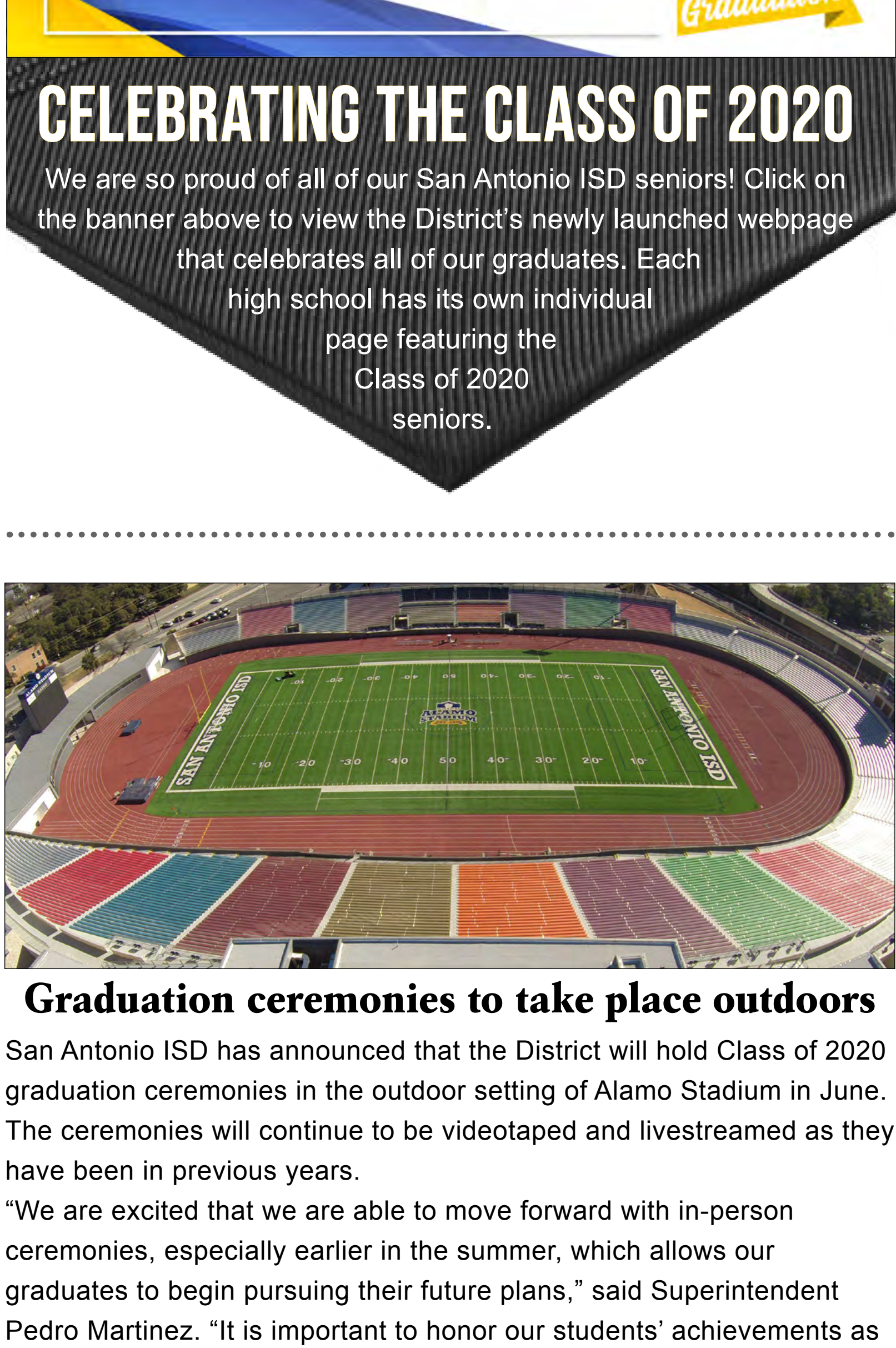


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CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2020

We are so proud of all of our San Antonio ISD seniors! Click on the banner above to view the District's newly launched webpage that celebrates all of our graduates. Each high school has its own individual page featuring the Class of 2020 seniors.

