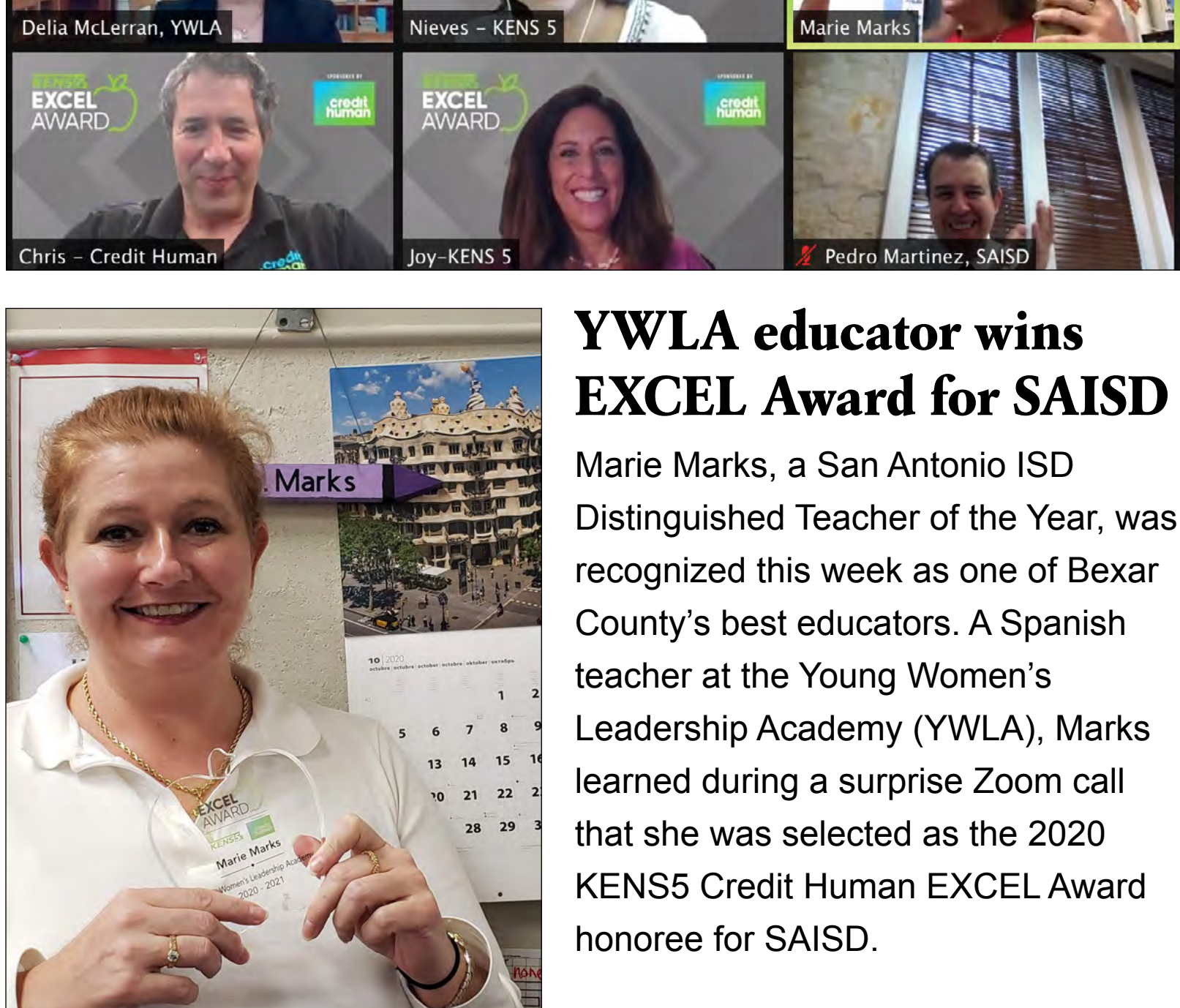


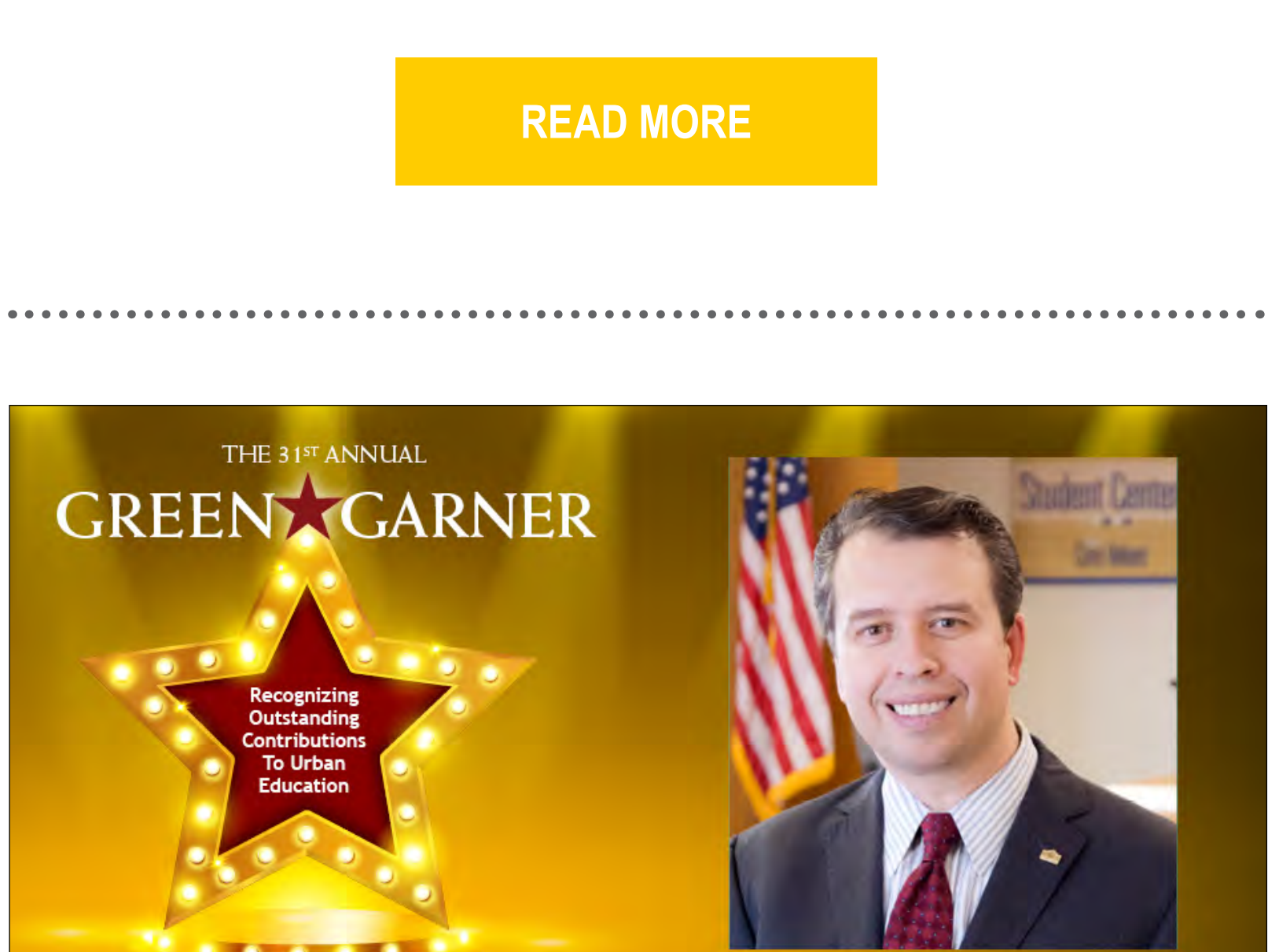
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## YWLA educator wins EXCEL Award for SAISD

Marie Marks, a San Antonio ISD Distinguished Teacher of the Year, was recognized this week as one of Bexar County's best educators. A Spanish teacher at the Young Women's Leadership Academy (YWLA), Marks learned during a surprise Zoom call that she was selected as the 2020 KENS5 Credit Human EXCEL Award honoree for SAISD.

