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Welcome back, SAISD Family! CONVOCATION 2021



Convocation 2021: Moving Forward Together! Yesterday, San Antonio ISD teachers, staff and administrators came together virtually for the SAISD 2021 Employee Convocation: Moving Forward Together. Click below to check out a recording of the event.

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Safe school start

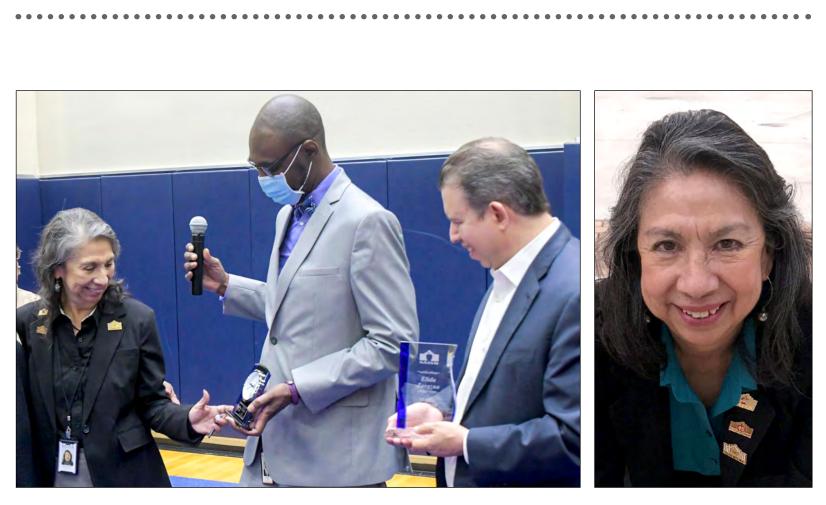
Interested in SAISD's latest safety protocols based on the most up-to-date guidance from local and national health officials? Check out the video to the left, featuring Associate Superintendent of Human Resources Toni Thompson and Deputy Superintendent Patti Salzmann.



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SAISD teacher finalist for 2021 Teacher of the Year

Highlands High School teacher Noah Lipman has been named a finalist for 2021 Secondary Teacher of the Year by Education Service Center, Region 20. Lipman teaches 11th and 12th grade Advanced Placement (AP) courses in U.S. History, American Government, and Macro Economics. He also teaches grade-level courses in Government and Economics. In two short years at Highlands, he turned around the AP courses – students began passing their AP exams, earning them college credit.



Celebrating 55 years of service at SAISD

Elida Zarazua has seen a thing or two during her tenure at San Antonio ISD. When she started working for the District in 1966, Zarazua was fresh out of high school, a graduate of Burbank. She has experienced technology, systems, and superintendents come and go over the last five decades, and this summer, celebrated 55 years of working at SAISD. And she has no plans to retire anytime soon.

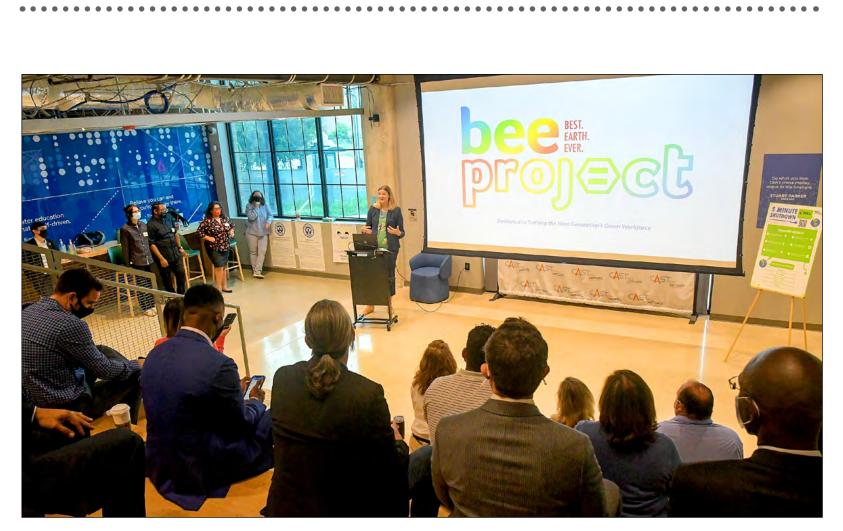
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Collaboration provides swimming lessons for kids Nothing beats the Texas summer heat like a dip in the pool. And thanks to our partnership with the YMCA and a gift from the SAISD Foundation, 128 San Antonio ISD elementary students had the chance to not only cool off but also learn water survival skills that will serve them for the rest of their lives.