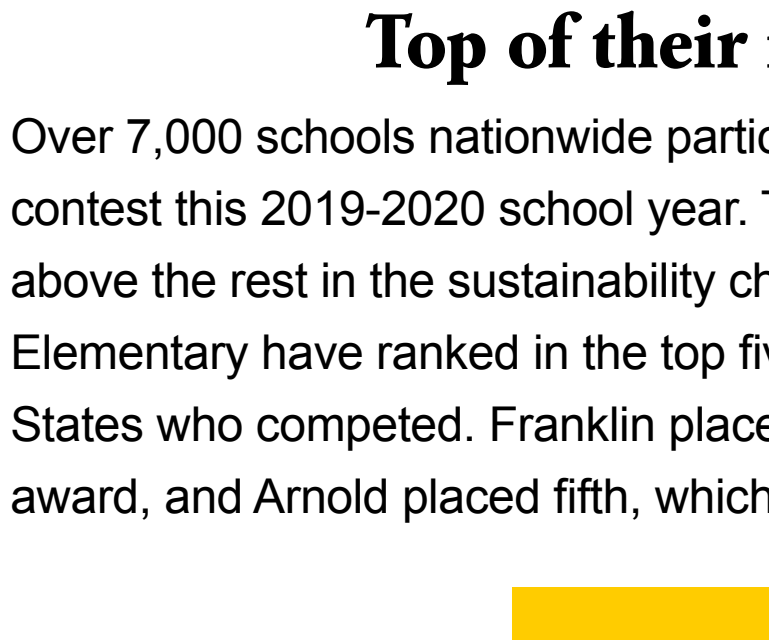


Graduation ceremonies to take place outdoors

San Antonio ISD has announced that the District will hold Class of 2020 graduation ceremonies in the outdoor setting of Alamo Stadium in June. The ceremonies will continue to be videotaped and livestreamed as they have been in previous years.

“We are excited that we are able to move forward with in-person ceremonies, especially earlier in the summer, which allows our graduates to begin pursuing their future plans,” said Superintendent Pedro Martinez. “It is important to honor our students’ achievements as they begin to make a transition to the next phase in life.”

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Online glitch affects A.P. test-takers

Makeup tests in June

As any student knows, test-taking can be stressful. And this week, due to a technical glitch that took place as students across the country were taking their A.P. exams, thousands of students' were not able to submit their answers as they attempted to test online.