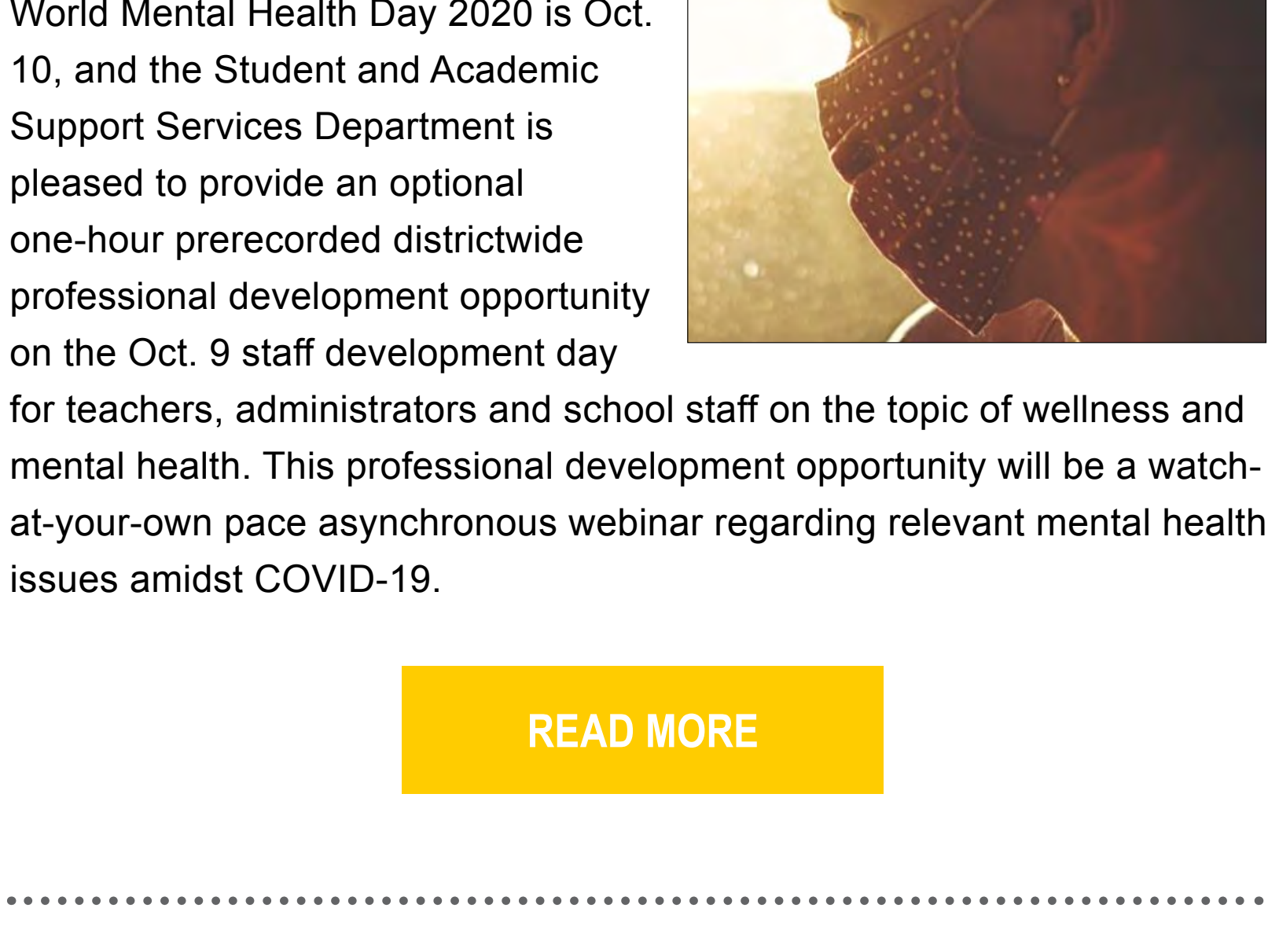
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## Highlands student recognized for excellence

Highlands High School senior Calvin Rodriguez learned last week during an on-campus surprise ceremony that he was selected for a KENS 5 All-Star Student award. The award, which is in partnership with the UPS Store, recognizes top-performing students in school districts around the San Antonio area.

