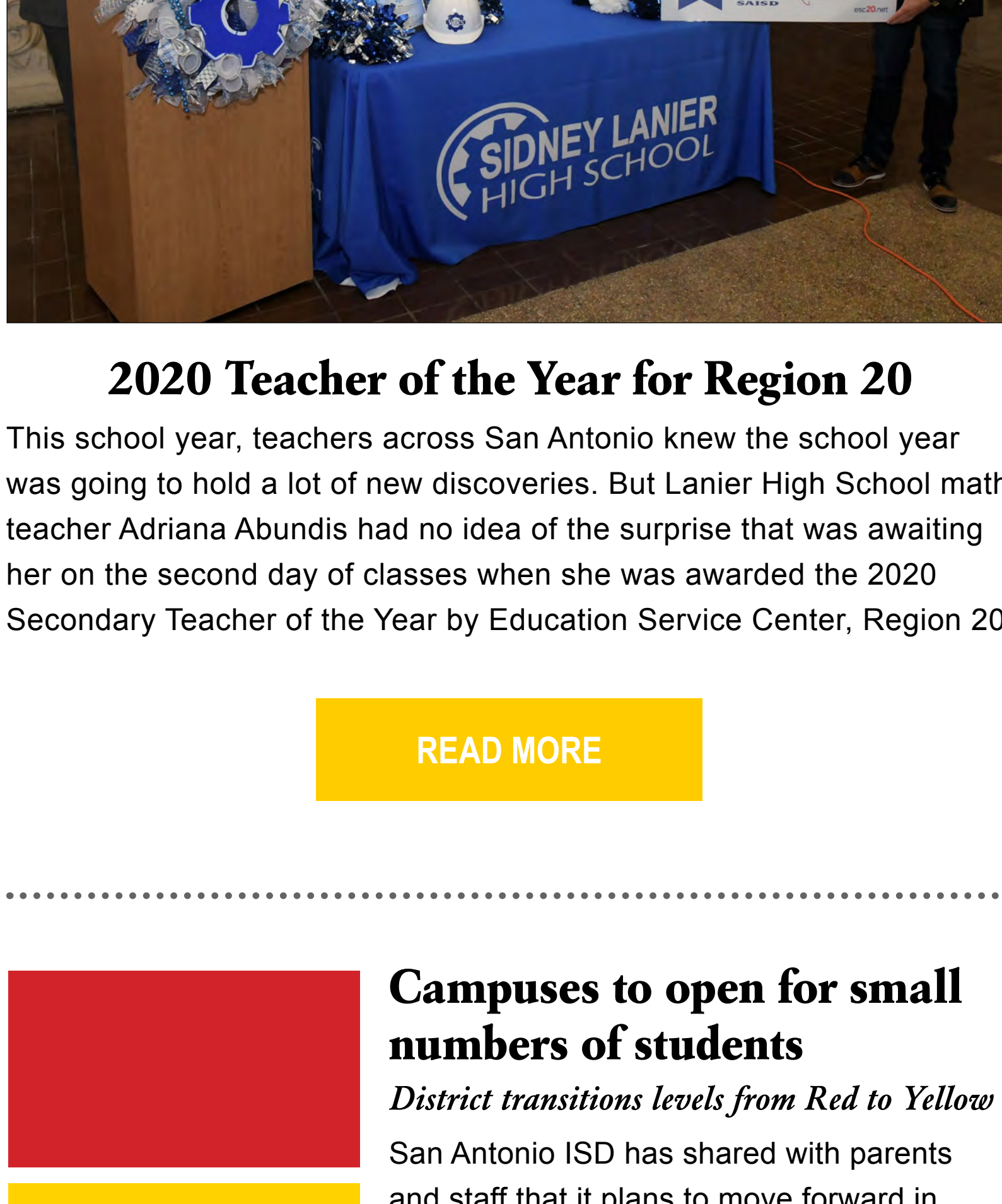


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2020 Teacher of the Year for Region 20

This school year, teachers across San Antonio knew the school year was going to hold a lot of new discoveries. But Lanier High School math teacher Adriana Abundis had no idea of the surprise that was awaiting her on the second day of classes when she was awarded the 2020 Secondary Teacher of the Year by Education Service Center, Region 20.

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Campuses to open for small numbers of students

District transitions levels from Red to Yellow

San Antonio ISD has shared with parents and staff that it plans to move forward in gradually allowing a small number of students onto campuses starting after Labor Day, on Sept. 8 – as long as the improvements seen in the local COVID-19 health metrics are maintained over the next week.

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SAISD Bond elections set for Nov. 3, 2020

During the Aug. 17 Board meeting, SAISD Trustees called for a \$1.3 billion bond election, with two separate propositions to appear on the Nov. 3, 2020 ballot for school renovations and technology.

The decision to move forward on the Nov. 3 elections followed recommendations from a community-based Blue Ribbon Task Force, as part of the District's long-range facilities master plan.

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2019-2020 G.E.M.S. winners announced

Earlier this month, a small group of SAISD administrators, with swag bags and crystal plaques in hand, surprised two unsuspecting staff members with the announcement that they were winners of the District's Great Employees Modeling our Standards (G.E.M.S.) Employees of the Year award for the 2019-2020 school year. The G.E.M.S. award program recognizes campus and department full-time classified and paraprofessional employees who embody SAISD's core values of commitment, passion, integrity, respect, and teamwork.