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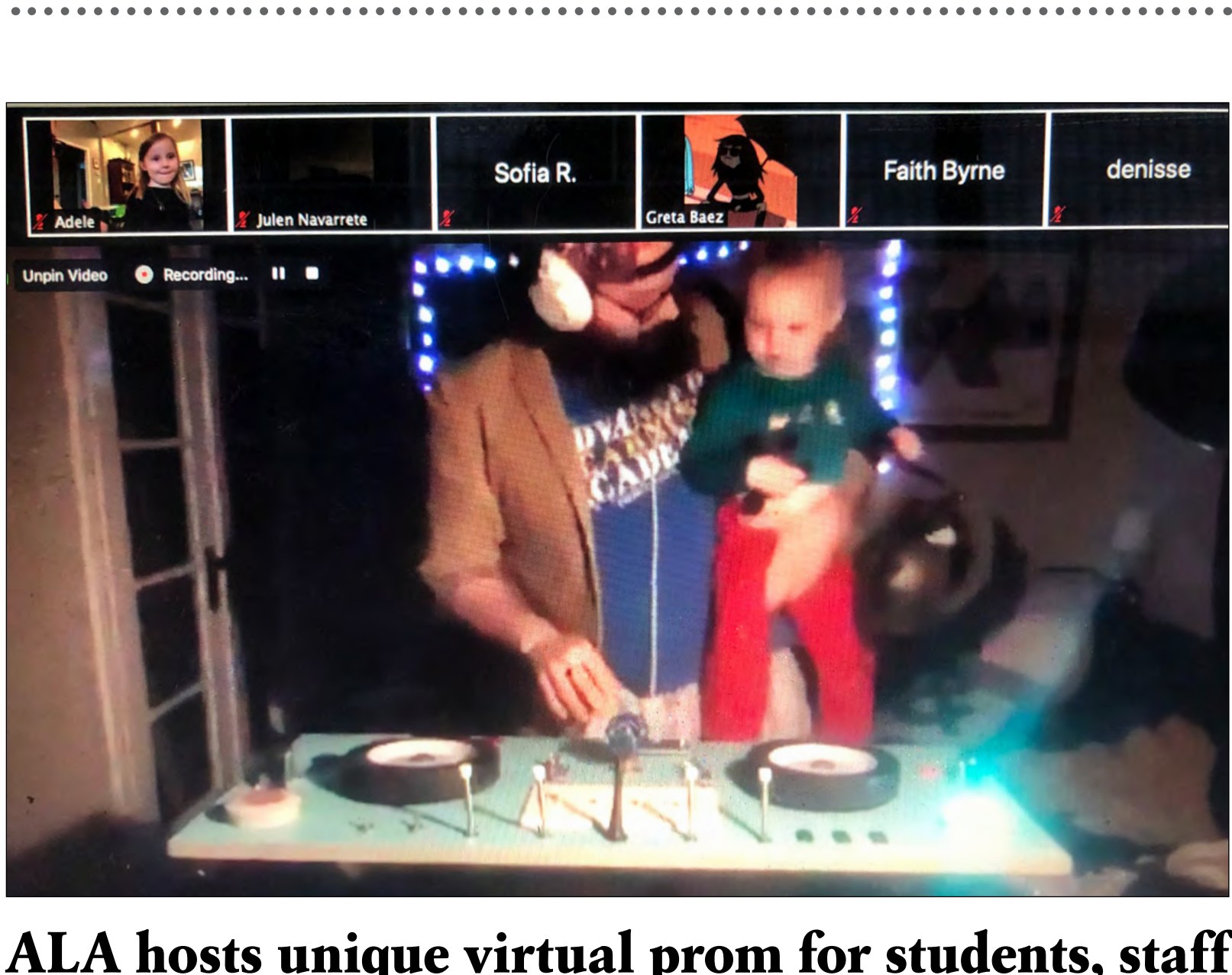


Students from Franklin Elementary (*left*) and Arnold Elementary (*right*) show off bags of recyclables at their schools before the move to digital learning.

Top of their recycling game

Over 7,000 schools nationwide participated in the PepsiCo Recycle Rally contest this 2019-2020 school year. Two San Antonio ISD schools rose above the rest in the sustainability challenge. Franklin Elementary and Arnold Elementary have ranked in the top five of K-12 schools across the United States who competed. Franklin placed third, which came with a \$40,000 award, and Arnold placed fifth, which came with a \$30,000 award.

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Food pantry grows in time of need

Lamar Elementary School has always been attuned to the needs of the school's students and for the last three years, the school and its Parent Teacher Organization have been running a small food pantry to help out families in need. But when the COVID-19 pandemic hit earlier this year, the school, community and neighbors jumped into action to help expand the school's food pantry efforts.

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SAISD students earn College Board scholarships

The College Board recently announced its first ever class of Complete Your Journey \$40,000 scholarship winners. Twenty-five students from across the country earned a total \$1 million for completing the six steps laid out in the College Board Opportunity Scholarships program. Ten students from San Antonio ISD earned a total \$8,000 in scholarships.

