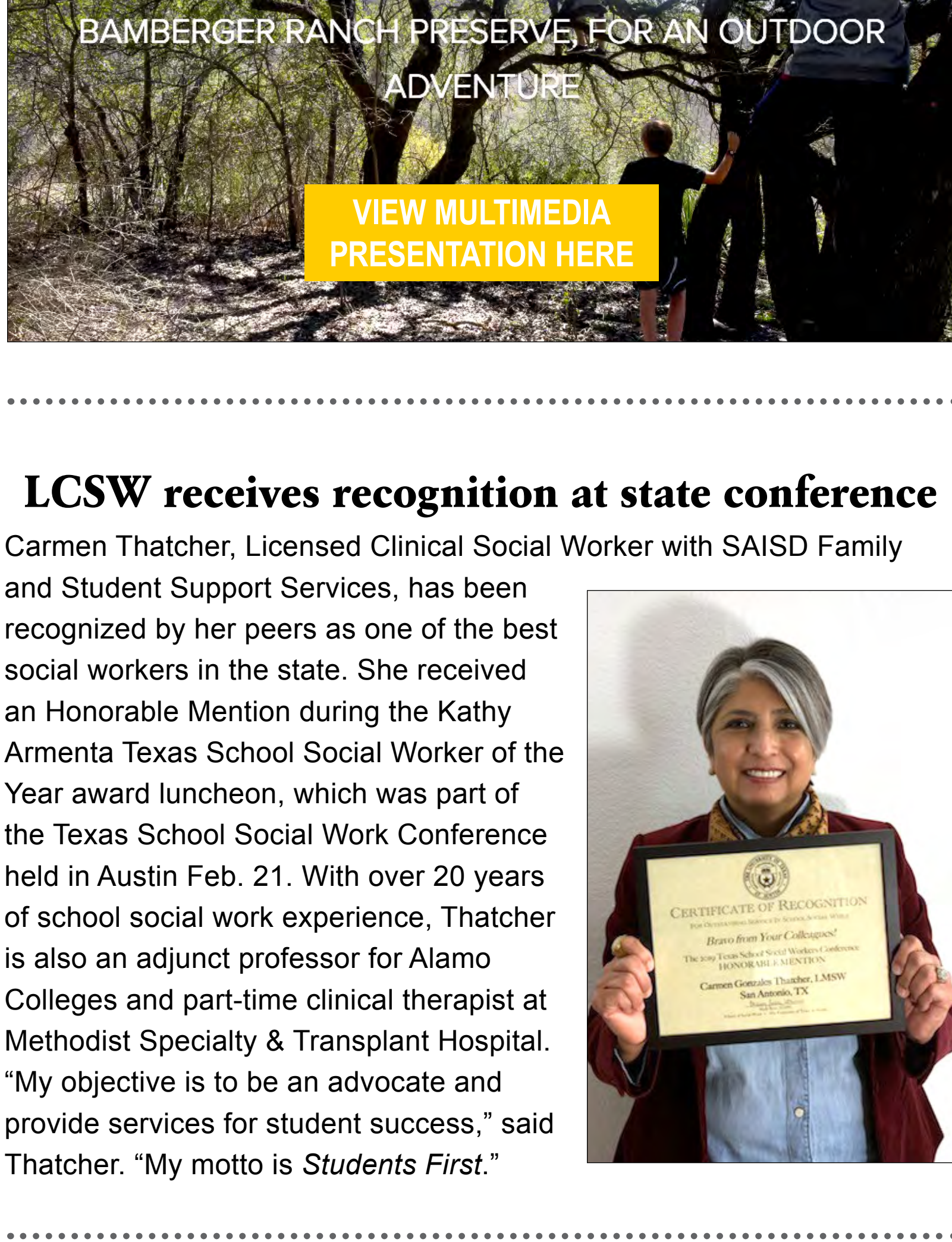
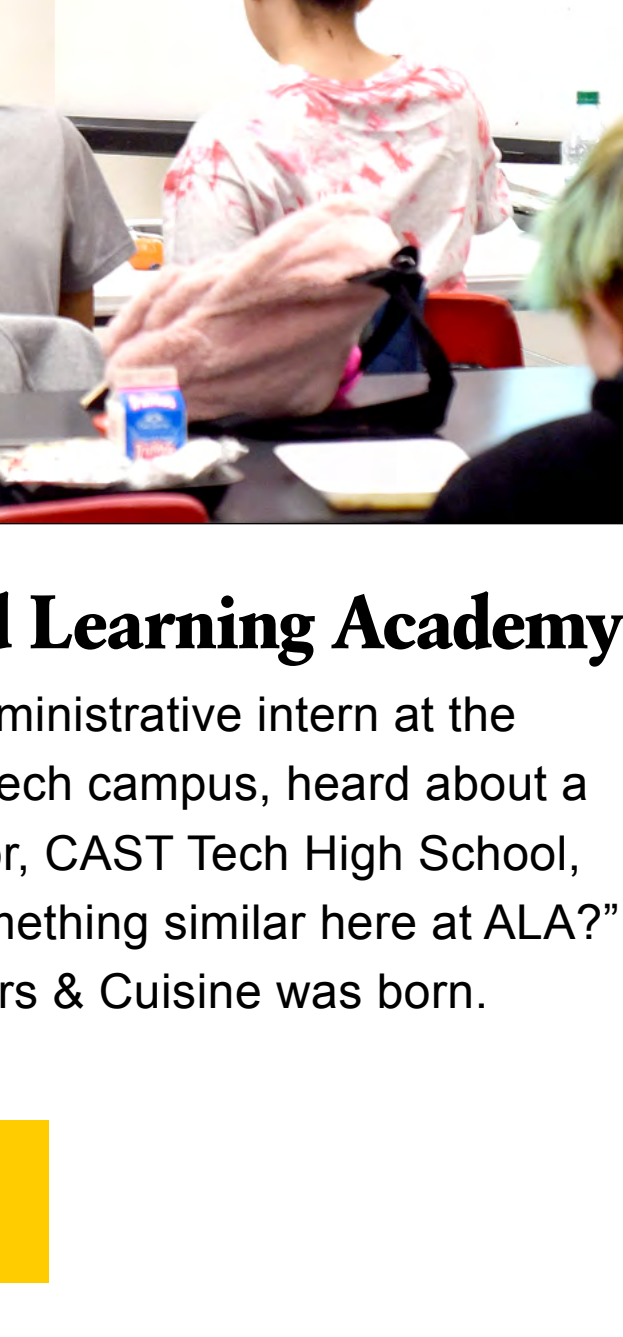