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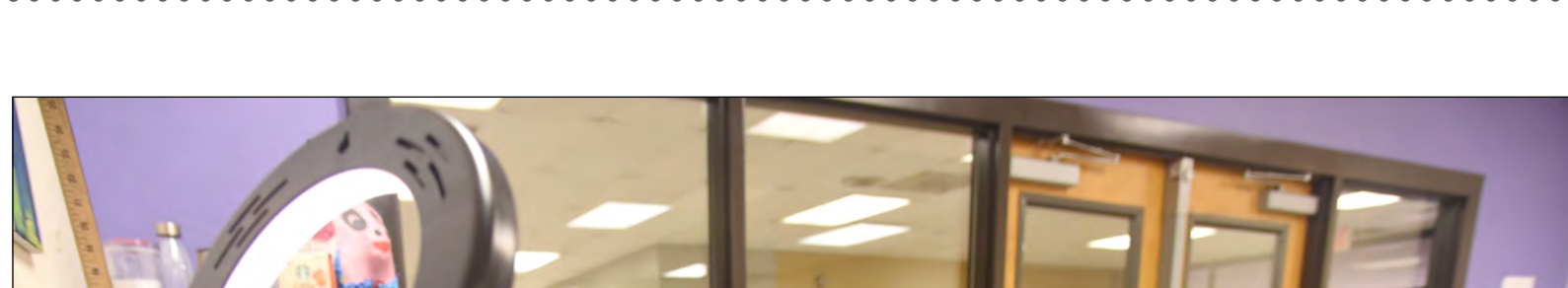
New school year, new ways of teaching

San Antonio ISD teachers and students alike are adjusting to a new way of teaching and learning as the second week of 2020-2021 school year comes to an end. Educators across the District welcomed their students back in digital learning environments.

Whether they are working from their campus or from their home, teachers are prepared to provide high-quality instruction and curriculum to all SAISD students.

SAISD's new campus administrators for 2020-2021 school year

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Merseydes Livingston, H-TECH at Fox Tech High School health science teacher, conducts class virtually on the first day of classes for the 2020-2021 school year.

Virtual pep rally celebrates H-TECH's first year

Healthcare Pathways Early College High School, or H-TECH, at Fox Tech High School, welcomed its first cohort of freshman last week for the 2020-2021 school year. It is the second Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) in SAISD. H-TECH students will work toward both their high school diploma as well as an associate degree necessary for careers in nursing or healthcare.

During a virtual pep rally on Friday, the 65-member freshman class was welcomed by H-TECH and San Antonio College staff, local health professionals, the Fox Tech and ALA mariachi, mariachi legend Juan Ortiz, students from the University of the Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine and others.

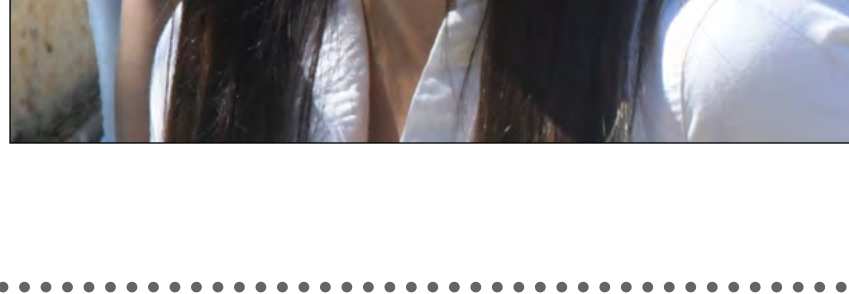


University Health System donates medical kits

On Aug. 23, 2020, members of University Health System's Trauma Center delivered 100 bleeding control kits to SAISD. The kits contain tourniquets, gauze for packing wounds, chest seals, blankets and other materials that enable a user to stabilize a patient until an emergency medical team arrives. UHS, the University Health System Foundation and Valero Energy have collectively raised \$540,000 to donate 750 Stop the Bleed kits to school districts throughout the Bexar County region. The Texas legislature passed House Bill 496 in 2019, which required school districts to have bleeding control materials on their campuses, beginning the 2020-201 school year. The bill also requires schools to train staff and students on techniques that can stop bleeding and save lives.

Females fly in formation over city

As part of the San Antonio 19th Amendment Centennial Committee events, the Women in Action Alamo City Chapter conducted an honorary flyover across San Antonio with San Antonio ISD's Young Women's Leadership Academy as a point of destination. Four female pilots flew in formation over the city and the school to celebrate the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote, which was on celebrated on August 18, 2020. YWLA staff masked up and kept their eyes on the sky for the flyover.



Staff competition encourages self-care

The Department of Social, Emotional and Academic Development (SEAD) has launched a monthly Staff Self-Care BINGO game. The activity is a fun and healthy way to encourage self-care during the adventure of School Year 2020-2021. Five winners will be drawn randomly each month. This month's prize is a \$20 gift card to Mark's Outing. The August BINGO card is [available here](#). Employees who get a BINGO on the card (vertical, horizontal, or diagonal) can submit it to dkulpa1@saisd.net by Aug. 31.



Taking in the view

On the first day of the San Antonio ISD 2020-2021 school year, Yesenia Cordova, principal at Brackenridge High School, reflects on the start of the new school year from an empty hallway overlooking the school's brand-new atrium and cafeteria areas, which were constructed under Bond 2016. Though the hallways were empty of students last week, 10% of students will be coming back to SAISD schools starting Sept. 8 – as long as the improvements seen in the local COVID-19 health metrics are maintained over the next week.

For the time being, all students are learning from home and engaging virtually with teachers.