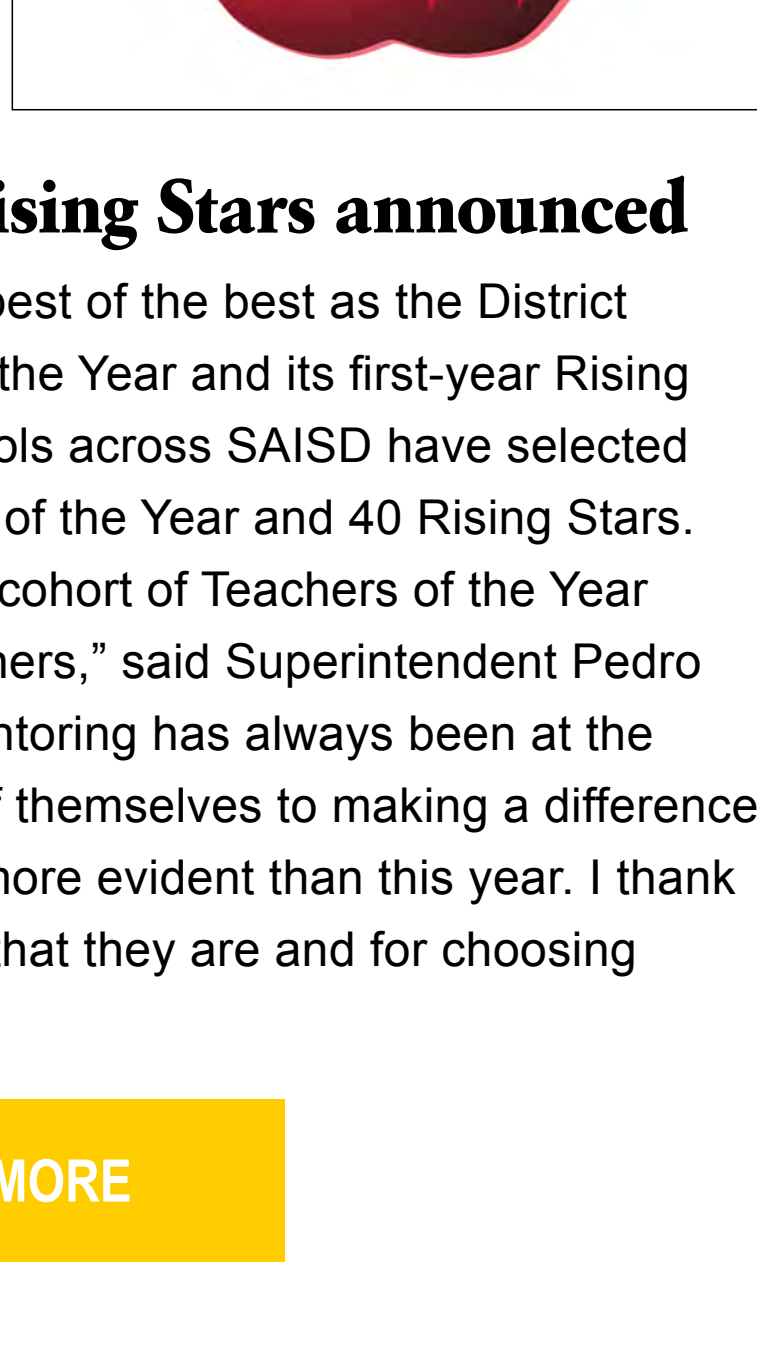