LCSW receives recognition at state conference

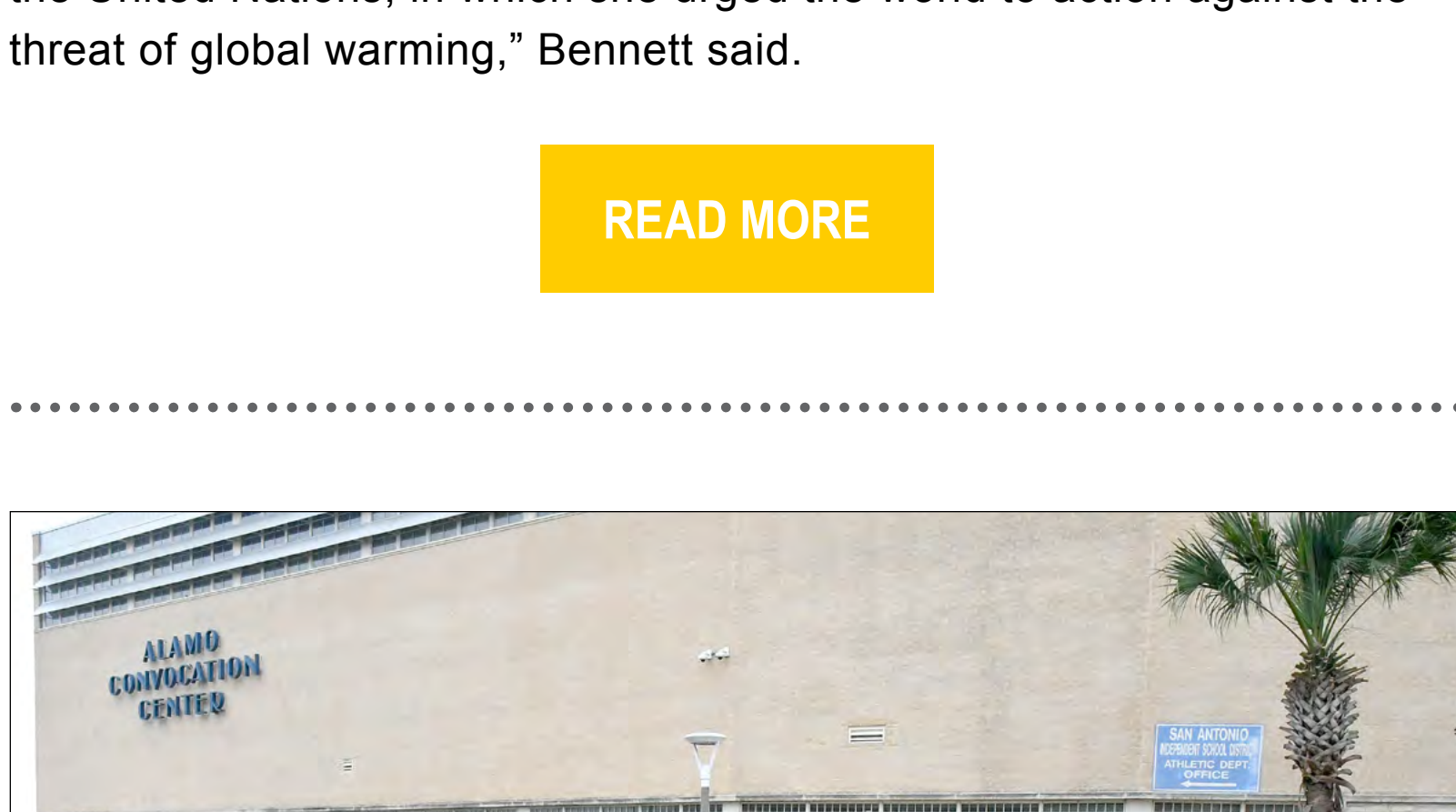
Carmen Thatcher, Licensed Clinical Social Worker with SAISD Family and Student Support Services, has been recognized by her peers as one of the best social workers in the state. She received an Honorable Mention during the Kathy Armenta Texas School Social Worker of the Year award luncheon, which was part of the Texas School Social Work Conference held in Austin Feb. 21. With over 20 years of school social work experience, Thatcher is also an adjunct professor for Alamo Colleges and part-time clinical therapist at Methodist Specialty & Transplant Hospital. "My objective is to be an advocate and provide services for student success," said Thatcher. "My motto is *Students First*."



Careers & Cuisine at Advanced Learning Academy

When Tiffany Jenkins, a Trinity University administrative intern at the Advanced Learning Academy (ALA) at Fox Tech campus, heard about a mentoring event happening at ALA's neighbor, CAST Tech High School, she thought to herself, "Why don't we do something similar here at ALA?" And thus, ALA's Lunch Lecture Series Careers & Cuisine was born.