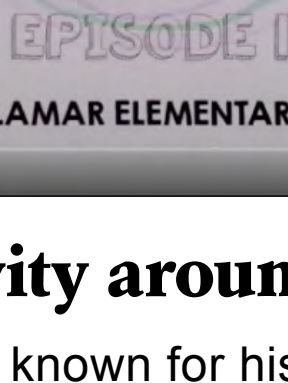
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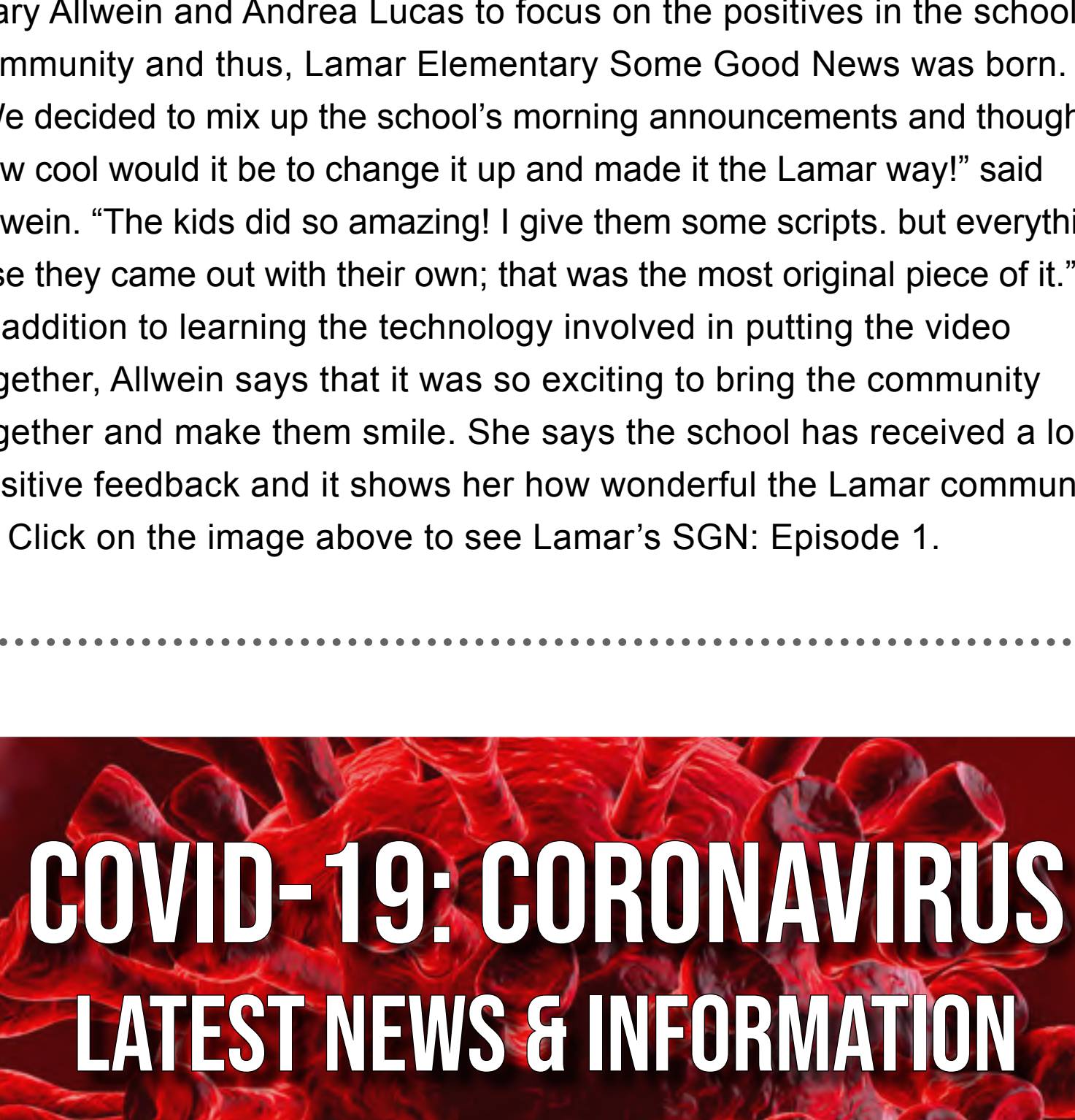
ALA hosts unique virtual prom for students, staff

