

EDITOR'S NOTE

This will be our last *insider* covering the 2021-2022 academic year. We thank each of you for your part in this year of tremendous change and effort for our students. Check in for issues on June 30 and July 21 highlighting some of our innovative summer programs as we prepare for next year.

NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT

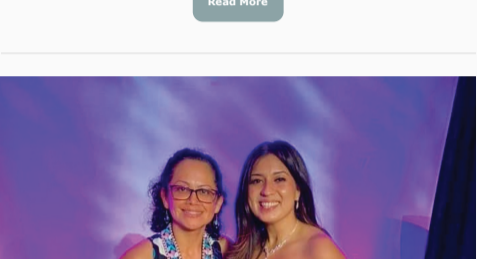


Grant-funded hydroponics brings science to life



This spring, the SAISD Foundation partnered with SAISD Educational Technology & Extended Learning, Career and Technical Education, and the Science department to expand the hydroponics program piloted in Spring 2021 with an additional 16 teachers across the district. The result: curious learners, new-found plant lovers and a lot of really fresh produce.

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Reception honors service of retiring employees



At a ceremony May 19, San Antonio ISD honored its retiring family members. In total, 229 employees are set to retire, whose work together comprised 4,662 years of service. About 75 retirees attended the event at the Norris Events Center, where they each received a certificate and a keychain to commemorate their service with the district. We thank all our retirees for their service. You'll always be familia!



Fenwick Science Corps examines life in Gulf waters

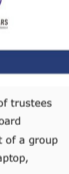


Members of the Fenwick Academy Science Corps, an after school science club, visited the University of Texas Marine Science Institute and took a tour on the Research Vessel Chaper in Port Aransas, Texas. The club and the trip were sponsored by the San Antonio chapter of the LULAC National Education Service Center's (LNECS) Science Corps program.

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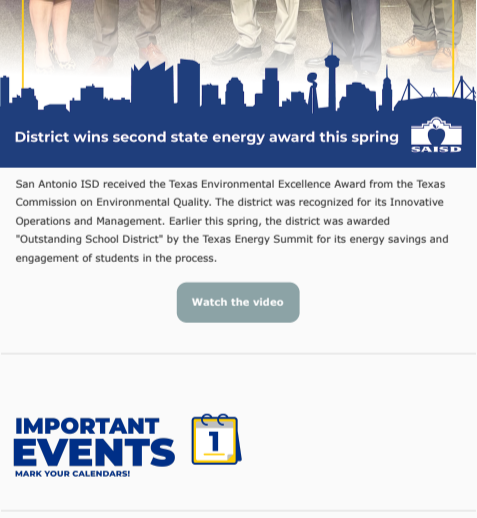


Lanier teacher earns multiple national recognitions



It was a whirlwind May for Lanier High School teacher Adriana Abundis Alonzo. She attended the NEA Foundation's Salute to Excellence in Education celebration in Washington, D.C. Then, within the span of a week, she received another national award from the National Education Association for her professional work that significantly impacts education and the achievement of equal opportunity for the Latinx community.

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De Zavala Folklorico group gives first performance



As the year comes to a close, San Antonio ISD schools have been showcasing their talents in the fine arts. This year, the SAISD Foundation and Fine Arts department worked together to bring Ballet Folklorico to six district schools. At De Zavala Elementary, students learned their dances and prepared all semester for their first public performance last week.

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Top prizes named in SAISD Student Film Festival



SAISD Educational Technology and Design hosted the SAISD Student Film Festival at Edison High School May 25. More than 80 films were submitted by students in grades K-12 from 24 different participating campuses. The three grand prize winners were from Jefferson High School (pictured above), Poe STEM Dual Language Academy, and Twain Dual Language Academy. Each grand prize winner won a \$1,000 grant from the SAISD Foundation. For a list of all the nominated films and to view the winners, visit the site below.

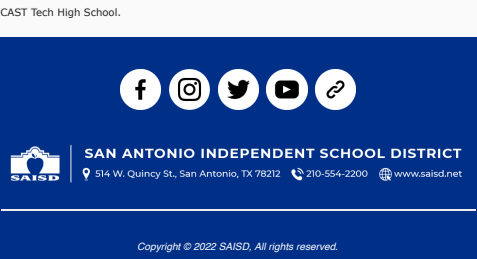
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AVID Congratulations **SAISD Dell Scholars**

SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

San Antonio ISD continues to grow its number of Dell Scholars. The board of trustees honored the 22 seniors who earned the distinction in 2022 at the May 16 board meeting. The SAISD Dell Scholars, up in number from 20 last year, are part of a group of 500 Dell Scholars nationwide who will receive a \$20,000 scholarship, a Dell laptop, textbook credits, and support resources.

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District wins second state energy award this spring



San Antonio ISD received the Texas Environmental Excellence Award from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The district was recognized for its Innovative Operations and Management. Earlier this spring, the district was awarded "Outstanding School District" by the Texas Energy Summit for its energy savings and engagement of students in the process.

[Watch the video](#)

IMPORTANT EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

For all things Graduation 2022, we've got you covered. Visit our Graduation hub to access schedules, livestream links, programs, and introductions to the leaders of the Class of 2022 and their accomplishments.

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BEST OF THE BEST VISUAL ARTS SHOWCASE

May 26 - June 9, 2022
Southwest School of Art | Navarro Campus
300 Augusta Street | San Antonio, TX 78205
Opening Reception: May 26, 2022
5:30 - 7:30pm

The SAISD Best of the Best Visual Arts Showcase highlights the work of visual art students from 55 of our campuses across the district, that were selected from their cluster showcases. The artwork showcased is truly a tribute to the efforts of our visual arts teachers to support and foster the talent, creativity, and perseverance of our art students. The work will be on display at the Southwest School of Art through June 9.

2022-2023 INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR				2022-2023 CALENDARIO ESCOLAR			
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	JULIO	AGOSTO	SEPTIEMBRE	OCTUBRE
NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARZO	ABRIL	MAYO	JUNIO
JULIO	AGOSTO	SEPTIEMBRE	OCTUBRE	NOVIEMBRE	DICIEMBRE	JANERO	FEBRERO
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Before you leave for the most deserved summer break ever, mark your calendars for staff development starting August 9 and the first day of school August 16. Click the graphic above to access a printable version of the 2022-2023 academic calendar.

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

CLOSING SHOTS

It's graduation season! Nearly 3,000 San Antonio ISD students will cross the stage over the next two weeks. Thank you to all of the countless teachers, counselors, administrators, and every other school employee who helped our students make it to this point. The celebrations kicked off yesterday with (from top left) Fox Tech High School, Healy-Murphy Center, and CAST Tech High School.