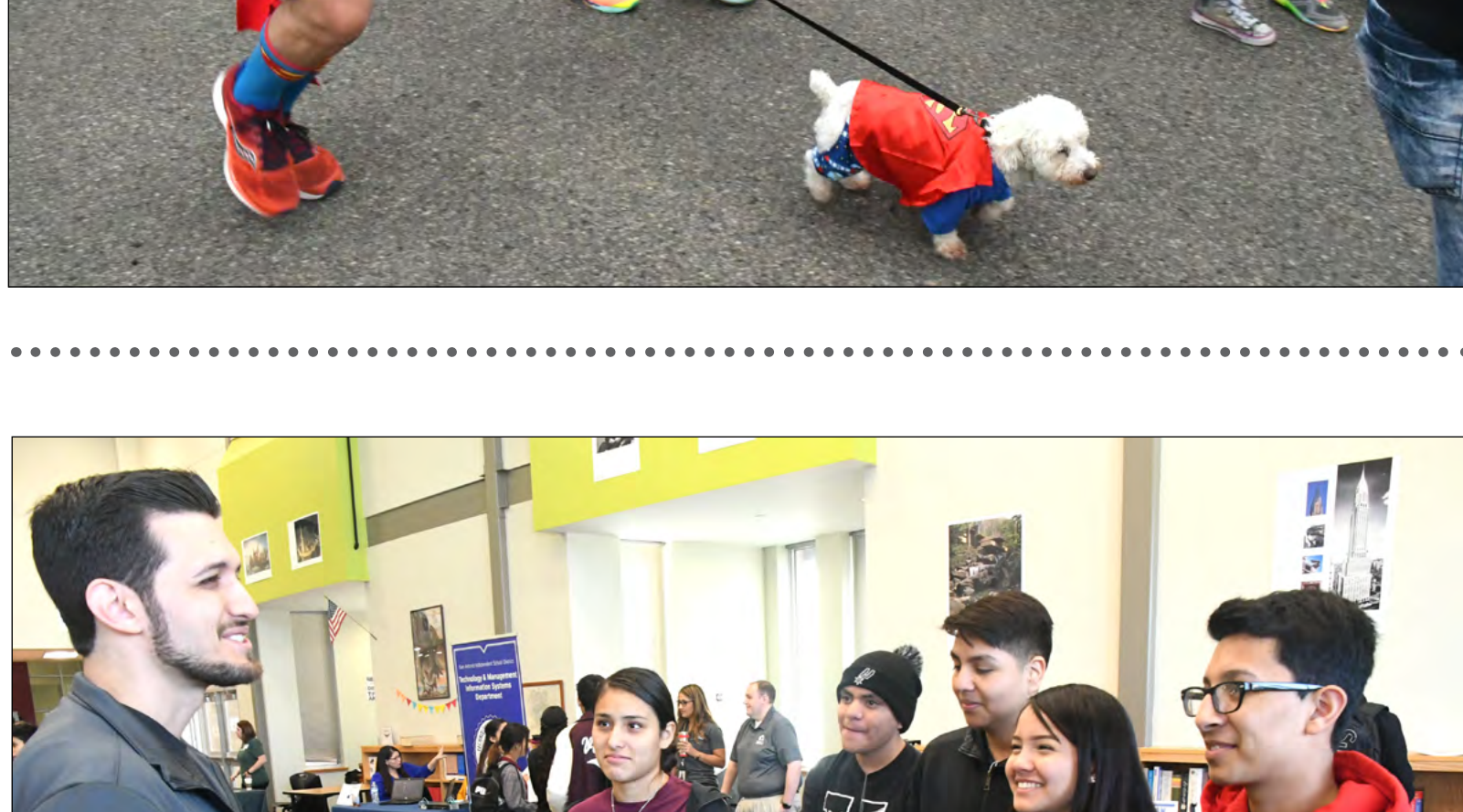
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Astrophysicist, author highlights STEM at Hawthorne Academy

