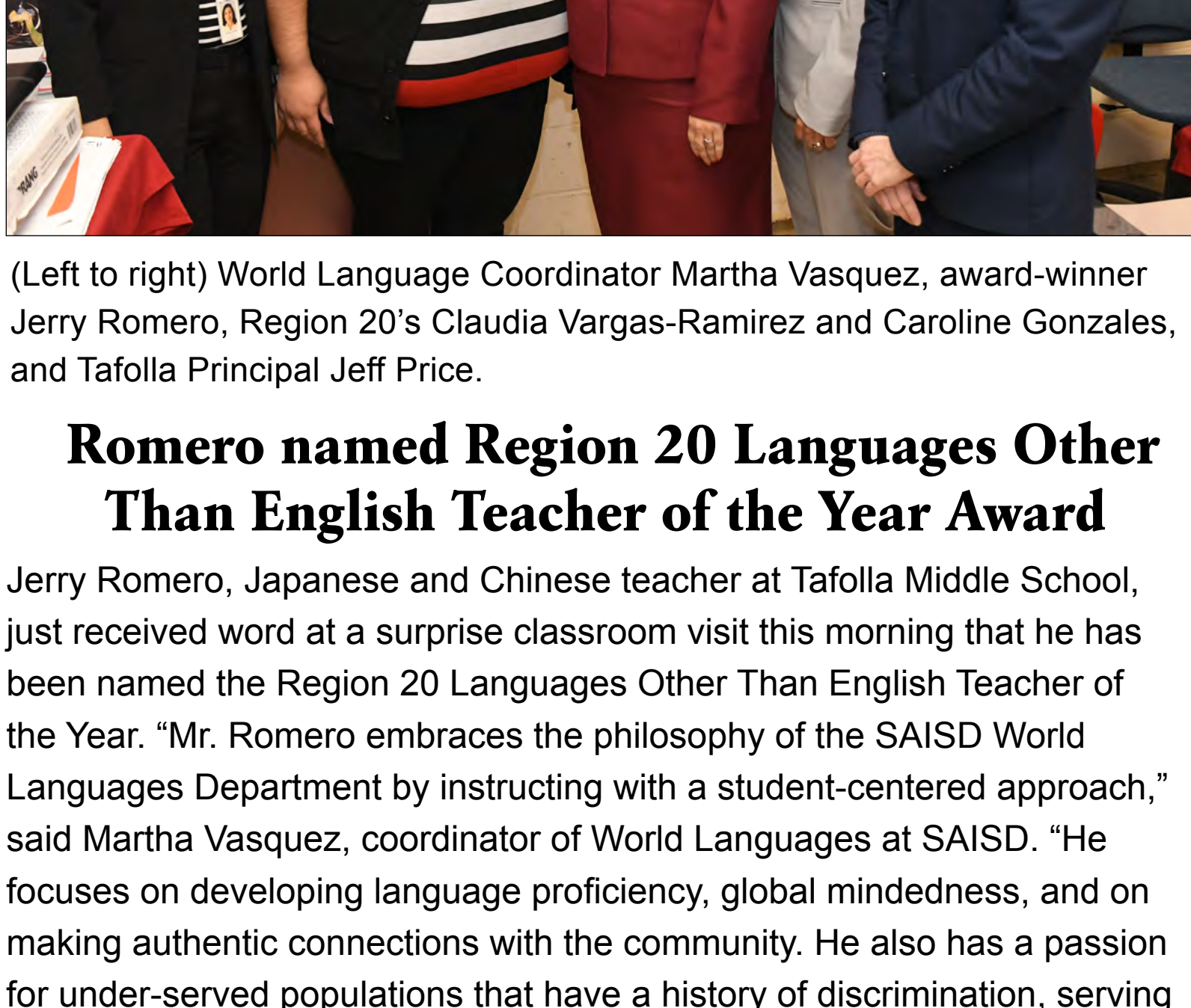


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(Left to right) World Language Coordinator Martha Vasquez, award-winner Jerry Romero, Region 20's Claudia Vargas-Ramirez and Caroline Gonzales, and Tafolla Principal Jeff Price.

Romero named Region 20 Languages Other Than English Teacher of the Year Award

Jerry Romero, Japanese and Chinese teacher at Tafolla Middle School, just received word at a surprise classroom visit this morning that he has been named the Region 20 Languages Other Than English Teacher of the Year. "Mr. Romero embraces the philosophy of the SAISD World Languages Department by instructing with a student-centered approach," said Martha Vasquez, coordinator of World Languages at SAISD. "He focuses on developing language proficiency, global mindedness, and on making authentic connections with the community. He also has a passion for under-served populations that have a history of discrimination, serving those most in need." Congratulations, Jerry!