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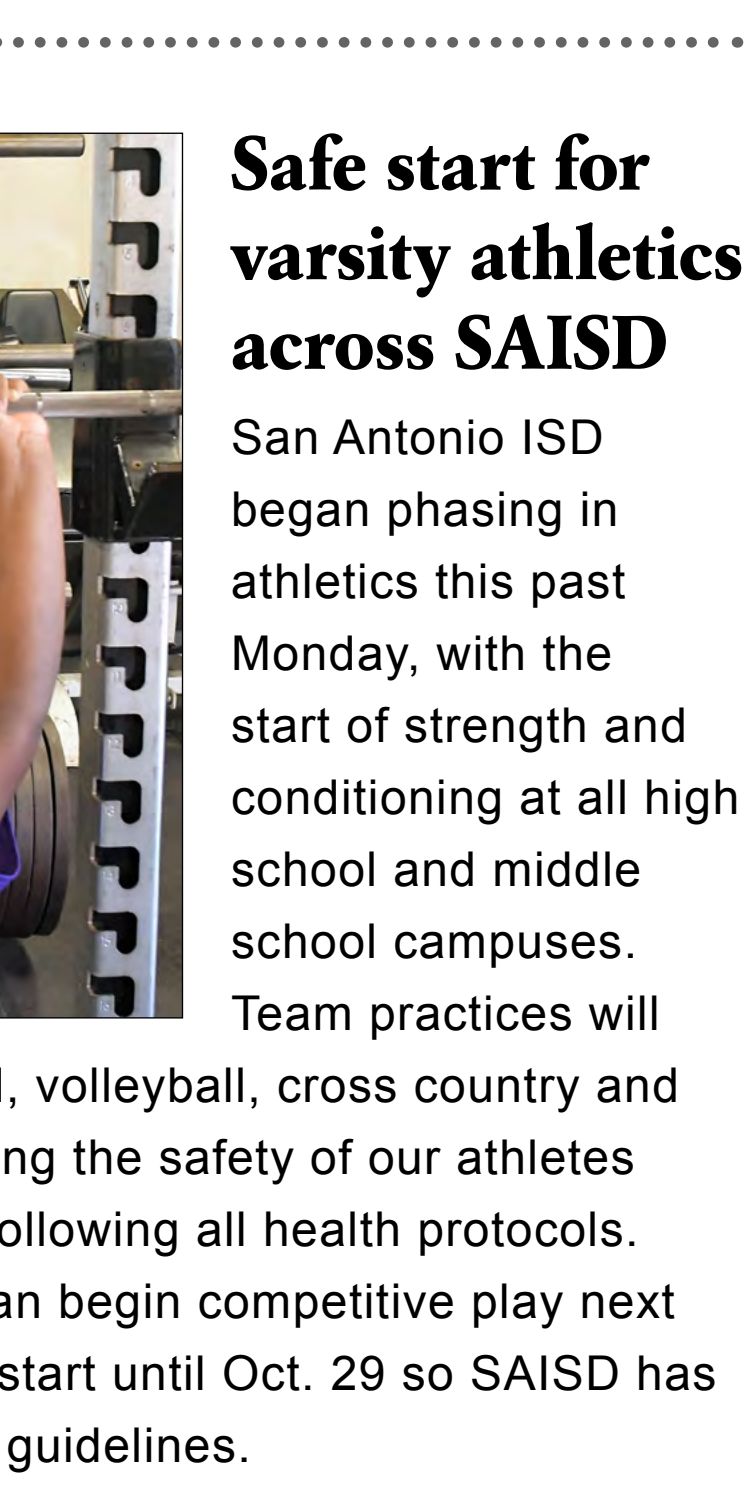
## Martinez named finalist for prestigious national award

San Antonio ISD Superintendent Pedro Martinez has been named as a finalist for the Green-Garner Award from the Council of the Great City Schools. The Green-Garner Award is the nation's highest urban education honor, recognizing outstanding contributions in urban education. Nominees for the award are judged on their attributes in five key areas: leadership, achievement, public confidence, professionalism, and involvement. The winner will be announced in mid-October.