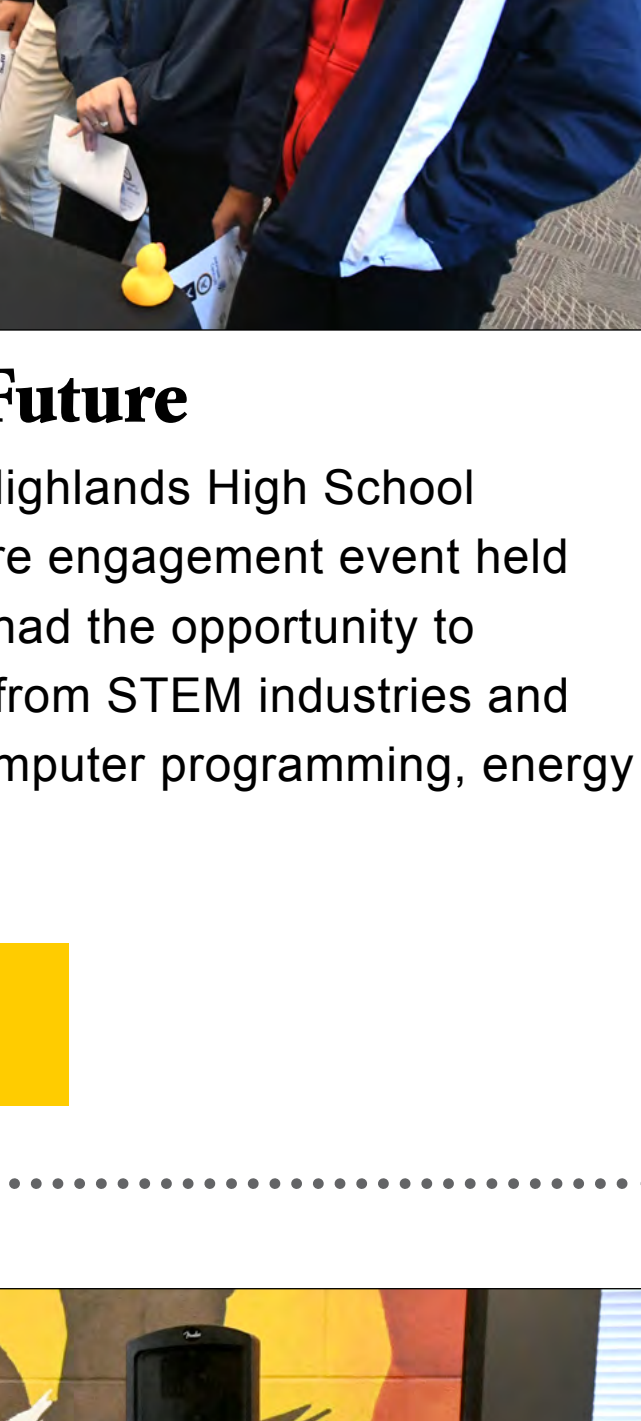
On Friday, March 1, students from Hawthorne Academy were visited by author and astrophysicist Dr. Jeffery Bennett. The goal of the visit was to help shine a light on literacy and STEM education. "I've always felt it's important to promote STEM education, and feel a particular urgency with this year's 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon landing and 30th anniversary of Margaret Thatcher's speech to the United Nations, in which she urged the world to action against the threat of global warming," Bennett said.