Students honored at scholarship reception

The SAISD Foundation and the Office of Academics and School Leadership celebrated more than 125 San Antonio ISD students earlier this week at the 2019 SAISD Scholar reception. The event, held at the VIA Grand Rotunda, was organized to recognize the academic achievements of SAISD students who have been named to one of three national scholar programs: the Duke TIP Talent Search, National Hispanic Recognition Program, or AP Scholars.

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Making it mindful at Rogers Academy

This year at Rogers Academy, the start of the school day looks a little bit different than it has in the past. Instead of students gathering in their individual classrooms, everyone gathers together in either the gym or the cafeteria, depending on their grade level, for a morning meeting. According to Valerie Trevino, school counselor, bringing all of the students together not only helps build community, but it gives the students the opportunity to practice a new technique that has become a daily practice at the school: mindfulness.

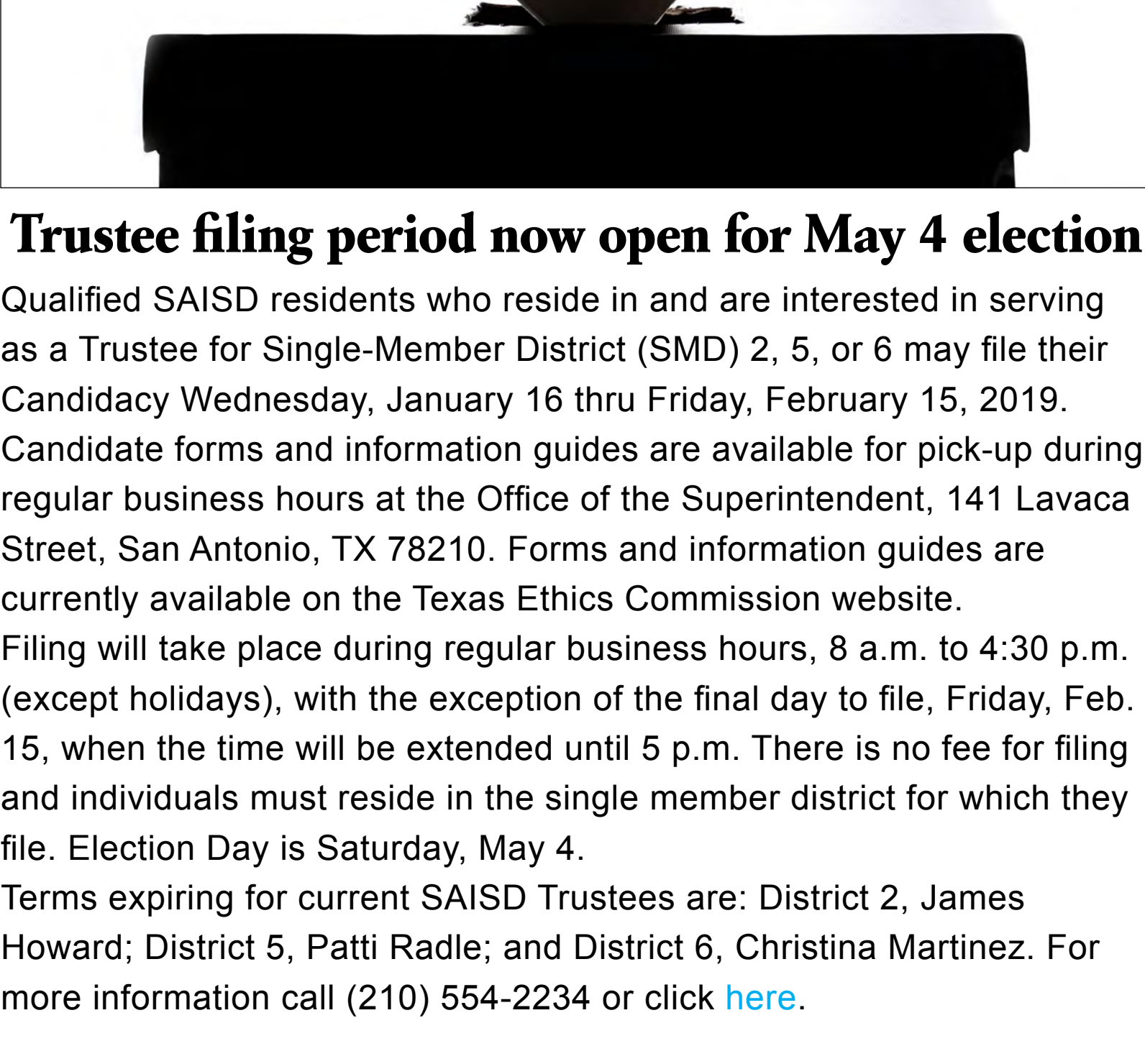
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Handle with care

San Antonio Police Department, San Antonio ISD, North East ISD and East Central ISD are partnering together to pilot a program that will help school districts to better care for their students. The SAPD's Handle with Care initiative is a confidential reporting system aimed at helping children who experience traumatic events succeed in school.

