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**Dual language excellence recognized** Brackenridge High School Principal Yesenia Cordova is the Education Service Center, Region 20 World Languages Administrator of the Year. The announcement came during a surprise ceremony on Oct. 20 in the Brackenridge lobby.

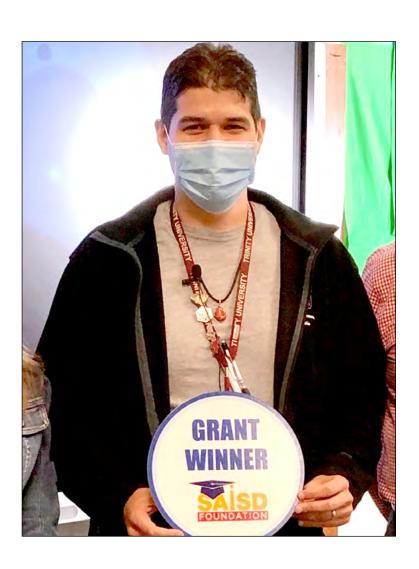
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**Radle, Martinez honored as Education Champions** San Antonio ISD's top leadership was recognized today as significant contributors to San Antonio's education landscape. Board President Patti Radle and Superintendent Pedro Martinez were announced as joint recipients of the San Antonio Education Champion Award during the fifth annual San Antonio Regional Public PK-12 Virtual Education Forum hosted by San Antonio Report. Radle and Martinez were noted for accountable board governance and their visionary leadership over the past five years to bring innovation and expand options to parents within SAISD.

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### **Playing to win**

SAISD Foundation grant will support Jefferson eSports club From Mario Kart to Super Smash Brothers, Robby Hernandez has played video games since he was a kid. Now, as a computer science teacher at Jefferson High School, Hernandez is supporting his students' passion for eSports.

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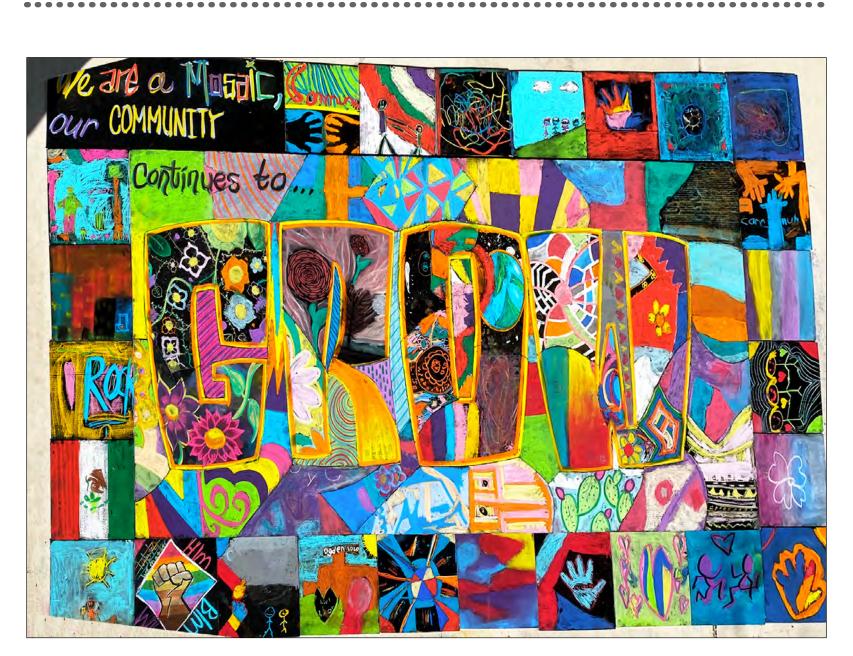
# Two SAISD schools

**ranked best in city** Congratulations to Young Women's Leadership Academy and Travis Early



College High School for being named among the best 25 public high schools in San Antonio by Niche. SAISD has the only public singlegender schools in Bexar County as well as three early college high schools among the District's many school options.

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## SAISD team wins TeamWorks Chalk It Up 2020