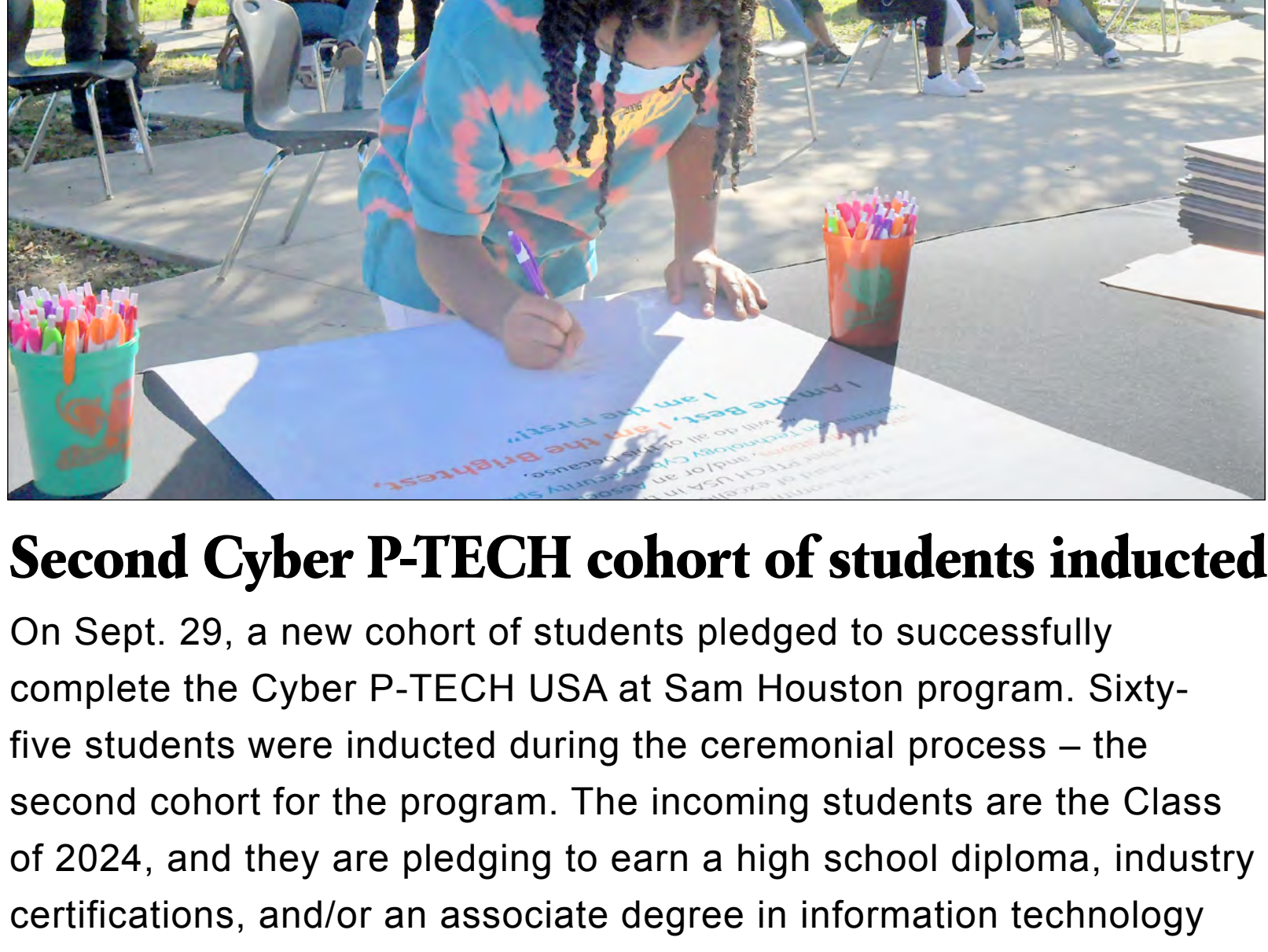
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## Professional development opportunity: wellness and mental health

World Mental Health Day 2020 is Oct. 10, and the Student and Academic Support Services Department is pleased to provide an optional one-hour prerecorded districtwide professional development opportunity on the Oct. 9 staff development day for teachers, administrators and school staff on the topic of wellness and mental health. This professional development opportunity will be a watch-at-your-own pace asynchronous webinar regarding relevant mental health issues amidst COVID-19.



