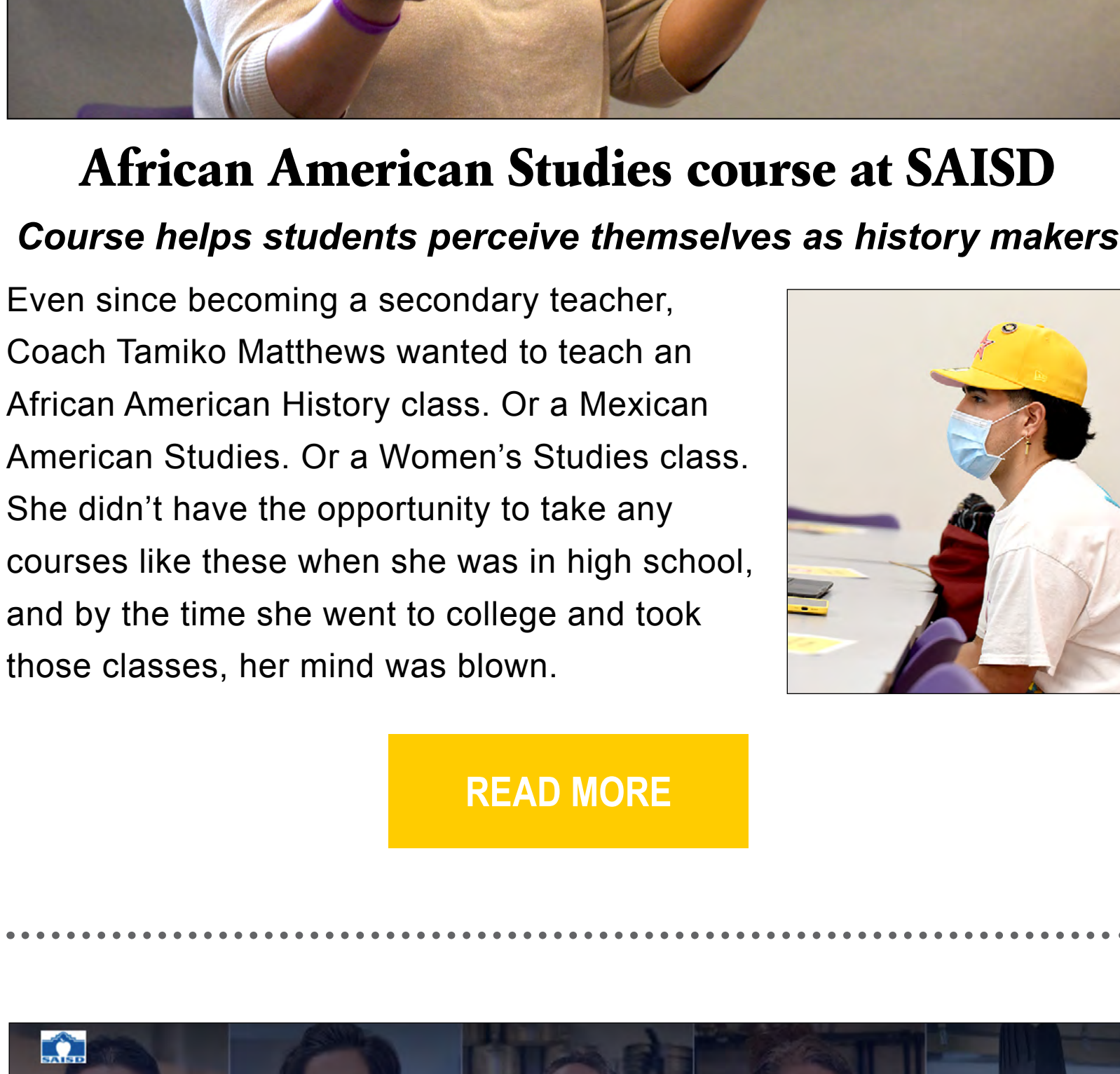


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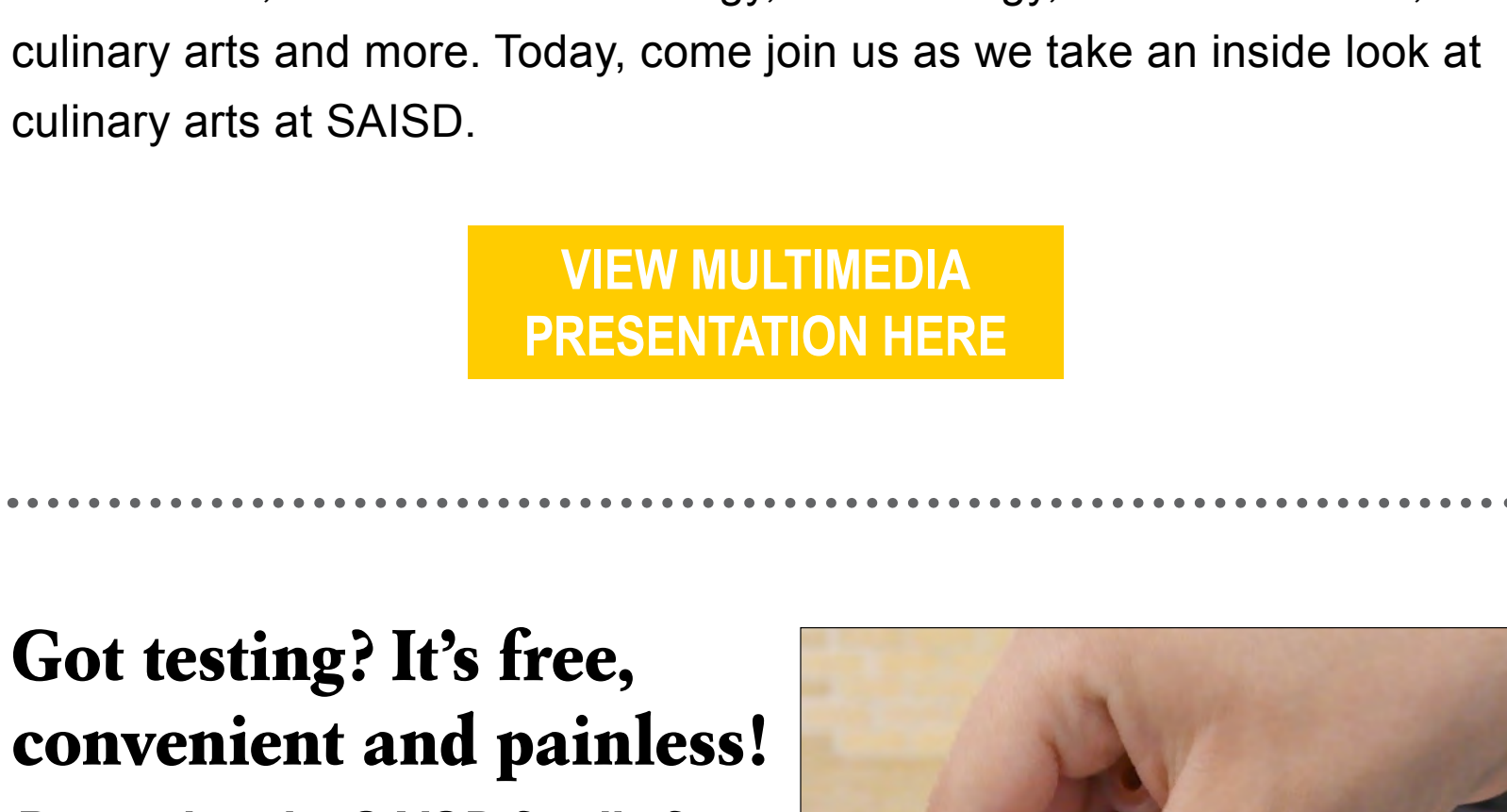
African American Studies course at SAISD

Course helps students perceive themselves as history makers

Even since becoming a secondary teacher, Coach Tamiko Matthews wanted to teach an African American History class. Or a Mexican American Studies. Or a Women's Studies class. She didn't have the opportunity to take any courses like these when she was in high school, and by the time she went to college and took those classes, her mind was blown.

