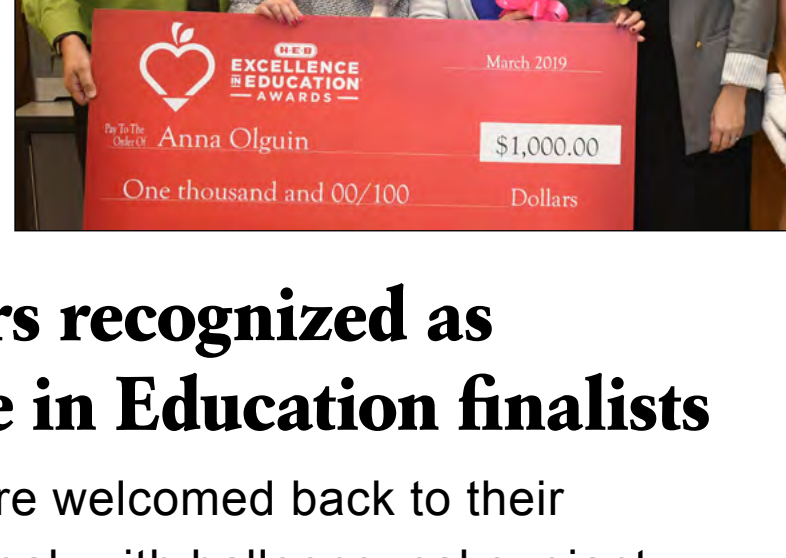


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SAISD educators recognized as 2019 H-E-B Excellence in Education finalists

Four San Antonio ISD educators were welcomed back to their respective campuses after spring break with balloons, cake, giant checks, surprise assemblies and a visit from H-E-B Buddy and his team as they were named H-E-B Excellence in Education finalists earlier this week. Advanced Learning Academy's principal Kathy Bieser has been named a finalist for the Principal Secondary Award; Longfellow Middle School teacher Anna Olguin has been named a finalist for the Rising Star Secondary Award; Carvajal Early Childhood Education Center teacher Andrea Greimel has been named a finalist for the Lifetime Achievement Elementary Award; and Knox Early Childhood Education Center teacher Rebekah Ozuna has been named a finalist for the Rising Star Elementary Award.

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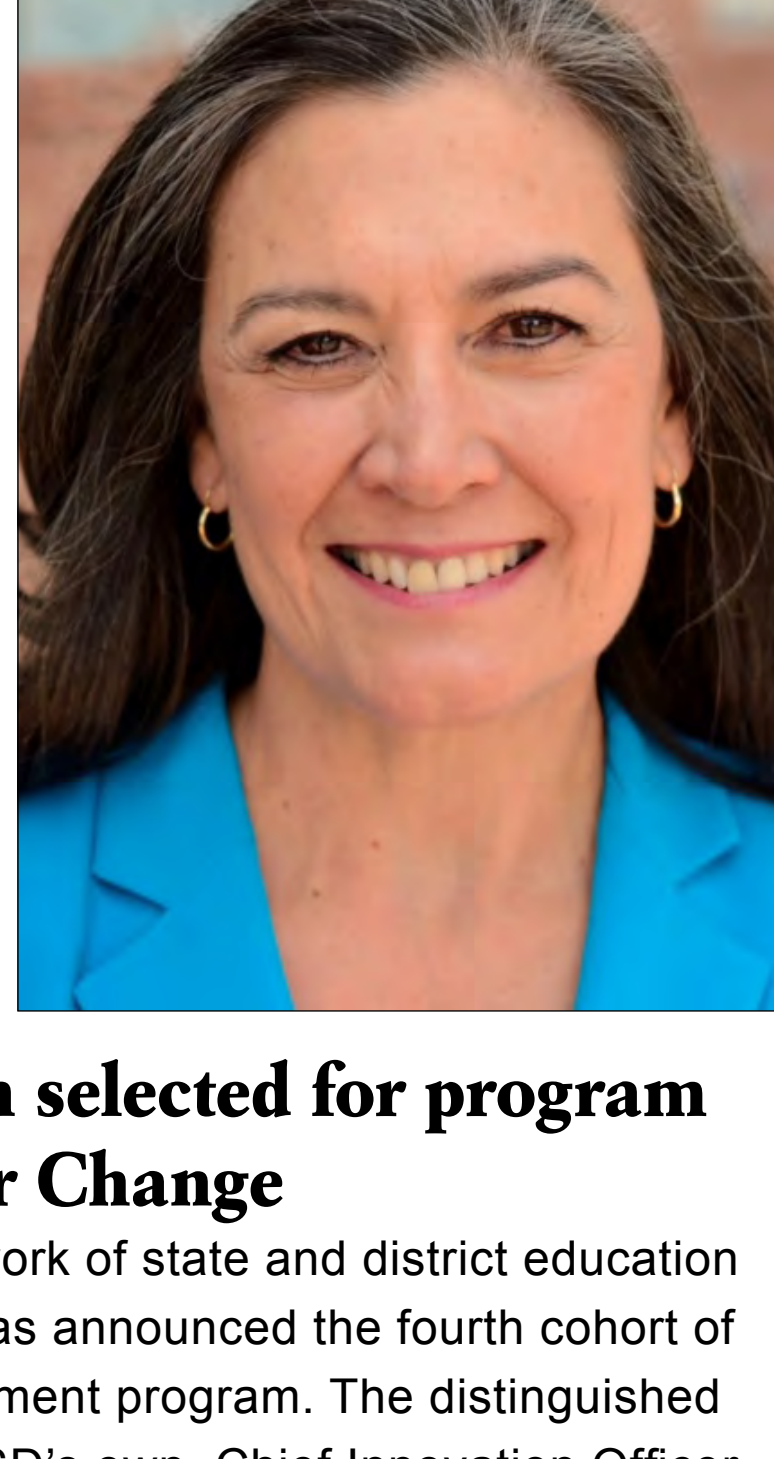