"This summer, we had an opportunity to bring our after school summer camp students to our YMCA centers," said Debbie Degollado, executive director of youth development at the YMCA of Greater San Antonio. "And so, in meeting and discussing, we said, 'We have these pools, why don't we get our kiddos in the water?'"

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Graduates take on energy savings at SAISD

As part of a summer internship offered by nonprofit Best Earth Ever (BEE) Project, four recent San Antonio ISD graduates have devised an energy savings plan that they hope can contribute to cutting District energy usage 5% in the 2021-2022 school year.

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New STEM Dual Language at Poe Middle School The new STEM Dual Language at Poe Middle School is launching in the 2021-22 school year with incoming 6th graders and will expand to serve students through 8th grade. The middle school will be a STEM and Dual Language campus with a focus Social-Emotional Learning. The STEM curriculum prepares students for STEM-related high school coursework and future careers.

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Graduate snags international Adobe scholarship

San Antonio ISD graduate Jonathan Rodriquez, CAST Tech High School Class of 2021, has been named one of 10 recipients worldwide of the 2021 Adobe Design Circle Scholarship. Rodriquez will receive up to \$100,000 to go toward his

undergraduate education, as well as access to invaluable mentorship opportunities through a network of Adobe design leaders.

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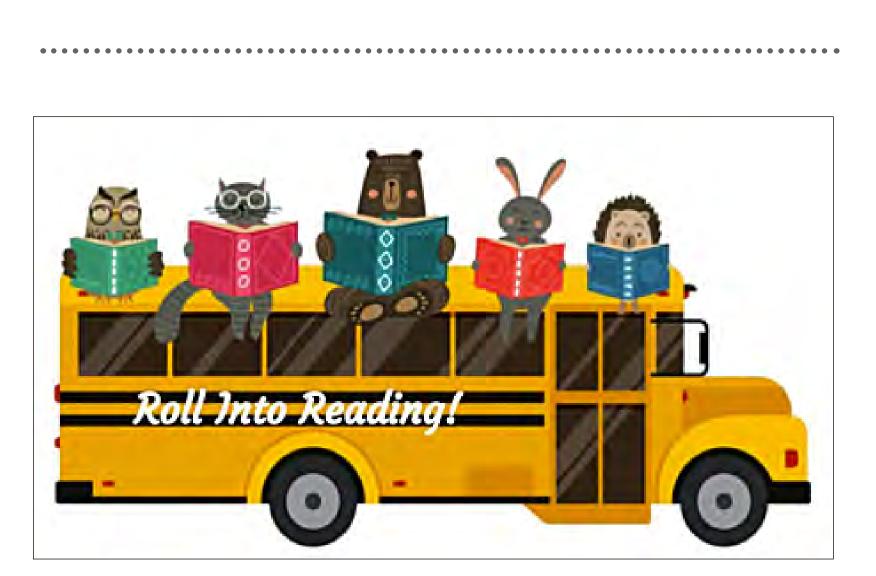


SAISD offers more PreK3 spots in 2021-22 school year

As the new school year approaches, San Antonio ISD is excited to welcome back its littlest learners to PreK, offering expanded access to three-year-olds.

"From campuses solely dedicated to serving as early childhood education centers, to traditional neighborhood campuses, to specialized academies and in-district charters, SAISD has 57 schools open and ready for welcoming PreK3 and Head Start students for next year!" said Aleida Pérez, director of Early Childhood Education and Head Start at SAISD. "We offer choices including monolingual, dual language, coteach models, Montessori, HighScope, project-based learning, STEM/ STEAM-based instruction, IB schools, and early intervention services for students with disabilities."

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Free books help build students' personal libraries This summer, San Antonio ISD school buses delivered loads of free books to kindergarten through fifth-grade students through The Roll into Reading program. The book giveaways took place during the District's summer Jumpstart program.

"We are excited to provide students with books so that they may develop their own home libraries," said Lorraine Roussin, SAISD Library Media Services coordinator. "A home library promotes a culture of reading and a pro-learning home resulting in significantly higher levels of literacy, and future academic growth. Being surrounded by books encourages curiosity, exploration, a discovery of self, and an understanding of others, leading to greater empathy and compassion."

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Special education programs at SAISD District offers a full continuum of services to meet the needs of all students' individualized education programs San Antonio ISD's Department of Special Education Services promotes inclusion while supporting students with disabilities. Students gain

college and career readiness and independent living skills through a rigorous, nurturing learning environment, and high-quality instruction. District support services enable all students to reach their full potential.

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Closing shots of the week



San Antonio ISD students had a chance to enhance their learning this summer with SAISD's Jumpstart program, which ran July 19-30. The free, campus-based programs included a variety of exciting and fun learning activities featuring visual arts, STEM, athletics, yoga, cooking and more!







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