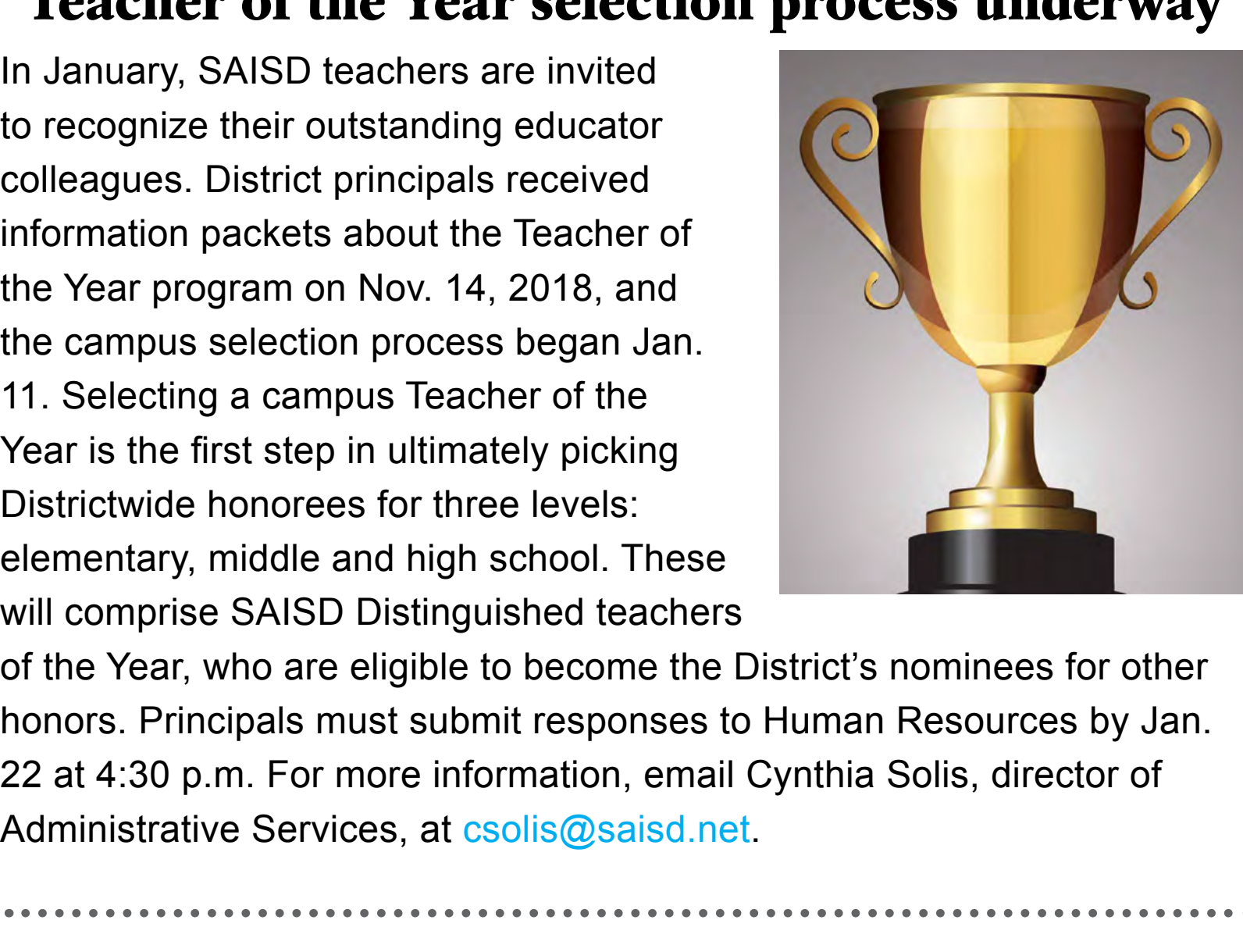
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National Hispanic Recognition Program scholars recognized

Janelle Arnold and Raven Encino of Young Women's Leadership Academy, Judge-Anthony Rios and Nikol Garcia Espinoza of Travis Early College High School, Thomas Martinez of St. Philip's Early College High School and Jose Martinez of Edison High School (*not pictured*) are this year's Class of 2019 National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP) Scholars. These Hispanic high school juniors were invited to apply for academic recognition as part of a program administered directly by the College Board and Scholarship America.