West Coast Spring Break Tour

Instead of heading to the beach or relaxing at home this spring break, dozens of San Antonio ISD juniors dedicated their time off to visit 11 colleges and universities during this year's West Coast Spring Break Tour. A total of 48 juniors from across the District visited five Claremont Colleges including Pomona, Scripps, Claremont McKenna, Pitzer, and Harvey Mudd colleges as well as Azusa Pacific University, Loyola Marymount University, Occidental College, University of Southern California, University of La Verne, and University of Redlands.



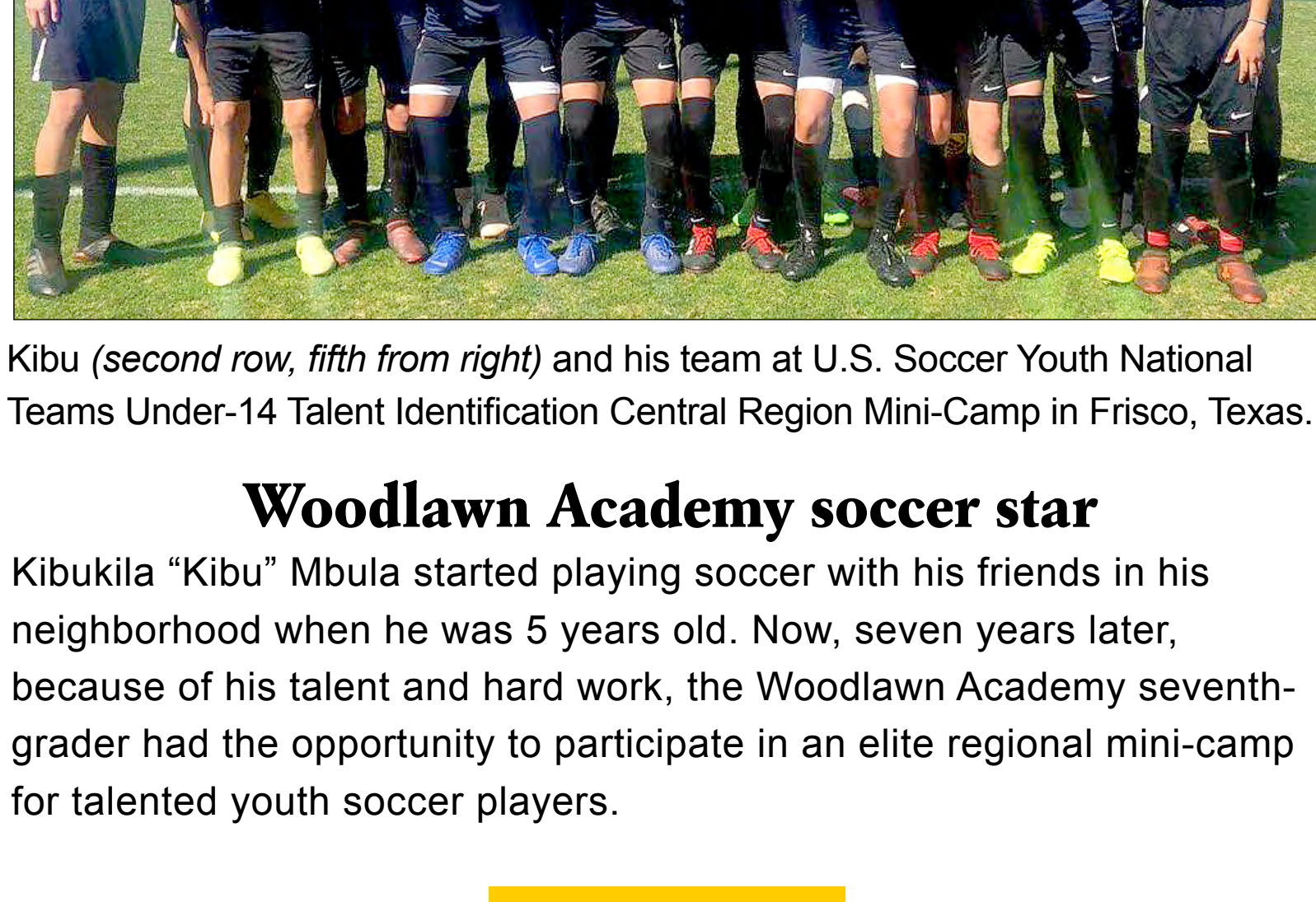
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District leaders chosen selected for program Chiefs for Change

Chiefs for Change, a bipartisan network of state and district education chiefs based in Washington, D.C., has announced the fourth cohort of its Future Chiefs leadership development program. The distinguished group includes two of San Antonio ISD's own, Chief Innovation Officer Mohammed Choudhury, and Deputy Superintendent for Academics and School Leadership Pauline Dow.

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Kibu (*second row, fifth from right*) and his team at U.S. Soccer Youth National Teams Under-14 Talent Identification Central Region Mini-Camp in Frisco, Texas.

Woodlawn Academy soccer star

Kibukila "Kibu" Mbula started playing soccer with his friends in his neighborhood when he was 5 years old. Now, seven years later, because of his talent and hard work, the Woodlawn Academy seventh-grader had the opportunity to participate in an elite regional mini-camp for talented youth soccer players.

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Beautiful weather for biking at Collins Garden

