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New Trustee sworn in

SAISD welcomed new Trustee Alicia Perry during a Special Board meeting on May 13. Perry (left), who now represents District 2, took the Oath of Office that evening, along with returning Trustees Patti Radle (top right) and Christina Martinez (bottom right), who represent Districts 5 and 6, respectively. She replaces James Howard, who has served on the Board for more than 20 years. Perry was sworn in by the Honorable Judge Alfredo Ximenez.

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Jefferson HS achieves second designation

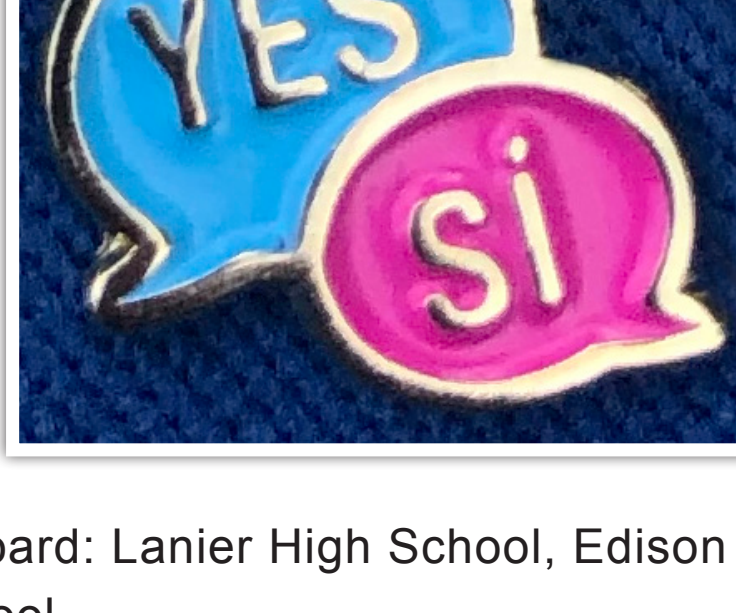
Jefferson High School has earned a second designation from the International Baccalaureate organization. This new designation authorizes the school to offer the Middle Years Programme for grades 9 and 10. In 2018, Jefferson was authorized to offer the Diploma Programme for grades 11 and 12.

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Dual language program continues to grow

Next school year, SAISD will expand the number of schools offering dual language programs from 45 to 48 campuses, serving more than 6,000 students district-wide.

While the initial expansion of dual language programs at SAISD over the past three years took place primarily in the lower grades, the 2019-20 school year will see three new secondary schools coming on board: Lanier High School, Edison High School and Whittier Middle School.



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International adventures in store for senior

Curtina Lily, a senior at the Advanced Learning Academy at Fox Tech, has been selected to participate in the selective National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) program this summer. Through NSLI-Y, a U.S. Department of State program, Curtina will be traveling to Seoul, South Korea, to study Korean language and culture for six weeks this summer.

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\$1 million grant propels propane buses

SAISD will benefit from a \$1 million grant from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), which will enable the District to replace 19 diesel school buses with propane. The grant announcement was made during a luncheon for leaders in the propane industry, including members of the Advisory Committee for the Propane Education & Research Council (PERC).

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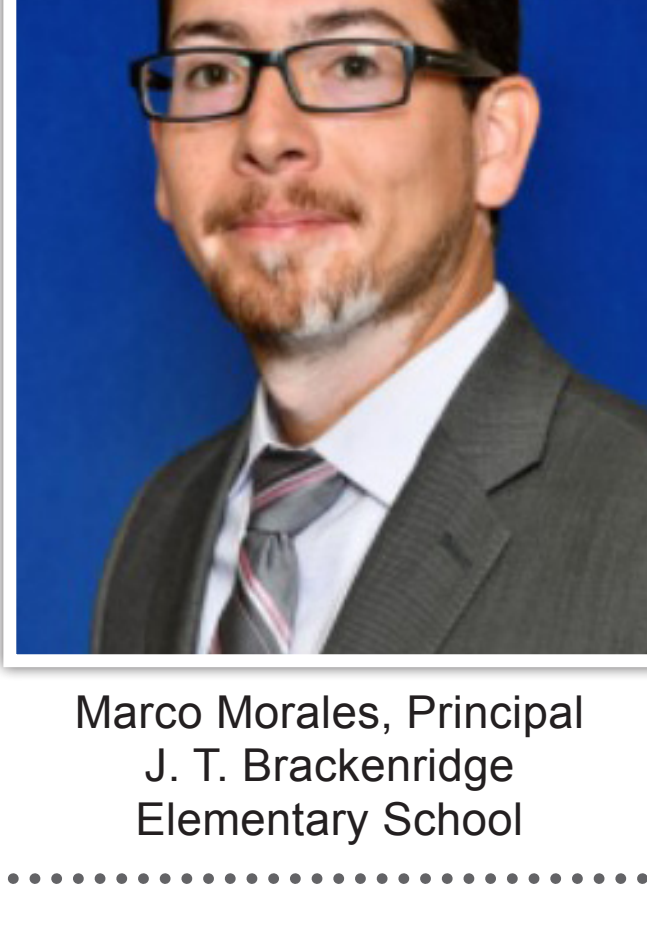
Two SAISD principals named Cahn Fellows

Two campus leaders in SAISD have been selected as Cahn Fellows for 2019-2020. Beginning this summer, principals Dr. Moises Ortiz with Rhodes Middle School and Marco Morales with J.T. Brackenridge Elementary School will be part of the Cahn Fellows Program for Distinguished Principals at Teachers College, Columbia University, while continuing to work full-time as school principals in SAISD.

Ortiz and Morales are the first in San Antonio to be accepted into the 13-month prestigious professional development program. The program seeks to improve large urban public school systems by recognizing the best school leaders and, over the long term, elevating student learning and achievement.



Dr. Moises Ortiz, Principal Rhodes Middle School



Marco Morales, Principal J. T. Brackenridge Elementary School

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Athletic Hall of Fame Honorees named

SAISD has announced the inductees for the Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2019. They will be honored at a ceremony scheduled for Aug. 17 at the Alamo Convocation Center.

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ATHLETICS UPDATE

The Athletic Department has launched its new online, mobile-friendly Athletic Online Forms Parent Portal! The portal will benefit parents by allowing them to upload and electronically sign UIL and SAISD paperwork, view the schedules of student athletes, receive notifications of schedule changes, and click for directions to athletic venues. [Click here to see the new site!](#)

Meet our VALEDICTORIANS

New stories, photos and videos featuring SAISD valedictorians will be released every Monday through May 20, 2019.

This week's closing shot

Highlands High School celebrated its 60th anniversary with a reception and open house last month (pictured), and this month, Tafolla Middle School recognized its 50th year. As San Antonio's founding school district, these anniversary events honor not only our longevity, but our roots in this city.

