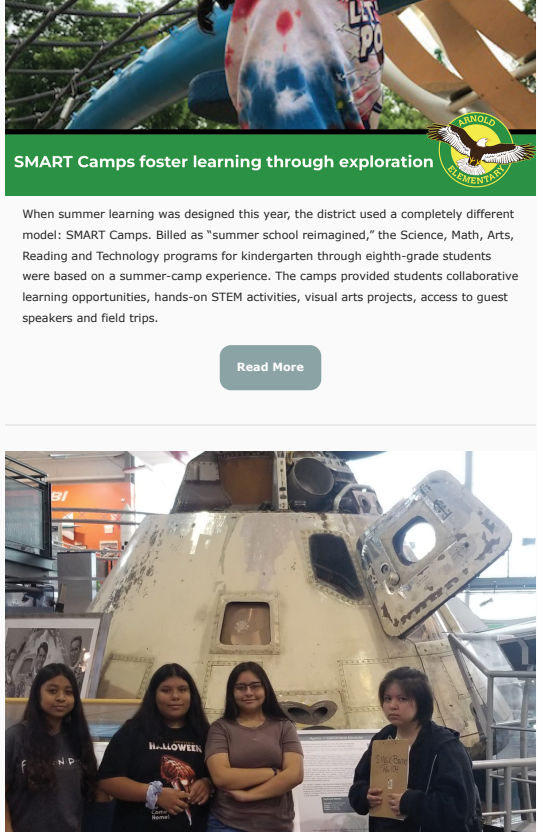


**NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT**



**SMART Camps foster learning through exploration**

When SMART Learning was designed this year, the district used a completely different model: SMART Camps. Billed as "summer school reimaged," the Science, Math, Arts, Reading and Technology programs for kindergarten through eighth-grade students were based on a summer-camp experience. The camps provided students collaborative learning opportunities, hands-on STEM activities, visual arts projects, access to guest speakers and field trips.

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**Harris STEM program teaches students about flight**

Although school is out for summer, more than 20 STEM-loving students at Harris Middle School got the chance to come back to campus to fly drones and launch rockets. Their three-week program concluded with a field trip to the Frontiers of Flight museum in Dallas.

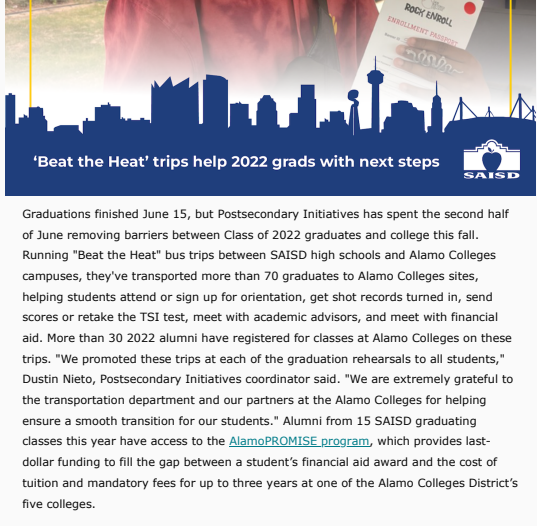
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**Disability training roots district in best practices**

More than 100 administrators, teachers and instructional assistants convened at Brackenridge High School June 21-22 for the district's inaugural Disability Services Summer Conference. The beach-themed conference provided high-quality professional development opportunities that rooted our district in research-based best practices and renewed the commitment to the students we serve daily. Pictured are Magdalena Cruz, Superintendent Aquino and Deborah Houston on the opening day of the conference.

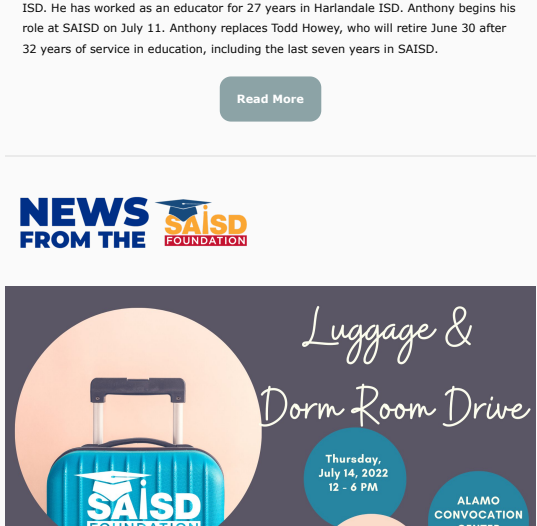
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**Ed Tech hosts 300 at 'Ready Tech Go' conference**