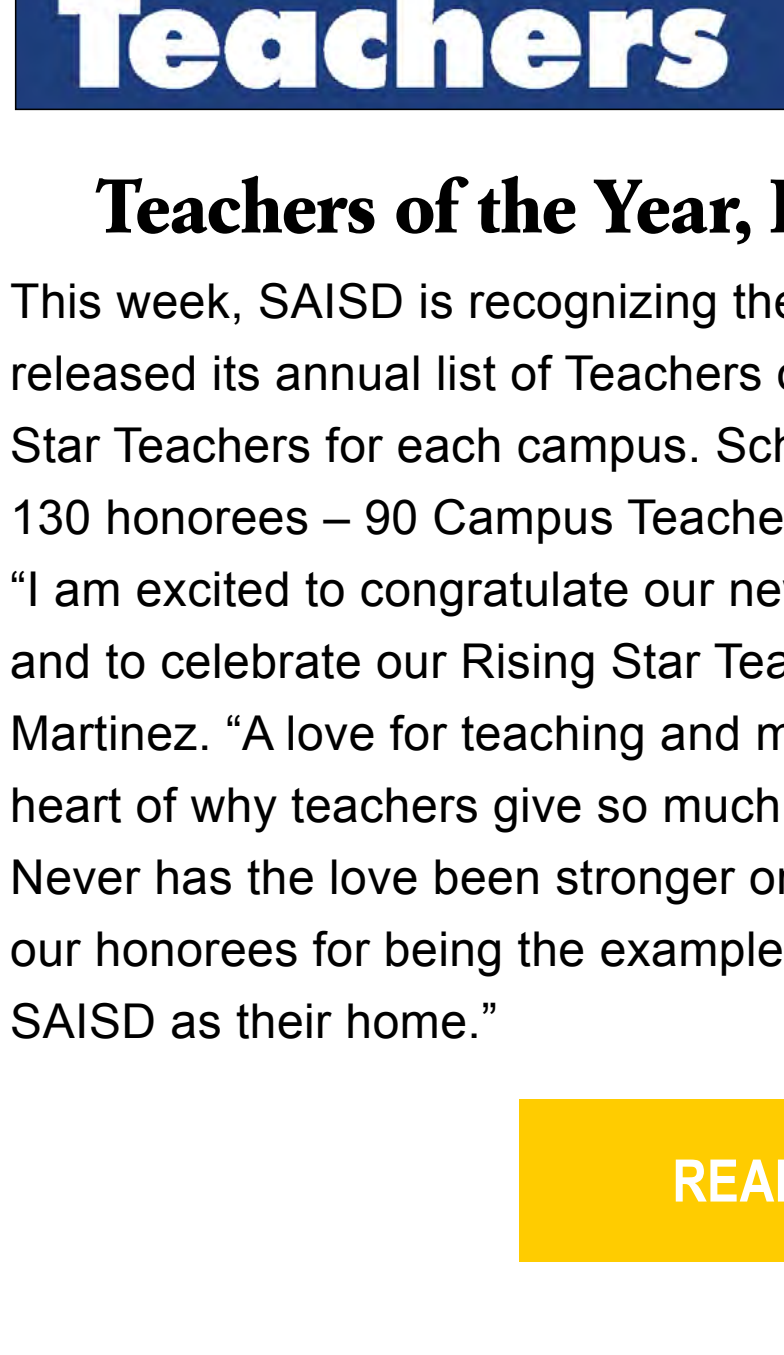


