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Locally developed, nationally recognized program helps students develop healthy habits

Thanks to a \$120,000 grant from Spurs Give, students at San Antonio ISD elementary schools will have the chance to expand their knowledge about basic nutrition and practical cooking skills through the Culinary Health Education for Families (CHEF) program. Funded by a grant from Goldsbury Foundation and created in partnership with The Children's Hospital of San Antonio, the mission of CHEF is to drive healthy eating among children and families by promoting nutritious food and home cooking as key ingredients in the recipe for life-long health and wellness.

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(Top) Martinez spoke to a full house during the address. (Bottom) Los Caballeros Distinguidos (The Distinguished Gentlemen) from Briscoe Elementary School welcomed guests to the Pearl Stable.

Future Focused: 2020 SAISD State of the District address

On Feb. 19, 2020, SAISD Superintendent Pedro Martinez addressed a full house during his State of the District Address. The event, sponsored by the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and San Antonio Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the SAISD Foundation, marks Martinez's fifth time taking the stage to speak to the business community about San Antonio's third-largest school district.

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Verizon Innovative Learning Lab unveiled at Rhodes Middle School

Thanks to the Verizon Innovative Learning program, Rhodes Middle School students now have access to interactive learning opportunities including high-tech tools such as augmented and virtual reality (AR/VR), coding and circuits, 3D printing, and artificial intelligence (AI). The Rhodes traditional library has been transformed into a Verizon Innovative Learning Lab, featuring brand new emerging-technology equipment.

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Student highlighted at TMEA

Burbank High School student Jamsel Rodriguez was showcased by the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) in a [video](#) as part of the association's 100th-anniversary campaign. His journey as a music student was selected to highlight the impact of music education in the State of Texas. In "Music Makes Me the Best Version of Me," Jamsel shares how band and mariachi provided him a social network and an opportunity to experience success. TMEA is sharing the video across social media, and they also honored him in person at their recent conference.



Commissioner of Education visits CAST Med

Last Friday, Commissioner of Education Mike Morath and other TEA staff members toured CAST Med High School to observe instruction in several classrooms after hearing about the opportunities and initiatives offered to students. Earlier this school year, the commissioner visited Schenck Elementary School to announce TEA's ratings for schools and school districts across the state.



SAISD Communications brings home the gold

The San Antonio ISD Communications Department was recognized at The Texas School Public Relations Association's (TSPRA) annual conference during the Star Awards Celebration on Feb. 26. The SAISD communications team won five gold awards, three silver awards, and two bronze awards for their excellence in video, photography, writing and design. The Star Awards provide recognition by independent, impartial judges for outstanding education communications and projects. TSPRA is a nonprofit, professional organization dedicated to promoting public schools through effective communications.

This week's closing shot

Principal for a Day

It was Principal for a Day at a number of SAISD campuses last week! Guest principals met with administrators, teachers and students throughout the morning. During a wrap-up luncheon guest principals shared what was the most eye-opening experience for them. Thank you to all who participated! Below is Nelson Elementary School Guest Principal Cristina Balzadua of Univision San Antonio.