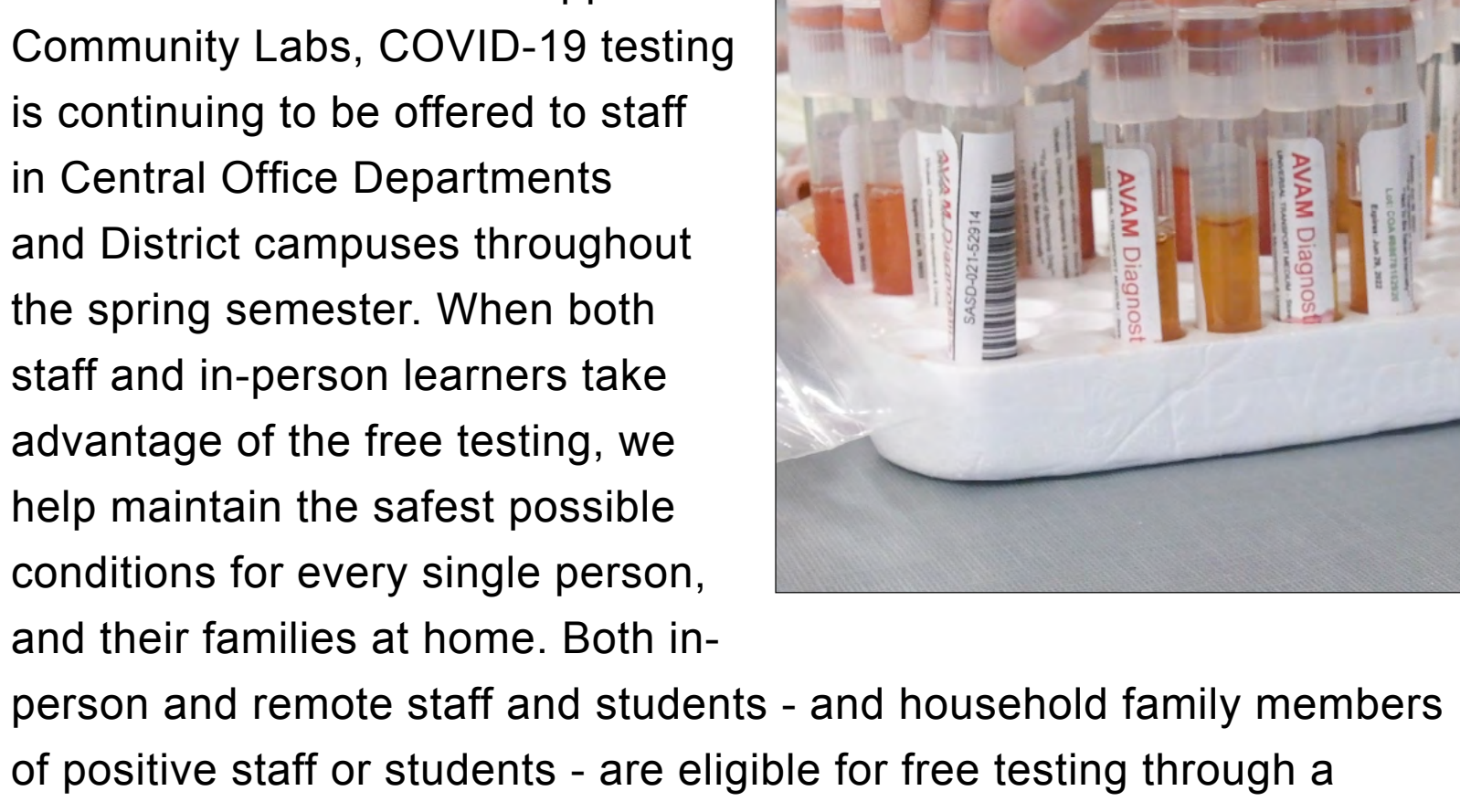


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Culinary Arts at San Antonio ISD

Celebrating CTE Month 2021



Culinary arts bring flavor to the classroom

SAISD's 10 chefs teach more than just the basics

February is Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month! The San Antonio ISD CTE Department hosts 13 programs of study recognized statewide by the Texas Education Agency including architecture and construction, audio visual technology, cosmetology, law enforcement, culinary arts and more. Today, come join us as we take an inside look at culinary arts at SAISD.