A student at Collins Garden Elementary School is shown how to properly tighten her bike helmet during the school's Bike Week held March 18-21. The Austin, TX, nonprofit Ghisallo Cycling Initiative held multiple clinics throughout the week and taught students bicycle skills featuring proper helmet usage, starting and stopping, verbal and hand signals, scanning, and bike control and obstacle avoidance.



Special education classroom receives new iPads

Leticia Gutierrez-Ledesma, special education teacher at Barkley-Ruiz Academy, was awarded a Contribution to Youth Award from WoodmenLife for her excellence in and outside of the classroom. Additionally, she received two iPads to use with her students.



SAISD advisors and Bexar County Explorer advisors recognized

The SAISD advisors and Bexar County Sheriff Explorer advisors who provide mentorship and real-world occupational training to law enforcement students at all SAISD traditional high schools were recognized for their outstanding work at this week's board meeting. The Bexar County Sheriff Explorer Program introduces young adults to careers in law enforcement and the program aims to develop and refine qualities such as maturity, responsibility, character, civic duty, and personal fitness.

INNOVATIVE GRANT APPLICATION IS OPEN!

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

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

This week's closing shot



On Tuesday, parents and community members were invited to Highland Park Elementary School to learn about and get information on the school's dual language program. Visitors had a chance to view the inner workings of a classroom and see the students in an active, dual language atmosphere.



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