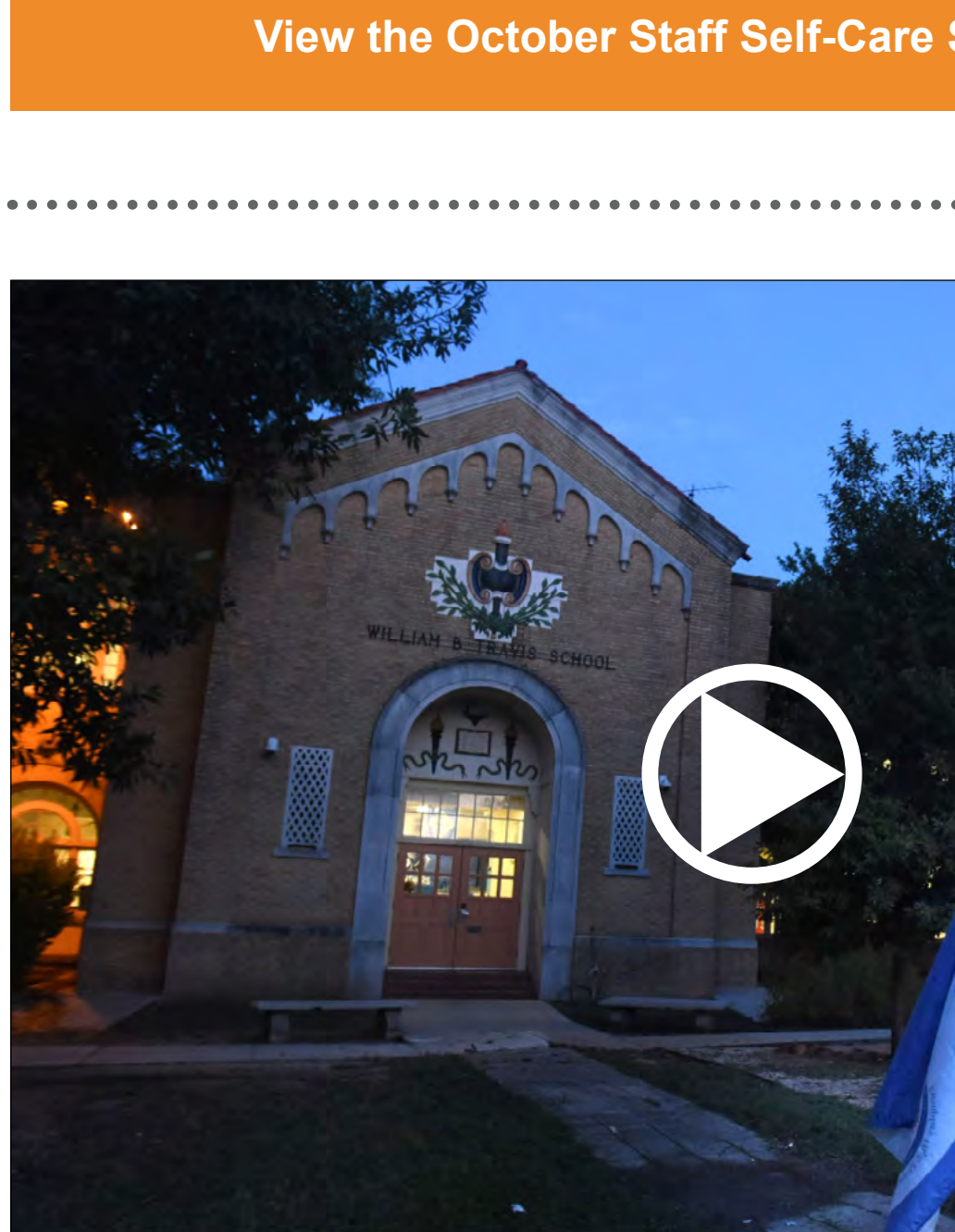
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## Davis Middle School hosts new health clinic

Thanks to a collaboration between San Antonio ISD and University Health System (UHS), SAISD students and staff now have access to a second school-based health clinic where they can seek medical attention for a variety of minor health conditions. Tafolla Middle School has been serving the SAISD community since February, and starting Oct. 5, Health Center East at Davis Middle School will be offering services as well.