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Teachers of the Year, Rising Stars announced

This week, SAISD is recognizing the best of the best as the District released its annual list of Teachers of the Year and its first-year Rising Star Teachers for each campus. Schools across SAISD have selected 130 honorees – 90 Campus Teachers of the Year and 40 Rising Stars. “I am excited to congratulate our new cohort of Teachers of the Year and to celebrate our Rising Star Teachers,” said Superintendent Pedro Martinez. “A love for teaching and mentoring has always been at the heart of why teachers give so much of themselves to making a difference. Never has the love been stronger or more evident than this year. I thank our honorees for being the examples that they are and for choosing SAISD as their home.”

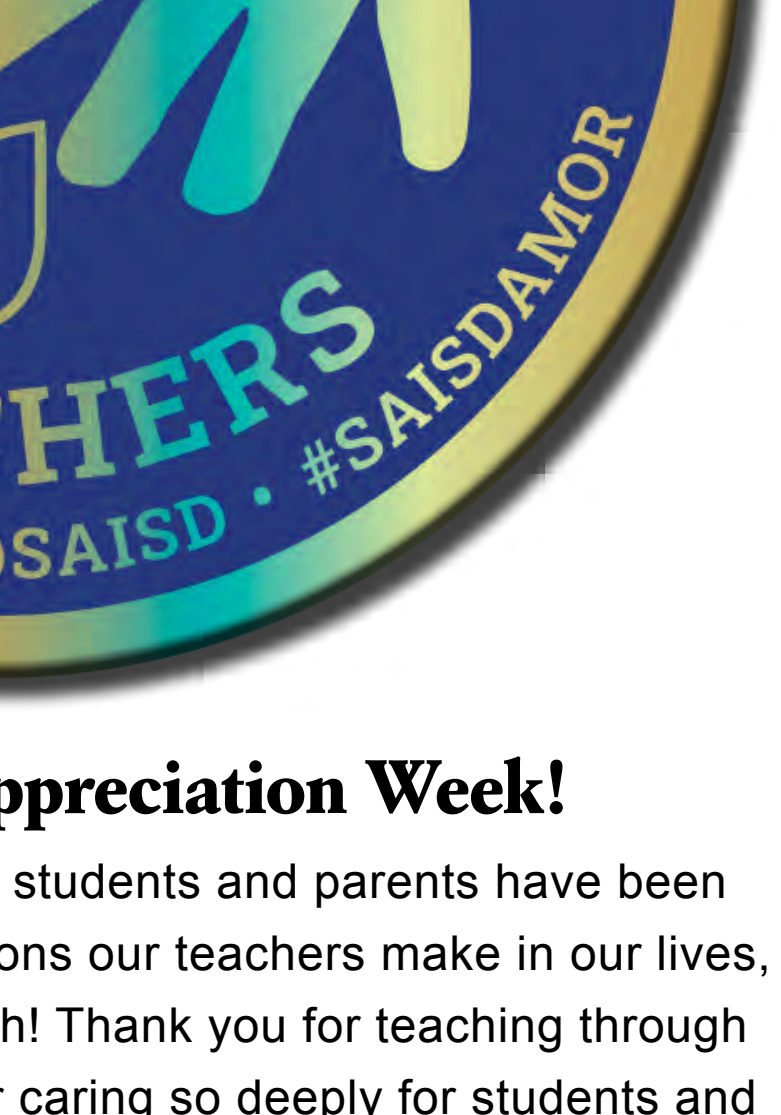
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SAISD high schools

rank best in city

Four San Antonio ISD high schools are included in the newest rankings of public high schools by U.S. News & World Report. The 2021 Best High Schools rankings were released on April 27, 2021.

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Happy Teacher Appreciation Week!

This week on our SAISD campuses, students and parents have been recognizing the enormous contributions our teachers make in our lives, and we cannot say thank you enough! Thank you for teaching through the hardest year ever. Thank you for caring so deeply for students and their families. Thank you for being creative. Thank you for thinking of new ways to engage your students. Thank you for being flexible each day. Thank you for learning new technologies. Thank you for doing everything you can to help your students learn. And most of all, thank you for choosing to be a teacher at SAISD!

The sticker shown above will be sent to all school-based employees during May 2021 so we can all share our appreciation for the teachers and educators in SAISD. Click below to view a Teacher Appreciation video produced in conjunction with the SAISD Foundation, who worked with all 90+ SAISD principals and our friends at S.M.A.R.T. to create this video. #SAISDPROUD #SAISDAMOR #PUROCORAÇON

