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## Texas Teacher of the Year 2021

### SAISD educator named finalist for 2021 Texas Teacher of the Year

Adriana Abundis, a dual language mathematics teacher at Lanier High School, has been selected as one of six finalists for the 2021 Texas Teacher of the Year award, a recognition announced by the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) on Sept. 9. Texas Teacher of the Year is the highest honor the State of Texas can bestow upon a teacher.



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## Welcoming students back to campus



Congratulations to all of our school teachers and staff for a successful first week back on campus with our students! About 10% of SAISD students received classroom instruction this week with a multitude of safety procedures in place. Face coverings were worn, hands were kept sanitized and social distancing was observed across the District to keep both staff and students safe.



### YWLA student's science project gains national recognition

Lyla Arnold, a seventh-grader at Young Women's Leadership Academy, has been named by the Society for Science & the Public as well as the Broadcom Foundation as one of the Top 300 competitors in the 2020 Broadcom MASTERS® - the nation's premier STEM competition for middle school students.

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### Continuing self-care throughout the year

The Department of Social, Emotional and Academic Development (SEAD) is happy to announce that the department will continue Monthly Self-Care Bingo through May! In addition to the friendly competition, SEAD is also offering virtual self-care sessions to all District employees. Topics include journaling, guided meditation, laughter yoga and more!



Play September's Staff Self-Care BINGO [here](#)

View the September Staff Self-Care Sessions [here](#)



## This week's closing shot



### Annual Remembrance Ceremony with Highlands High School JROTC

In observance of Patriot Day, which honors the memories of those who died during the 2001 terrorist attacks on World Trade Center, Pentagon, and hijacked United Airlines flight, the Highlands High School JROTC unit produced a virtual remembrance ceremony. Patriot Day will be recognized tomorrow on Sept. 11, 2020.