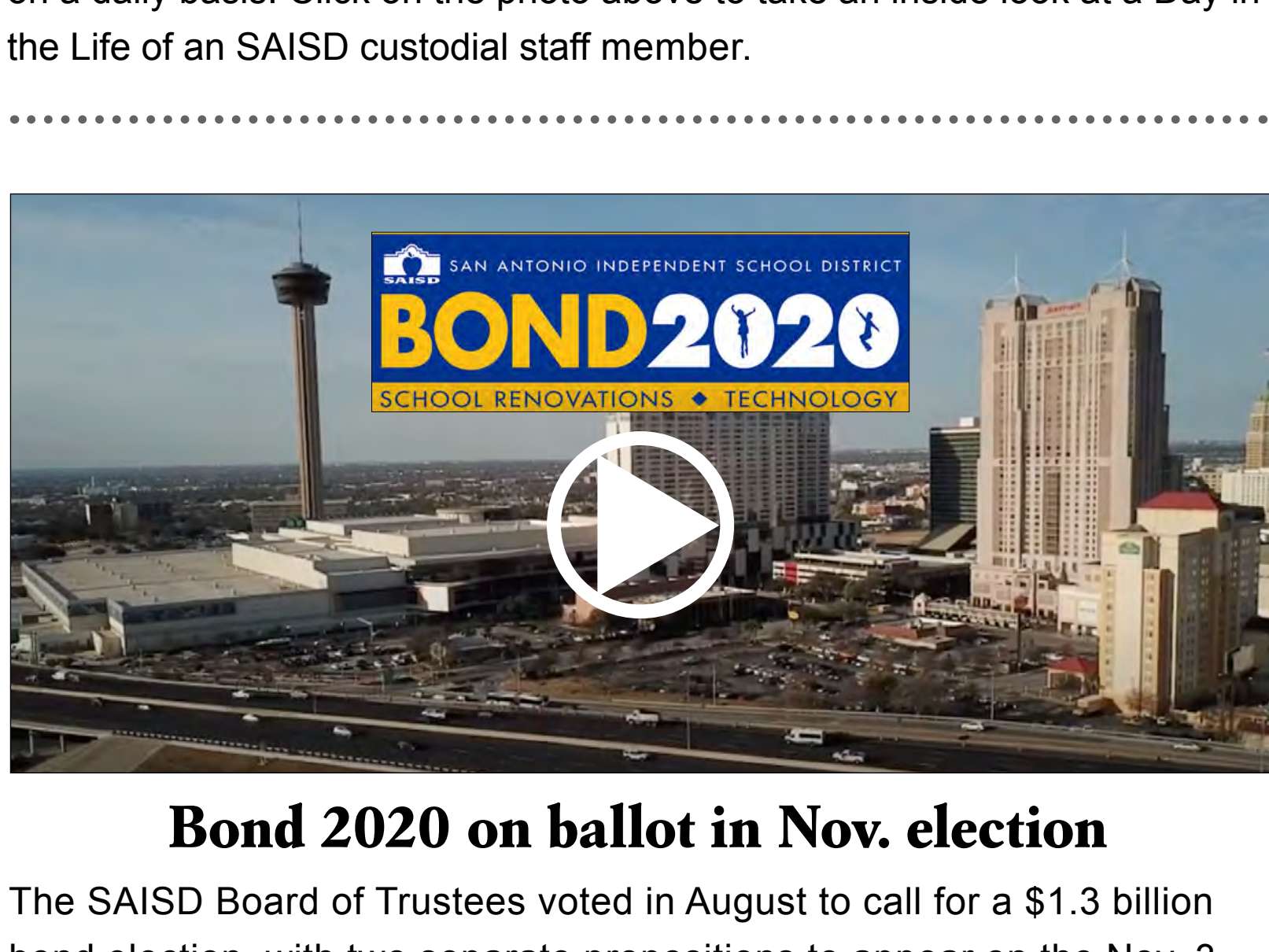
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## Safe start for varsity athletics across SAISD

San Antonio ISD began phasing in athletics this past Monday, with the start of strength and conditioning at all high school and middle school campuses. Team practices will

begin for varsity teams only in football, volleyball, cross country and tennis on Oct. 12, and SAISD is keeping the safety of our athletes and coaches uppermost in mind and following all health protocols. Volleyball, cross country and tennis can begin competitive play next week, but the football season will not start until Oct. 29 so SAISD has time to familiarize our students to UIL guidelines.



## Second Cyber P-TECH cohort of students inducted

On Sept. 29, a new cohort of students pledged to successfully complete the Cyber P-TECH USA at Sam Houston program. Sixty-five students were inducted during the ceremonial process – the second cohort for the program. The incoming students are the Class of 2024, and they are pledging to earn a high school diploma, industry certifications, and/or an associate degree in information technology cybersecurity specialist through St. Philip's College.

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