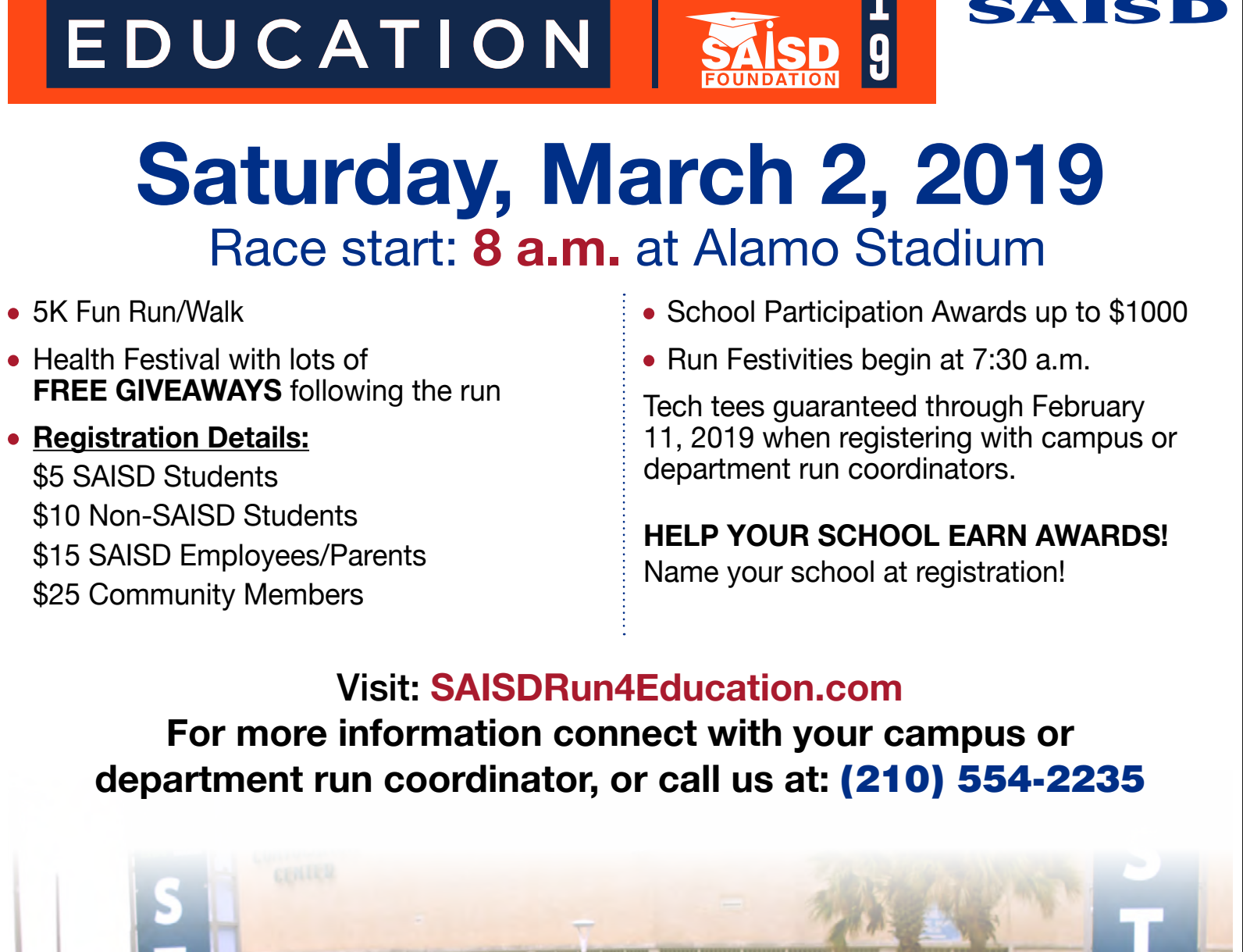
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Trustee filing period now open for May 4 election

Qualified SAISD residents who reside in and are interested in serving as a Trustee for Single-Member District (SMD) 2, 5, or 6 may file their Candidacy Wednesday, January 16 thru Friday, February 15, 2019. Candidate forms and information guides are available for pick-up during regular business hours at the Office of the Superintendent, 141 Lavaca Street, San Antonio, TX 78210. Forms and information guides are currently available on the Texas Ethics Commission website. Filing will take place during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (except holidays), with the exception of the final day to file, Friday, Feb. 15, when the time will be extended until 5 p.m. There is no fee for filing and individuals must reside in the single member district for which they file. Election Day is Saturday, May 4.