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Eighth Annual SAISD Foundation Run 4 Education

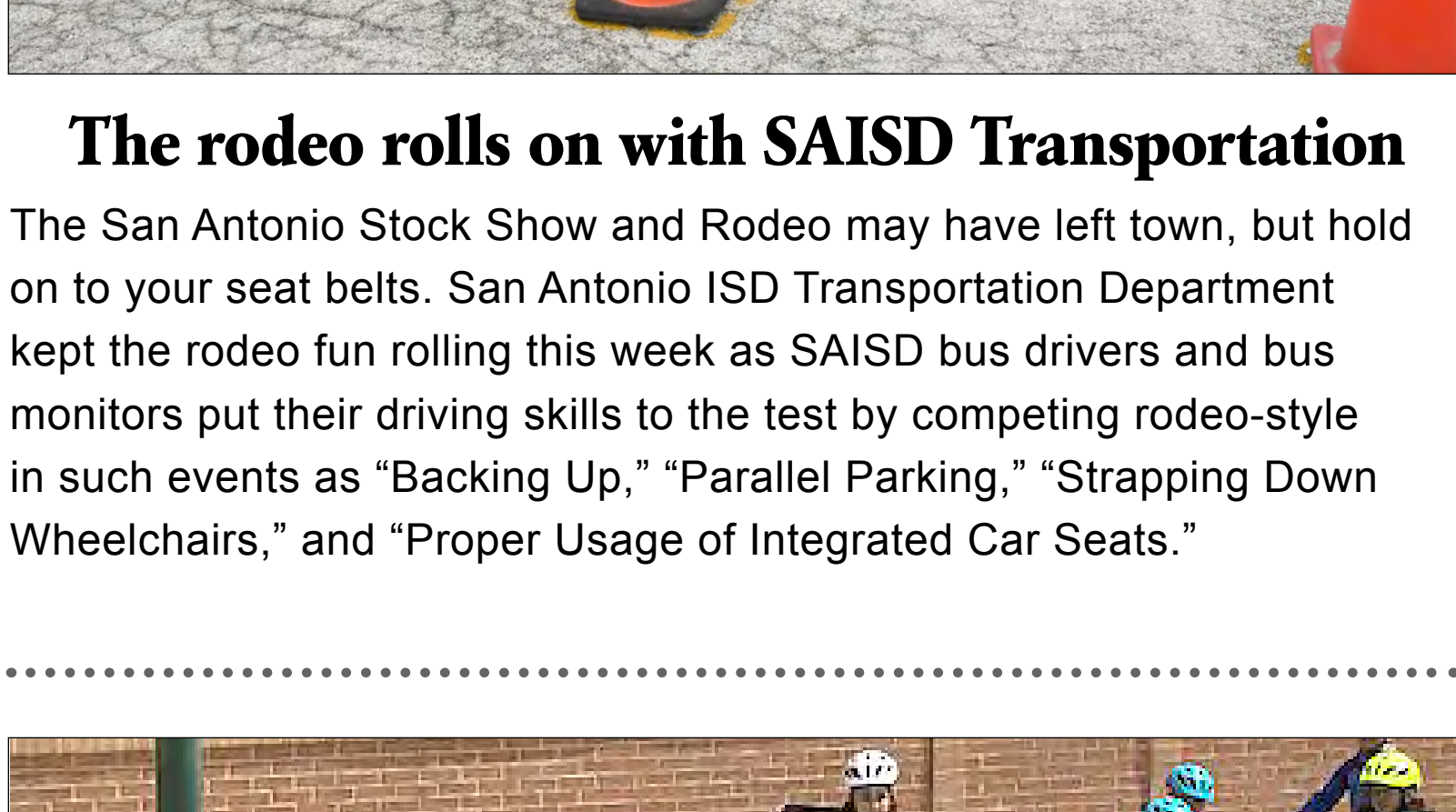
More than 3,500 students, teachers, parents, friends and community members participated in the Eighth Annual SAISD Foundation Run 4 Education this past Saturday. The 5K Fun Run/Walk featured a Zumba warm-up, health and wellness fair, live music and prizes for the schools with the most participation.