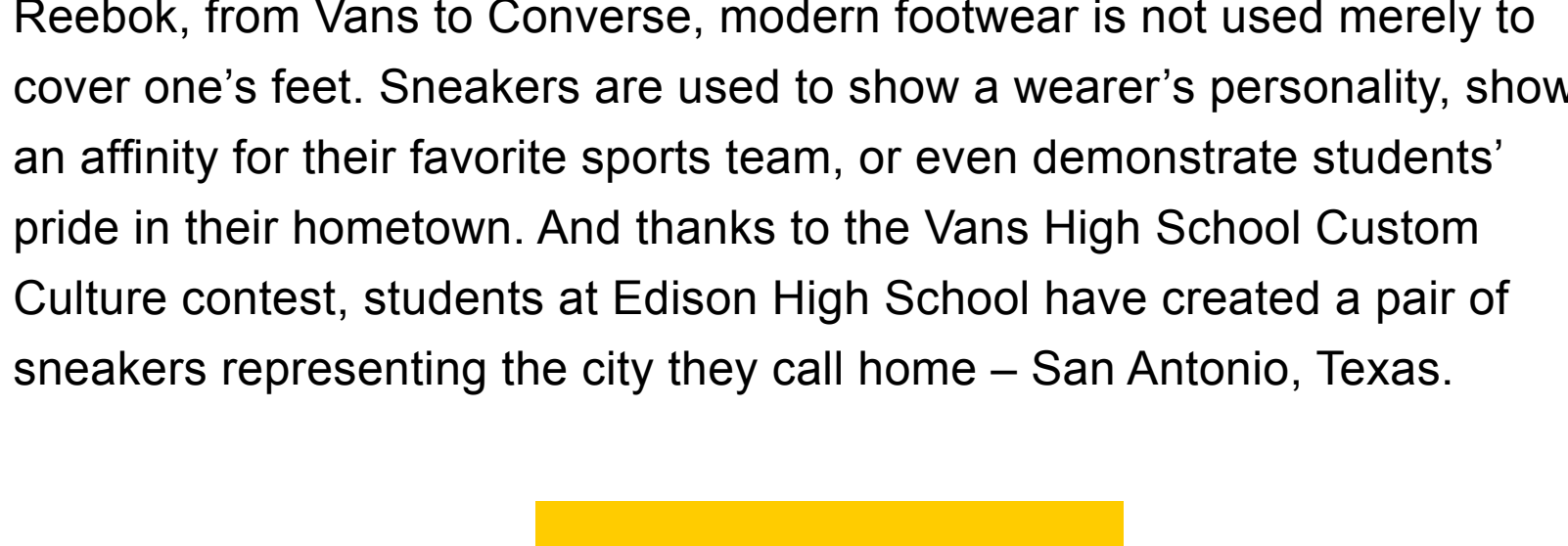


CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Gift certificates up for grabs!

This Teacher Appreciation Week, Walden University is inviting educators to enter to win a chance to treat themselves and their peers to a \$100 Amazon gift card, a \$100 Etsy gift card, or a \$100 Grubhub gift card. Click [here](#) to enter now!



SAISD art students in running for \$50,000

Vote now (and often!) to help Edison win grand prize

Sneakers play a significant role in American culture. From Nike to Reebok, from Vans to Converse, modern footwear is not used merely to cover one's feet. Sneakers are used to show a wearer's personality, show an affinity for their favorite sports team, or even demonstrate students' pride in their hometown. And thanks to the Vans High School Custom Culture contest, students at Edison High School have created a pair of sneakers representing the city they call home – San Antonio, Texas.

