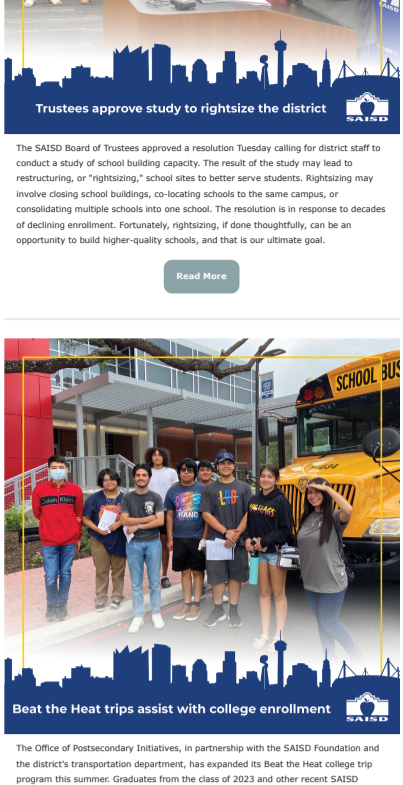


NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT



Trustees approve study to rightsize the district

The SAISD Board of Trustees approved a resolution Tuesday calling for district staff to conduct a study of school building capacity. The result of the study may lead to restructuring, or "rightsizing," school sites to better serve students. Rightsizing may involve closing school buildings, co-locating schools to the same campus, or consolidating multiple schools into one school. The resolution is in response to decades of declining enrollment. Fortunately, rightsizing, if done thoughtfully, can be an opportunity to build higher-quality schools, and that is our ultimate goal.

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Beat the Heat trips assist with college enrollment

The Office of Postsecondary Initiatives, in partnership with the SAISD Foundation and the district's transportation department, has expanded its Beat the Heat college trip program this summer. Graduates from the class of 2023 and other recent SAISD alumni are receiving bus transportation to orientation and enrollment events at Alamo Colleges campuses, the University of Texas at San Antonio, Texas A&M University - San Antonio, and the University of the Incarnate Word. Traveling with them are the SAISD college-bound advisors, college alumni advisors, and the Foundation postsecondary navigators, who are all experts in navigating the enrollment process at different colleges. With access to student records, these experts help our graduates address any holds that would prevent them from getting registered for college courses. Pictured is one of two groups who received assistance at San Antonio College June 14.



Laura Bush Foundation grants enhance libraries

Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries gave grants to two SAISD campuses. Lowell Middle School and Young Women's Leadership Academy-Primary each received \$5,000 to spend on books in the library to update and grow their collections to meet the needs of their students. "We are very excited about the grant," Elizabeth Phipps, librarian at YWLA-Primary, said. "We will use the grant to buy books that are culturally diverse, have female-led characters, and follow our STEM curriculum. Our girls read a lot, and our library struggled to get enough books for them. I cannot wait to use this grant to get the girls' favorites and keep their love of reading thriving."



Students offered internships through CTE program

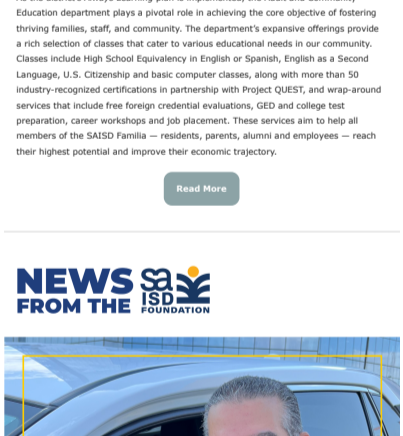
More than 20 current San Antonio ISD high school students are being offered paid internships in a new program through the Career and Technical Education department. The internships are housed in different district departments, including communications, facilities, financial services, information technology and internal audit, along with two high school campuses. Interns are working 16 hours per week and are compensated while they are gaining real-world skills and preparing for a final presentation which includes resume updates and a portfolio of completed work. Internships began June 20 and will run through August 3.