Careers of the Future

Approximately 150 juniors and seniors at Highlands High School participated in the first Careers of the Future engagement event held yesterday at the school's library. Students had the opportunity to interact one-on-one with business leaders from STEM industries and learn about careers in IT, cybersecurity, computer programming, energy and sustainability, and engineering.

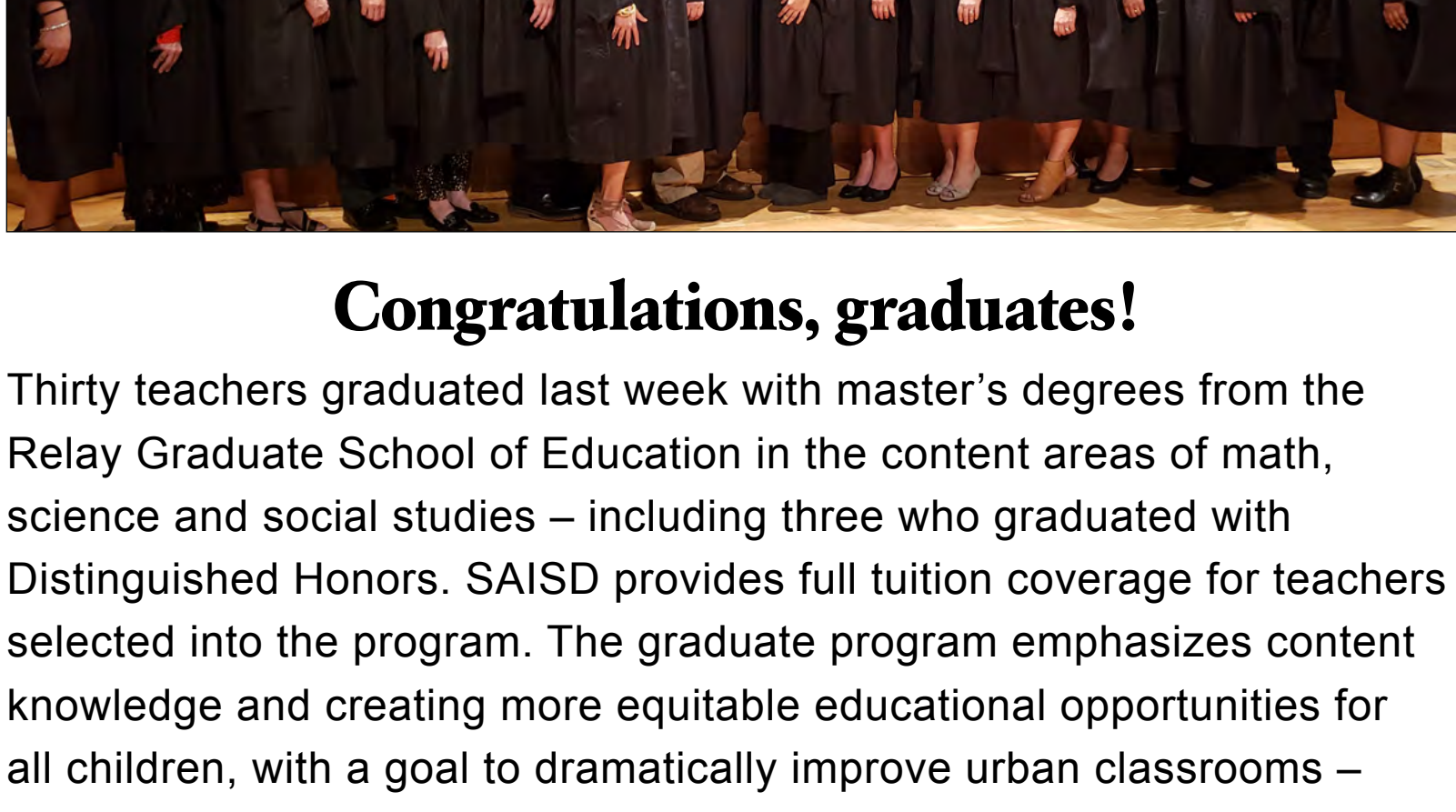
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Rodriguez Elementary launches Saint Eagles Press