The term “senior prom” brings forth a variety of mental pictures. Sequined dresses. Tuxes. Flower corsages. Magic shows. Wait! What? Magic shows? Yes, there was indeed a magic show at this year’s Advanced Learning Academy’s virtual prom as school staff was determined to make treasured tradition happen despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

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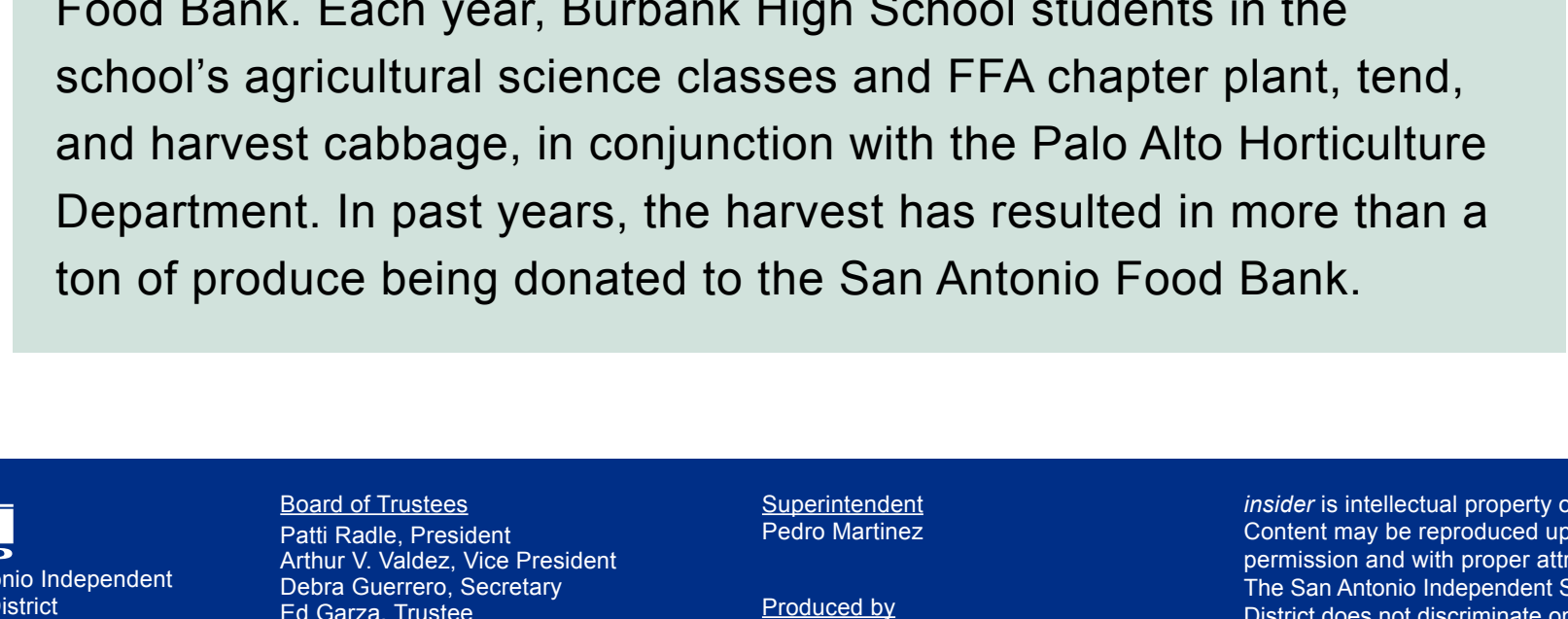
Order up!

During this spring’s distance learning, workers have nearly completed Jefferson High School’s new cafeteria. By next school year, students will be able to dine in this newly renovated 17,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility that will feature stainless steel serving lines, a new assembly/presentation area, and a graphic wall depicting the history of the school. The overall Bond 2016 project at Jefferson, totaling nearly \$60 million, includes the previously completed renovation of the historic gym, football concession stands, a brand new baseball concessions stand, and new theater rigging for the auditorium as well as renovations to classrooms in the historic main building.