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Got testing? It's free, convenient and painless!

Protecting the SAISD family from staff to students to parents

Thanks to the continued support of Community Labs, COVID-19 testing is continuing to be offered to staff in Central Office Departments and District campuses throughout the spring semester. When both staff and in-person learners take advantage of the free testing, we help maintain the safest possible conditions for every single person, and their families at home. Both in-person and remote staff and students - and household family members of positive staff or students - are eligible for free testing through a partnership with Con Corazón SA.

The process is quick, free and painless, with participants swabbing their own noses. Results are back within 24-48 hours. Our goal is to have 100% of SAISD staff taking advantage of this free testing, so make sure to get tested weekly!



Briscoe ES starts contemporary art museum

Students at Briscoe Elementary School, an International Baccalaureate World School, create art for their own real-life art museum. It's called the Briscoe Museum of Contemporary Art, or beMoCA. The idea doesn't reinvent the wheel, but the program is groundbreaking in and of itself in the city and at SAISD. The program connects public school students with internationally renowned contemporary artists and is meant to re-imagine the way museums, public schools and artists can affect people and perspectives.

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Brackenridge Bond 2016 renovations

Buildings transformed with a fresh, new feel

Several Bond 2016 projects are nearing the end of their construction phase, though work remains to be done on a few of them. The work that is complete is drastic, dramatic and impressive. At Brackenridge High School, interim principal Kimberley Ash moved classes into phase two – the main building – over the winter break. The last of the second floor will be completed in August 2021.

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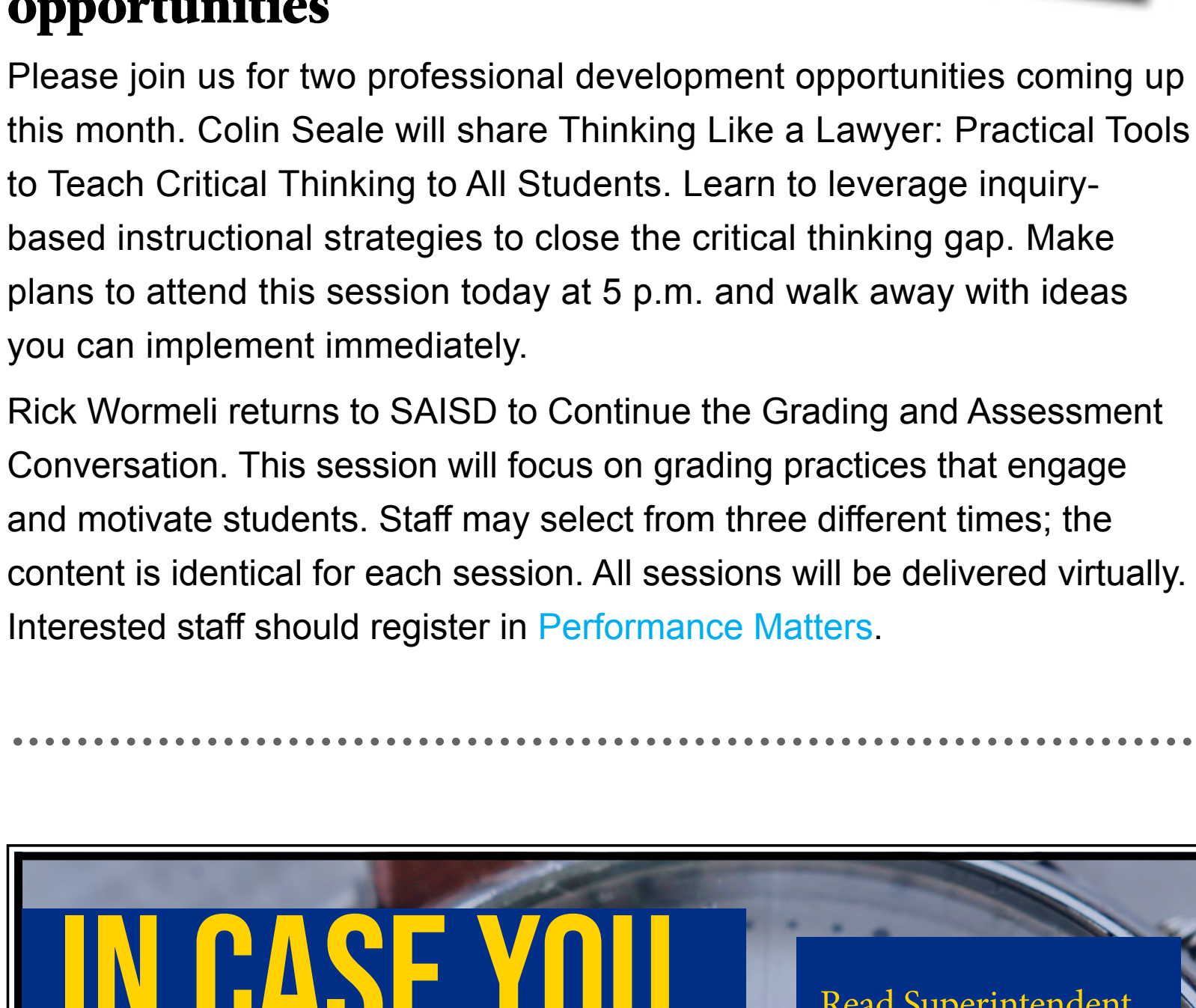