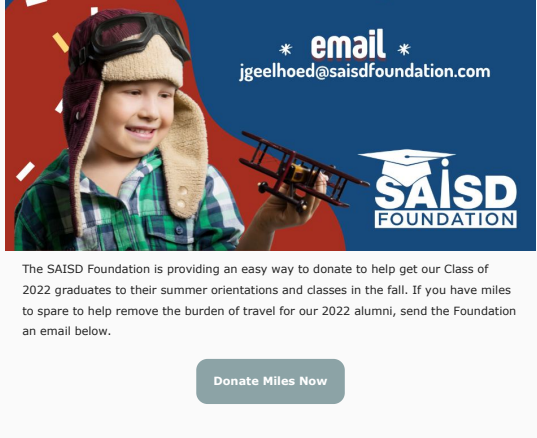
The Ed Tech and Design "Ready Tech Go" conference brought more than 300 educators from across San Antonio ISD and ESC Region 20 together virtually for learning time that focused on digital tools and resources that provide a variety of ways in which students can engage in learning. The three-day conference offered participants a chance to choose from 54 different topics to earn up to 18 hours of professional development credit.

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**'Beat the Heat' trips help 2022 grads with next steps**

Graduations finished June 15, but Postsecondary Initiatives has spent the second half of June removing barriers between Class of 2022 graduates and college this fall. Running "Beat the Heat" bus trips between SAISD high schools and Alamo Colleges campuses, they've transported more than 70 graduates to Alamo Colleges sites, helping students attend or sign up for orientation, get shot records turned in, send scores or retake the TSI test, meet with academic advisors, and meet with financial aid. More than 30 2022 alumni have registered for classes at Alamo Colleges on these trips. "We promoted these trips at each of the graduation rehearsals to all students," Dustin Nieto, Postsecondary Initiatives coordinator said. "We are extremely grateful to the transportation department and our partners at the Alamo Colleges for helping ensure a smooth transition for our students." Alumni from 15 SAISD graduating classes this year have access to the [AlamoPROMISE program](#), which provides last-dollar funding to fill the gap between a student's financial aid award and the cost of tuition and mandatory fees for up to three years at one of the Alamo Colleges District's five colleges.



**District names Senior Executive Director of Athletics**

Fred Anthony has been named Senior Executive Director of Athletics at San Antonio ISD. He has worked as an educator for 27 years in Harlandale ISD. Anthony begins his role at SAISD on July 11. Anthony replaces Todd Howey, who will retire June 30 after 32 years of service in the education, including the last seven years in SAISD.

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**NEWS FROM THE SAISD FOUNDATION**

*Luggage & Dorm Room Drive*

Thursday, July 14, 2022 12 - 6 PM

ALAMO CONVOCATION CENTER 110 Tuleta

The SAISD Foundation is reaching out to the San Antonio community to help our newest alumni fulfill their dreams of heading off to college. We are offering them additional support in providing essentials every young person needs to live away from home, in a dorm, for the first time. Items like bedding and towels, pillows and blankets, and laundry hampers and detergent, will really set these students up for success in their first year at college. Any new or like-new luggage or travel bags and dorm room items can be accepted. Drive by the Alamo Convocation Center on Thursday, July 14 between 12-6 p.m. and drop them off. We will send our students off with the gear they need for school. Additionally, a monetary gift can be made by visiting [saisdfoundation.com/donate](#) and entering Dorm Drive in the comments. Please call (210) 554-2235 for more information. Thank you for supporting SAISD students!

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**GOT AIRLINE MILES?**

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The SAISD Foundation is providing an easy way to donate to help get our Class of 2022 graduates to their summer orientations and classes in the fall. If you have miles to spare to help remove the burden of travel for our 2022 alumni, send the Foundation an email below.

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**IMPORTANT EVENTS**

2022-2023 INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR				2022-2023 CALENDARIO ESCOLAR			
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	LEGEND	JULIO	AGOSTO	SEPTIEMBRE	CLAVES
OCTOBER	NOVIEMBRE	DECEMBER	JANUARY	OCTUBRE	NOVIEMBRE	DECEMBER	ENERO
FEBRUARY	MARCH	IMPORTANT DATES		FEBRERO	MARZO	FECHAS IMPORTANTES	
APRIL	MAY			ABRIL	MAYO		
JUNE	JULY			JUNIO	JULIO		

Start planning your fall now. Click the graphic above to access a printable version of the 2022-2023 academic calendar.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER**

**CLOSING SHOTS**



The 42nd annual Juneteenth Parade took place on Saturday, June 18. The Sam Houston High School marching band and cheerleaders proudly led the way for the 13th year in a row. The parade runs from the Sam Houston campus to Comanche Park, where the Juneteenth San Antonio festival was held that weekend. Sam Houston band director Bruce Adams called it a humbling experience to represent San Antonio's Eastside now that Juneteenth is recognized as an official federal holiday.