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DO THE WRITE THING

HELP STOP THE VIOLENCE

Do the Write Thing

Congratulations to Advanced Learning Academy seventh-graders

Gabriel B. and Lillie A. who were named as finalists in Do the Write

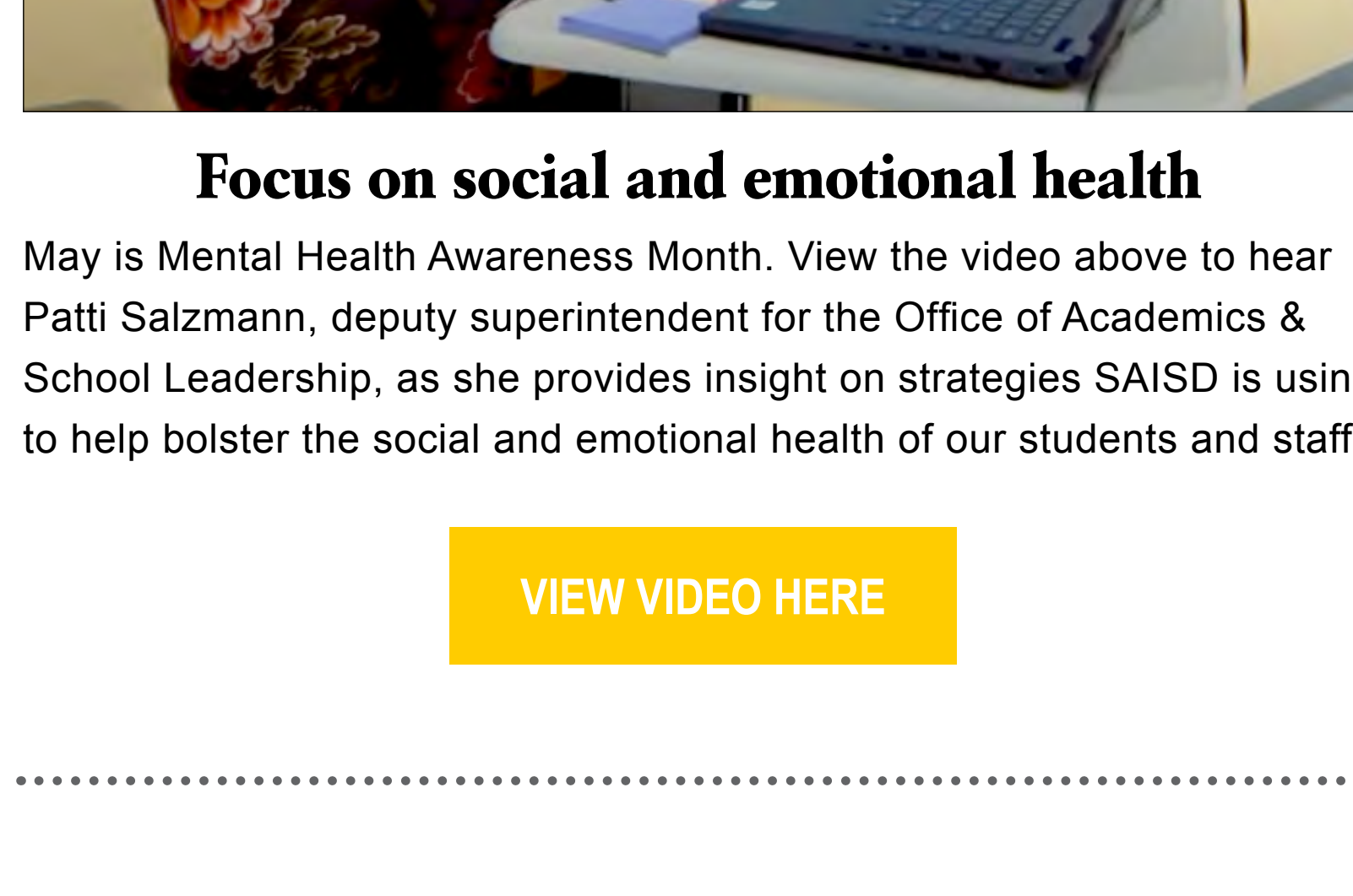
Thing Essay challenge for Bexar County. Gabriel placed in the top

six and is competing for one of the top two spots in Bexar Country. If

he wins, he will get to go to D.C. The wins, he helps get to empower

middle school students to talk about the impact of violence in their

lives, and fight for change.



Focus on social and emotional health

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. View the video above to hear Patti Salzmann, deputy superintendent for the Office of Academics & School Leadership, as she provides insight on strategies SAISD is using to help bolster the social and emotional health of our students and staff.

[VIEW VIDEO HERE](#)

Need help with your taxes?

IRS-trained and certified CAST Tech students are here to help you prepare your tax returns for free! As part of VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program in San Antonio), CAST Tech student volunteers underwent a minimum of 20 hours of training and passed an IRS exam. Students are able to offer free tax help to individuals, in-person, who make \$65,000 or less. Click [here](#) for more information and to make an appointment.

PD in PJs

Last PD in PJs of the school year

Please save the date for our last PD in PJs virtual event this Saturday, May 15. Keynote speaker is Dr. Jeff Duncan-Andrade, associate professor of Raza Studies and Education at San Francisco State University. He is the founder of the Roses in Concrete Community School, a community responsive lab school in East Oakland and works with schools and districts around the world to develop and support effective classroom and school cultures.

View the PD in PJs catalog [here](#) and register for sessions via Performance Matters. We are looking forward to seeing you virtually in your favorite pair of pajamas on Saturday! Questions? Contact Dixie Selva at dselva1@saisd.net.

Deadline extended for SAISD Leadership Development Academy

The Office of Academics is currently recruiting and selecting activities for Cohort 2 of the SAISD Leadership Development Academies. Five academies (Teacher Leader, Mentor Fellows, Academics Leadership, Aspiring Assistant Principal and Aspiring Principal) will run from the end of July 2021 through May 2022. Applications being accepted now through May 14.

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Read Superintendent Martinez's most recent staff letter [here](#)

This week's closing shots

Student athletes rake in the scholarships

On Tuesday, six Lanier High School players signed to play college football with scholarships totaling more than \$700K. Plus, a history-making signing took place, with the first Lanier student to receive a cheerleading scholarship with Our Lady of the Lake University. Super proud of our VOKS!