Terms expiring for current SAISD Trustees are: District 2, James Howard; District 5, Patti Radle; and District 6, Christina Martinez. For more information call (210) 554-2234 or click [here](#).

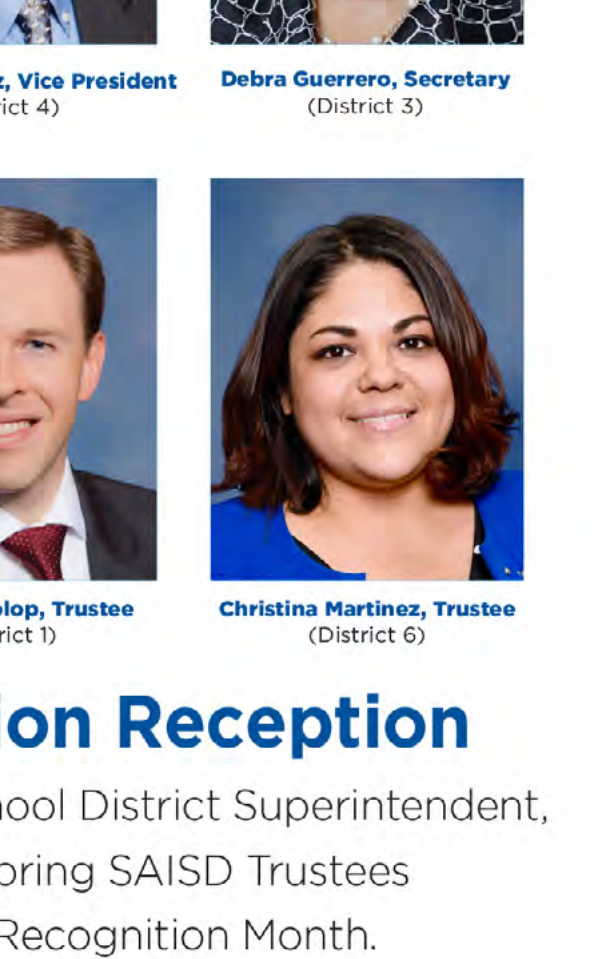


Where's Cleto? At SAISD!

Local TV news personality Cleto visited Young Men's Leadership Academy earlier this week to and participated in a variety of activities around the school. He also helped promote the school's 5K fundraiser, which is taking place this weekend. For more information or to sign up, click [here](#).

Teacher of the Year selection process underway

In January, SAISD teachers are invited to recognize their outstanding educator colleagues. District principals received information packets about the Teacher of the Year program on Nov. 14, 2018, and the campus selection process began Jan. 11. Selecting a campus Teacher of the Year is the first step in ultimately picking Districtwide honorees for high school, elementary, middle and high levels. These will comprise SAISD Distinguished teachers of the Year, who are eligible to become the District's nominees for other honors. Principals must submit responses to Human Resources by Jan. 22 at 4:30 p.m. For more information, email Cynthia Solis, director of Administrative Services, at csolis@saisd.net.



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:

- EPIC Saturday, Feb. 9, 2019: 8:45 - 10:45 a.m.

Register for the EPIC Saturday session [here](#)

- Wednesday, March 6: 5 - 7 p.m. in the Burnet cafeteria

RSVP to jtwiss@saisd.foundation.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

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!

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SAISD Board Appreciation Reception

Pedro Martinez, San Antonio Independent School District Superintendent, cordially invites you to a reception honoring SAISD Trustees in celebration of Texas School Board Recognition Month.

Tuesday, January 22, 2019
at 4:30 p.m.

Burnet Center Board Room
406 Barrera St.

NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR 2019 SAISD ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME HONOREES

Nominations for the 2019 San Antonio ISD Athletic Hall of Fame are now being accepted. Nominees include former athletes, administrators, coaches, or special contributors.

The official nomination form is located at www.saisd.net/athletichalloffame

Completed nomination forms can be mailed to the SAISD Athletic Office at 110 Tuleta Dr., San Antonio, TX., 78212 or emailed to saisdathletics@saisd.net. The submission deadline is March 1, 2019. For questions, call (210) 554-2655.

This week's closing shot

SAISD hosted visitors from Arkansas earlier this week to check out two of the District's AVID programs. Pulaski County Special School District leaders visited Whittier Middle School and Travis Early College High School to see AVID in action before they begin their own implementation next year.

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