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The latest news and events from San Antonio Independent School District

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SAISD selects Distinguished Teachers of the Year

Three outstanding educators were honored last night as SAISD's 2019 Distinguished Teachers of the Year. They are Dawn Cardenas, third-grade teacher, Rodriguez Elementary School; Iliana Trobaugh, sixth-grade teacher, Ogden Academy; and Belinda Medellin, technology teacher, CAST Tech High School. These outstanding educators will be considered as nominees for a variety of outside honors throughout the next school year.

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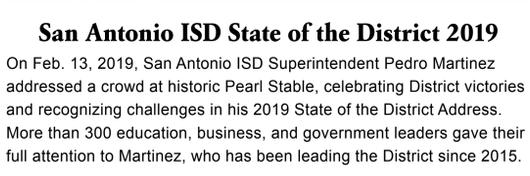
Dual credit gets a leg up thanks to the support of The Greehey Family Foundation

In an effort to expand dual credit offerings to a wide range of San Antonio ISD students, The Greehey Family Foundation has committed \$1.5 million in support of dual credit over the next three years through the SAISD Foundation. The Greehey Scholars Program will be offered to students starting in the fall of 2019, and aims to help approximately 2,000 high school students take dual credit courses through 2022.



Ramon Patiño, a senior at Jefferson High School, has benefited from dual credit classes, which he took at the UTSA Downtown Campus.

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Districtwide marketing effort compliments campus outreach

Beginning in March and continuing through December, San Antonio ISD will be featuring a Districtwide marketing campaign with the goal of telling the story of SAISD, and illustrating how the District is on course for success for its students, family and community. The campaign theme is "Choose Your Course."

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San Antonio ISD State of the District 2019

On Feb. 13, 2019, San Antonio ISD Superintendent Pedro Martinez addressed a crowd at historic Pearl Stable, celebrating District victories and recognizing challenges in his 2019 State of the District Address. More than 300 education, business, and government leaders gave their full attention to Martinez, who has been leading the District since 2015.

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Academic Decathlon champions

For the third year in a row, Sam Houston High School's Academic Decathlon team placed first in the medium school division at the Region IV meet, and also first in Team Super Quiz. Additionally, the Travis Early College High School team brought home third place honors in the medium school category. The Sam Houston team will compete at the state meet in March.

Top left: Sam Houston High School's Academic Decathlon team. Bottom left: Travis Early College High School's Academic Decathlon team.



SAISD Communications brings home the gold

The San Antonio ISD Communications Department was recognized at The Texas School Public Relations Association's annual conference Star Awards dinner on Feb. 20. SAISD won a gold award for video, a gold award for *insider*, three silver awards for photography and digital media, and one bronze award for writing. TSPRA is a nonprofit, professional organization dedicated to promoting public schools through effective communications.



EPIC Saturday

Teachers from across SAISD participated in another successful EPIC Saturday earlier this month. EPIC, short for Educators Providing Innovative Change, takes place multiple times throughout the school year and provides professional learning designed to engage, connect, and inspire SAISD teachers and staff.



Huisache-a-Thon

Last week, YWLA, in partnership with H-E-B, held their annual Huisache-a-Thon, a walk/run fundraising event that helps support the school's college-preparation programs and promotes healthy living through exercise and good nutrition. Students walked around the block, planted seeds for vegetables and helped the environment by drawing sea life art for donations. Students from Steele Montessori Academy also visited the campus to participate in the activities.

Vestido Rojo
 Villita Assembly Building
 401 Villita St., San Antonio, TX 78205
 February 23, 2019 | 8:00 AM-1:00 PM
 Free parking available at the CPS Energy Garage located at 146 Navarro Street San Antonio, TX 78205 (next to Villita Assembly Building)

One in three. That's the price women pay for cardiovascular disease. While nearly 80 percent of cardiac events can be prevented, cardiovascular diseases continue to be a woman's greatest health threat, claiming the lives of 1 in 3 women. That's a third of mothers, sisters, and friends.

Vestido Rojo is a program of the American Heart Association's Go Red Por Tu Corazón movement that celebrates the energy, passion, and power of Hispanic and Latina women to band together and wipe out heart disease and stroke.

Join us for this FREE event (just for women):

- Blood pressure checks
- Heart healthy cooking/nutrition workshop
- Physical activity workshop
- Presentation on heart disease risk factors and prevention
- Heart-healthy lunch

Space is limited to 1,000 women, so don't miss out. Please register at [SAvestidoRojo.heart.org](#) prior to the event to secure your spot. Call 210.810.3094 or email [Bonnie.Gamez@Heart.org](#) for more information.

Go Red por Tu Corazón is nationally sponsored by **CVSHealth**

Local Sponsors:
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 American Heart Association

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INNOVATIVE GRANT APPLICATION IS OPEN!

Innovative Grant applications are now open and due by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 29, 2019.

Innovative Grant workshops for 2019-2020:
 • Wednesday, March 6: 5 - 7 p.m. in the Burnet cafeteria
 RSVP to [jtwiss@saissdfoundation.com](#)

Reminders: All applicants must have also submitted all past due grant evaluations in order to be awarded. Project Leaders who were awarded an Innovative Grant for 2018-2019 must wait to apply again until the 2020-2021 grant cycle.

Download a copy of the 2019-2020 Innovative Grant Application here.

GRANTS FOR THIS CYCLE WILL BE AWARDED IN AUGUST 2019

RUN 4 EDUCATION 5K 2019
 Saturday, March 2, 2019
 Race start: 8 a.m. at Alamo Stadium

- 5K Fun Run/Walk
- Health Festival with lots of **FREE GIVEAWAYS** following the run
- **Registration Details:**
 \$5 SAISD Students
 \$10 Non-SAISD Students
 \$15 SAISD Employees/Parents
 \$25 Community Members
- School Participation Awards up to \$1000
- Run Festivities begin at 7:30 a.m.

Tech tees guaranteed through February 11, 2019 when registering with campus or department run coordinators.

HELP YOUR SCHOOL EARN AWARDS!
 Name your school at registration!

Visit: [SAISDRun4Education.com](#)
 For more information connect with your campus or department run coordinator, or call us at: **(210) 554-2235**

REGISTER TODAY!

This week's closing shot

Burbank HS Band Director Hector Treviño received a special request - typically application only - from the Texas Music Educators Association to speak at this year's convention because of his expertise in urban band programs. On Friday, Treviño and the Burbank Wind Ensemble gave the presentation, titled Building a Successful Model for Today's Urban Band Program, marking the first time an SAISD band program has done a clinic for this event. The TMEA is an organization of over 12,000 school music educators dedicated to promoting excellence in music education and is comprised of five divisions: band, orchestra, vocal, elementary and college.

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