Alamo Promise deadline is Feb. 15

Help spread the news to your senior class!

High school seniors interested in the Alamo Colleges are encouraged to take advantage of Alamo Promise. Alamo Promise covers the cost of classes for students who graduate from participating high schools. Students may save their seat, if they sign up Monday, Feb. 15.

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Free tax preparation for employees

In January, students at CAST Tech High School began helping individuals prepare and file their taxes as part of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA), which is available to those earning up to \$60,000 annually. The CAST Tech tax season is Jan. 26 through April 15. Students are available to taxpayers, including SAISD employees, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the CAST Tech campus. *Note: Students will not be available when the campus is closed during spring break and spring intercession from March 5-22.*

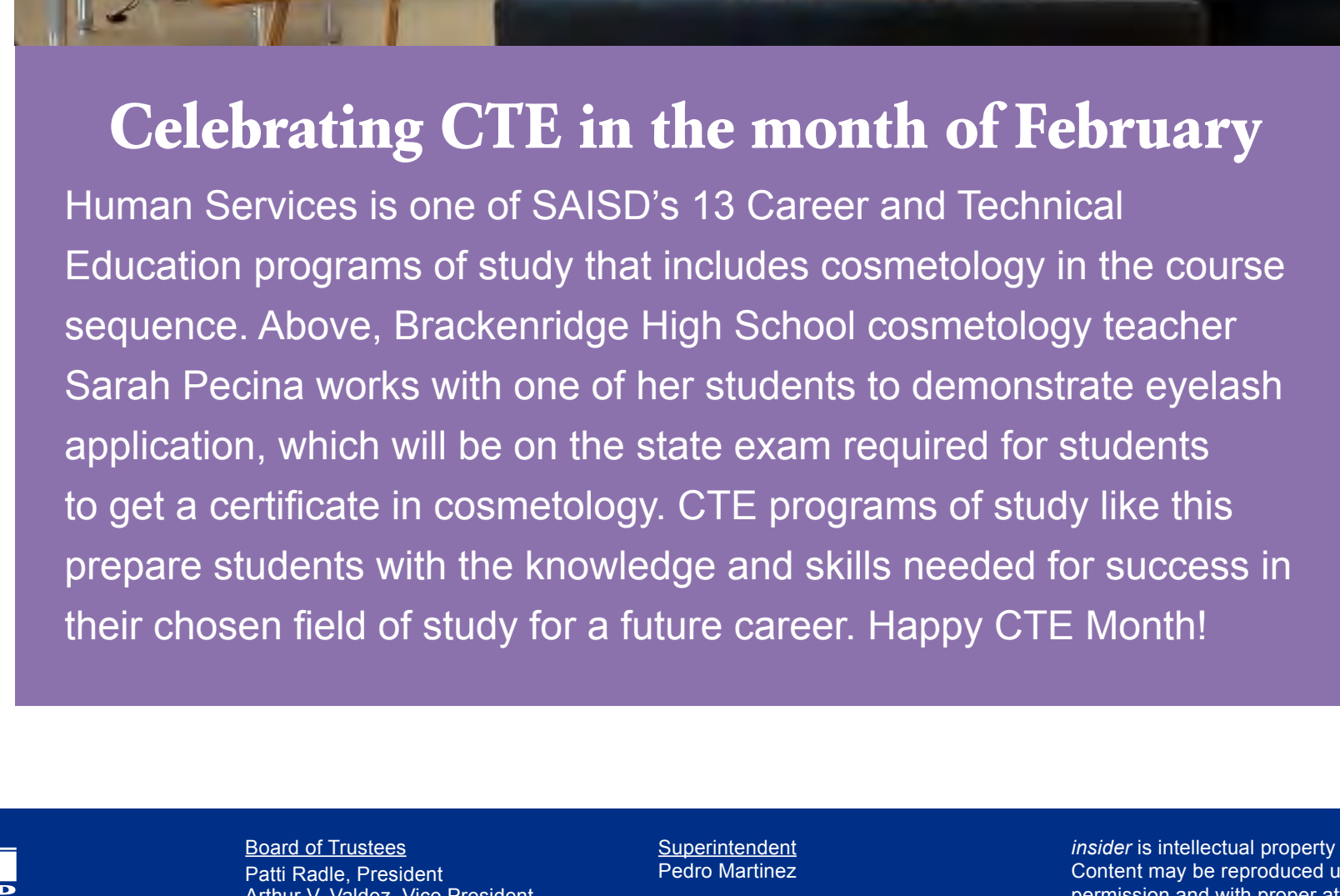
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Final EPIC Saturday of the year

Register today!

It's SAISD's final Virtual EPIC Saturday of the year on Feb. 20. The day will begin bright and early with keynote speaker Dr. Jeff Duncan-Andrade. Following the keynote, Duncan-Andrade will hold a fireside chat with participants. The day continues with a wide variety of sessions including strategies for virtual instruction, arts integration, and educational technology sessions offered through the Virtual Innovative Learning Showcase. Register today for sessions in Performance Matters. [View the full catalog here!](#)



Be a lifelong learner with these virtual PD opportunities