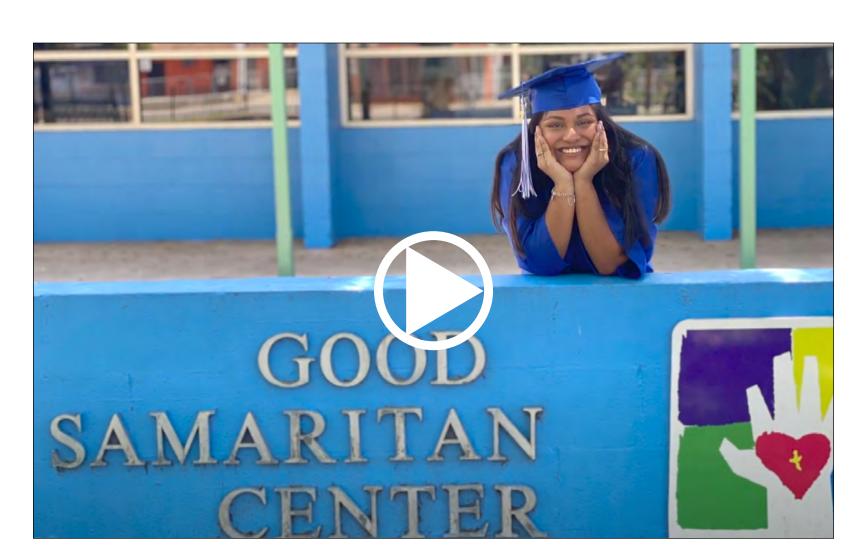
Ogden Academy's student artwork was selected out of 55 teams as winners of the TeamWorks Chalk It Up 2020! Thirty-six student scholars, ranging from kindergarten to fifth grade, created a personal tile, which was included as part of a larger 10-foot by 6-foot piece of art. Chalk It Up is typically hosted in downtown San Antonio on Houston Street, but because of the ongoing pandemic, Ogden Academy's mural was created right on the Ogden campus. Keeping their community safe by practicing social distancing, the student scholars worked together, remained a team, and persevered.



### Longest-serving principal

It's National Principals Month and this week, *insider* is recognizing Fenwick Academy Principal Tambrey Ozuna. Ozuna is SAISD's longest-serving principal, with 35 years at SAISD under her belt! Ozuna began her career as a teacher at Herff Elementary school before working her way up to her current position as principal at Fenwick, where she has been working for the past 10 years. Thank you, Mrs. Ozuna, and all of our SAISD principals, for your dedication and service.





**United Way Campaign runs Oct. 19-Nov. 19** Thinking about closing the year out with a charitable donation? Consider giving to this year's United Way Campaign! District employees can contribute to the SAISD Foundation or other local agencies by clicking here. Your SAISD email is your user ID and use your password is your employee ID, but don't include the first two zeros! To direct a gift or a portion of a gift to the SAISD Foundation, which directly benefits SAISD schools and students, designate code #8031. There will be thousands of dollars worth of grants awarded to schools. Schools with 40% or more of employees who make a donation to 8031 or who raise over \$1,000 designated to 8031 are put into a drawing for school grants up to \$1,000. All employees giving \$20 or more to the Foundation will receive a branded phone mount, and those giving over \$100 will receive the Foundation's SAISD Texas T-shirt. The District's goal this year is \$230,000. Let's do this, team SAISD!





**SAISD announces Achieve @ Austin College program** Continuing partnership offers opportunity to double number of students accepted

San Antonio ISD students interested in attending a residential liberal arts college have an opportunity to Achieve @ Austin College. The college, which is located in Sherman, Texas, is SAISD's original partner in a District initiative to increase college enrollment and completion at high-caliber institutions where they will receive the support they need to achieve a degree. At the District's Oct. 19 Board meeting, Trustees approved continuing its relationship with Austin College for another five years.

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### **National School Bus Safety Week**

Oct. 19-23 is National School Bus Safety Week! Did you know that all SAISD bus drivers and monitors took 20 hours of classroom and hands-on COVID training before this school year started? SAISD was the only school district in Bexar County to offer this type of training! A big "thank you" to our transportation staff for going the extra mile to keep our students safe. See above for a Monster Mash-inspired video our Transportation Department created, which highlights their COVID-safe procedures.

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View the October Staff Self-Care Sessions here



**Connect with SAISD community** 

The SAISD Foundation recently launched SAISD Nation, an online community for alumni, supporters, and former employees of the San Antonio ISD. By joining SAISD Nation, you can do a variety of things including raise money to build on student and teacher success in SAISD; share your talents and give back to students by volunteering; support students and teachers attending your former high, middle, or elementary school by awarding a scholarship or teacher grant in your name; or sponsor and conduct activities that foster positive community, family and student spirit! There are opportunities for everyone. Join today!





**Voting locations within SAISD** The SAISD Board of Trustees voted in August to call for a \$1.3 billion bond, based on recommendations from a community-based Blue Ribbon Task Force. All schools would get safety upgrades and 36 campuses would receive extensive renovations under Proposition A. Proposition B would fund new technology in all schools, equipping every classroom and other areas of the school with the necessary infrastructure and wireless/wired components for high-speed connectivity for learning across the campus. Early voting runs through Oct. 30. Click here to view early voting times and locations.

This week's closing show

Get out the vote! SAISD Board President Patti Radle takes advantage of Early Voting at Our Lady of the Lake University, one of the poll sites within SAISD boundaries. Among the ballot items are two Propositions from SAISD: one for \$1.21 billion for school renovations, and DP.M. one for \$90 million for technology upgrades. Taxpayers would not see a tax rate increase from the bond, if one or both propositions are approved, based on District projections.

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