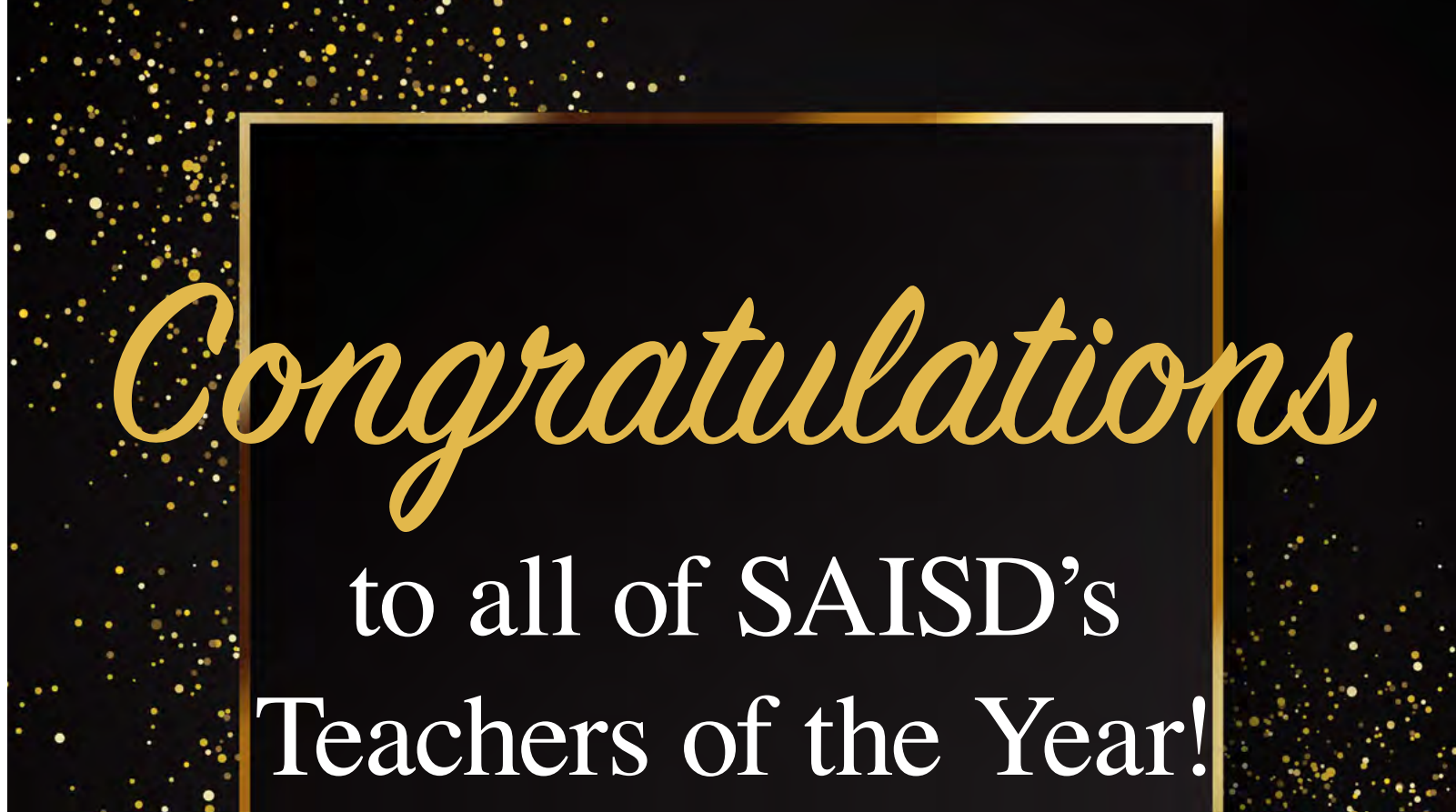
Our Lady of the Lake University (OLLU) partnered with San Antonio ISD to support Rodriguez Elementary School as it launched Saint Eagles Press on Feb. 28 during the school's Family Literacy Night. Saint Eagles Press will allow any Pre-K through 5th-grade student at Rodriguez Elementary to publish an original, written work. Published books will be bound, marked with the student-designed Saint Eagles Press logo and made available for checkout at the Rodriguez Elementary and OLLU libraries.