Please join us for two professional development opportunities coming up this month. Colin Seale will share Thinking Like a Lawyer: Practical Tools to Teach Critical Thinking to All Students. Learn to leverage inquiry-based instructional strategies to close the critical thinking gap. Make plans to attend this session today at 5 p.m. and walk away with ideas you can implement immediately.

Rick Wormeli returns to SAISD to Continue the Grading and Assessment Conversation. This session will focus on grading practices that engage and motivate students. Staff may select from three different times; the content is identical for each session. All sessions will be delivered virtually. Interested staff should register in [Performance Matters](#).

Love yourself this February

The Social, Emotional, and Academic Development (SEAD) team is still at it, offering engaging and fun self-care classes this month, and beyond. All SAISD employees are invited to attend one or all of SEAD's offerings, which range from skincare techniques to guided meditation to yoga. Click here to see February Staff Self-Care Sessions, including a new Monday session - Beauty, Fashion and Fitness.

[Play February's Staff Self-Care BINGO here](#)

This week's closing shot

Celebrating CTE in the month of February

Human Services is one of SAISD's 13 Career and Technical Education programs of study that includes cosmetology in the course sequence. Above, Brackenridge High School cosmetology teacher Sarah Pecina works with one of her students to demonstrate eyelash application, which will be on the state exam required for students to get a certificate in cosmetology. CTE programs of study like this prepare students with the knowledge and skills needed for success in their chosen field of study for a future career. Happy CTE Month!