Peace officers memorial service

On Friday, May 15, National Peace Officers Memorial Day, San Antonio ISD honored two of the District’s fallen officers with a flag-raising ceremony in front of the main administration building. The SAISD Police Department honored Sergeant William Maldonado, who was killed in the line of duty on May 27, 1994, and Detective Clifton J. Martinez, who was killed in the line of duty on Dec. 21, 2019. The memorial event was live-streamed on Facebook and can be viewed by clicking on the photo above.



Spreading positivity around the community

John Krasinski, probably best known for his role in the TV hit show The Office, started the YouTube series Some Good News, which featured positive stories from around the country to help lighten the mood during the COVID-19 pandemic. His show inspired Lamar Elementary school's Mary Allwein and Andrea Lucas to focus on the positives in the school's community and thus, Lamar Elementary Some Good News was born.

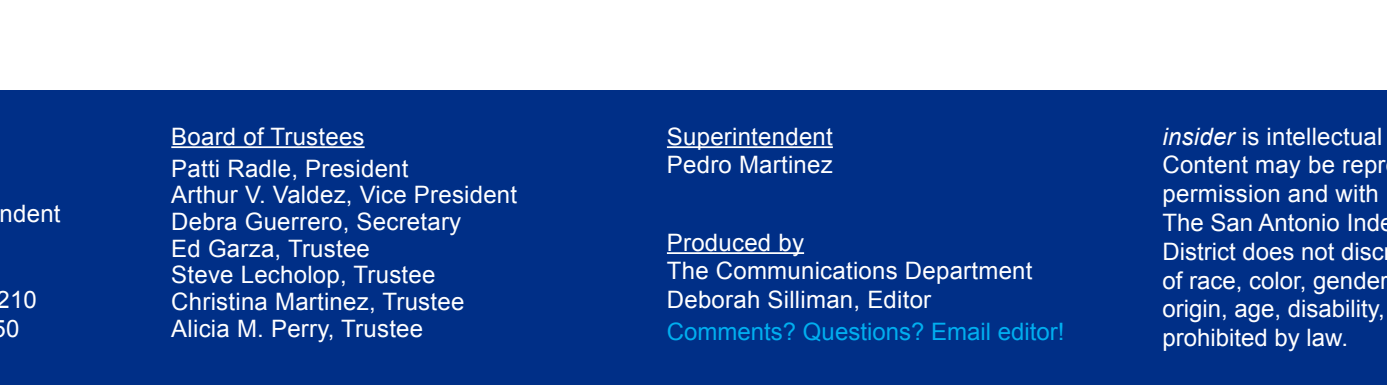
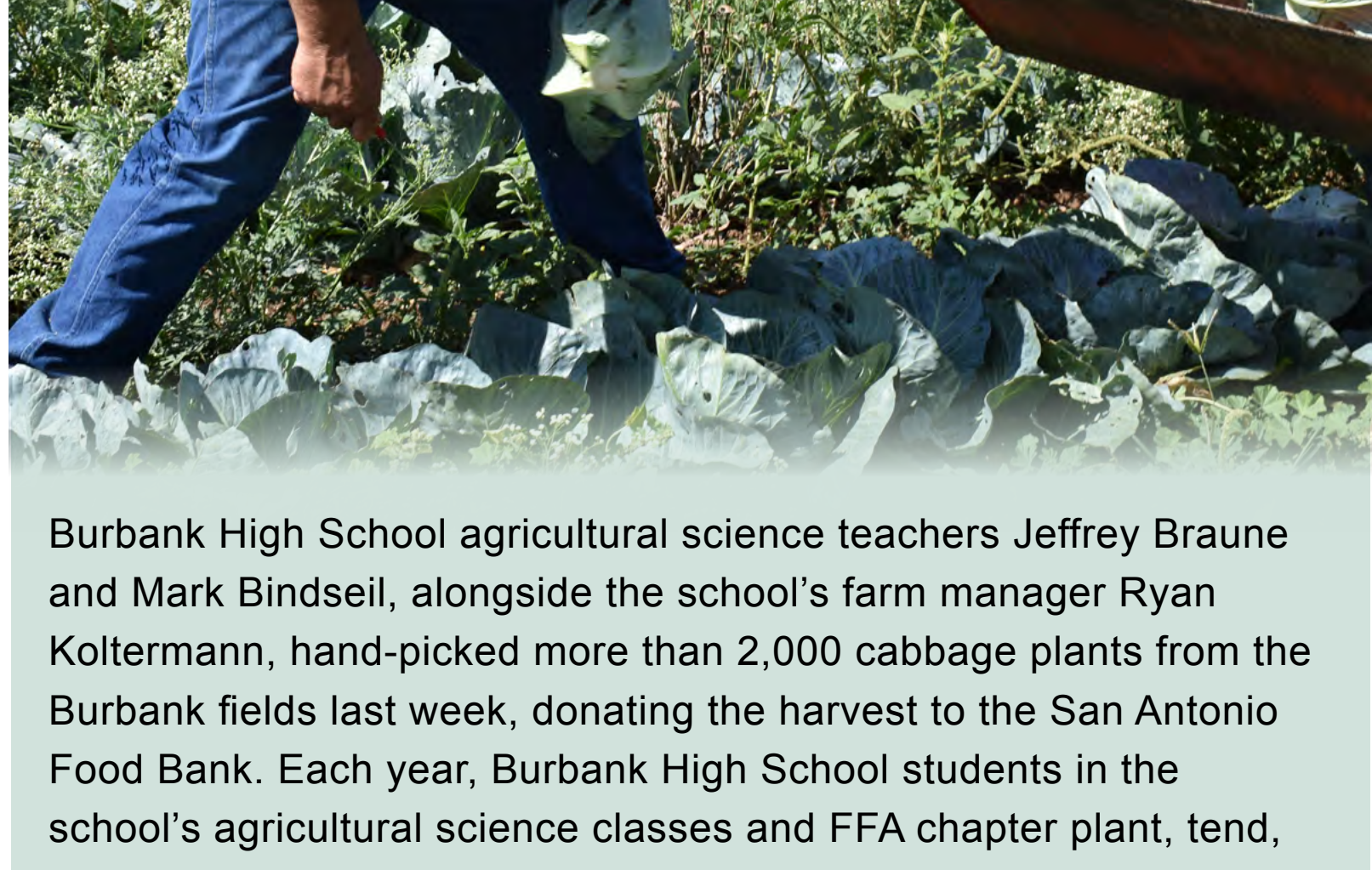
“We decided to mix up the school’s morning announcements and thought how cool would it be to change it up and made it the Lamar way!” said Allwein. “The kids did so amazing! I give them some scripts, but everything else they came out with their own; that was the most original piece of it.” In addition to learning the technology involved in putting the video together, Allwein says that it was so exciting to bring the community together and make them smile. She says the school has received a lot of positive feedback and it shows her how wonderful the Lamar community is. Click on the image above to see Lamar’s SGN: Episode 1.

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This week's social media stars

This week’s social media star is Fox Tech High School! The school's Twitter page is currently featuring the Class of 2020, highlighting photos of each of their seniors decked out in their graduation cap and gown. Way to go, seniors!

Do you want to highlight your school's social media posts and accounts? Please send submissions to dsilliman1@saisd.net for a chance to be featured in the next issue.



Burbank High School agricultural science teachers Jeffrey Braune and Mark Bindseil, alongside the school's farm manager Ryan Koltermann, hand-picked more than 2,000 cabbage plants from the Burbank fields last week, donating the harvest to the San Antonio Food Bank. Each year, Burbank High School students in the school's agricultural science classes and FFA chapter plant, tend, and harvest cabbage, in conjunction with the Palo Alto Horticulture Department. In past years, the harvest has resulted in more than a ton of produce being donated to the San Antonio Food Bank.