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The rodeo rolls on with SAISD Transportation

The San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo may have left town, but hold on to your seat belts. San Antonio ISD Transportation Department kept the rodeo fun rolling this week as SAISD bus drivers and bus monitors put their driving skills to the test by competing rodeo-style in such events as "Backing Up," "Parallel Parking," "Strapping Down Wheelchairs," and "Proper Usage of Integrated Car Seats."



Bike safety for students

Austin's Ghisallo Cycling Initiative visited Kelly Elementary School earlier this week to provide students with a bicycle skills clinic featuring proper helmet usage, starting and stopping, verbal and hand signals, scanning, and bike control and obstacle avoidance. The nonprofit's mission is to develop youth who safely and self-sufficiently integrate bicycling into their daily lives, to teach participants expert-sufficient cycling skills, and to facilitate the experience needed for youth cyclists to be peer leaders. Additionally, the group will be visiting Collins Garden Elementary School the week after spring break.



Congratulations, graduates!

Thirty teachers graduated last week with master's degrees from the Relay Graduate School of Education in the content areas of math, science and social studies – including three who graduated with Distinguished Honors. SAISD provides full tuition coverage for teachers selected into the program. The graduate program emphasizes content knowledge and creating more equitable educational opportunities for all children, with a goal to dramatically improve urban classrooms – this means an emphasis on content knowledge, teaching teachers how to teach all children, helping educators continuously improve, and preparing teachers to be eligible to offer dual-credit coursework.



SAISD Foundation recognizes United Way standouts

Members of the SAISD community were recognized for their schools' outstanding participation in the 2018 United Way Campaign. The total raised in 2018 was \$197,451 by 1,596 SAISD employees. The total designated to the SAISD Foundation was \$72,759 and that money will go directly to benefit District schools and teachers.

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 March 4, 2019, Superintendent Pedro Martinez read to Sarah King Elementary School first-graders as part of Read Across America and Texas Public Schools Week. Martinez read the book *Enemy Pie* to the students. "It's so important to have people other than their teachers read to them," said Jessica Ramirez, instructional coach. "Reading is the water that all the other content areas are based off of."