Huppertz creates orchard from 50 donated trees

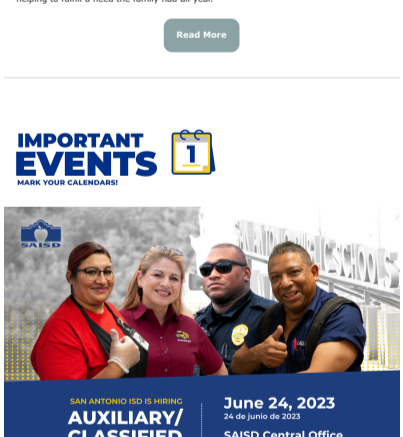
Huppertz Elementary is now growing pears, limes, grapefruit, figs and pecans. Volunteers from Ernst & Young (pictured), Gardopia Gardens and Huppertz planted an orchard of 50 trees June 9 around the school's playground. The trees, along with the water system to keep them alive and growing, were a donation from Ernst & Young in honor of the company's centennial. The knowledge and organization needed for the planting were donated by Gardopia Gardens, a nonprofit organization that promotes garden learning.

[Watch the KSAT-12 Story](#)



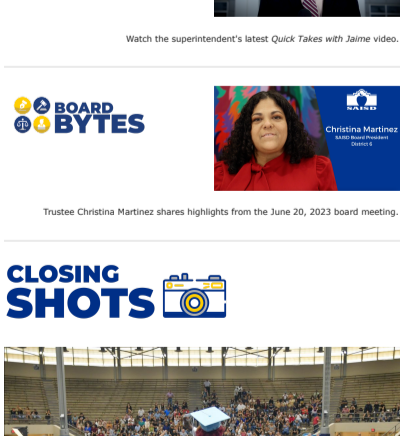
Summer programs offer high-interest learning

Summer learning is up and running. More than 9,000 kindergarten through 12th grade year registered for summer programs to enrich their development in reading, STEAM subjects, Career and Technical Education, fine arts, athletics, and ready them for the next year of school. Housed at 15 elementary school hubs, four middle school hubs, and the comprehensive high schools, the summer programming offers students the opportunity to meet new people while they gain valuable skills to prepare them for their futures. Pictured is the Summer Scholars program at Japhet Academy.



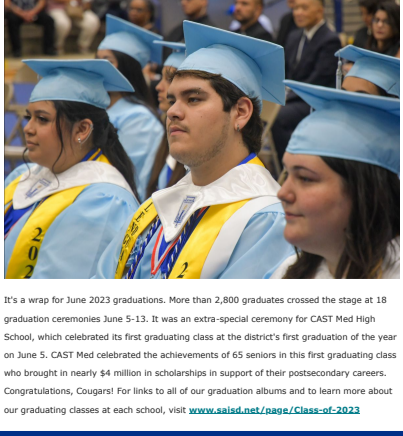
Latin GRAMMY Foundation, Ford donate instruments

The Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation, in partnership with Latin GRAMMY-nominated artist El Fantasma and Ford Motor Company Fund, the philanthropic arm of Ford Motor Company, invested \$20,000 in a donation of musical instruments to Lanier High School. The donation was given during a special Latin GRAMMY in the Schools program on May 24, which celebrated the 172% growth of the school's band program over the last two years under director of bands Jesse Orta. The event featured student performances and a Q&A with El Fantasma about his work as a musician. "It is important to support the artistic development of our newer musical creators," said El Fantasma. "The Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation is committed to encouraging and fostering the next generation of musicians, and I'm honored to contribute to this journey."



Two schools tie for Class of 2022 College Cup Award

The results are in, and it was a tie! When the final numbers came in for college enrollment for last year's class of 2022, Brackenridge and Jefferson high schools both had 58% of their graduating class enroll in college last year, earning them BOTH the College Cup. The College Cup goes to the comprehensive high school that has the highest college enrollment for the fall after graduation. "This accomplishment would not be possible without a supportive faculty and staff who create a dedicated college-going culture at both campuses," Dustin Nieto, coordinator of Postsecondary Initiatives, said. Thank you to all our high school campuses for providing students with amazing postsecondary opportunities.



ACE classes open doors to high-paying jobs

As the district's *Always Learning* plan is implemented, the Adult and Community Education department plays a pivotal role in achieving the core objective of fostering thriving families, staff, and community. The department's expansive offerings provide a rich selection of classes that cater to various educational needs in our community. Classes include High School Equivalency in English or Spanish, English as a Second Language, U.S. Citizenship and basic computer classes, along with more than 50 industry-recognized certifications in partnership with Project QUEST, and wrap-around services that include free foreign credential evaluations, GED and college test preparation, career workshops and job placement. These services aim to help all members of the SAISD Familia — residents, parents, alumni and employees — reach their highest potential and improve their economic trajectory.

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NEWS FROM THE SAISD FOUNDATION

Attend, Achieve and Win Incentive awards car

Ten families gathered atop the Frost Tower Garage June 10 to learn if they would be the grand prize winner in the SAISD Foundation's Attend, Achieve and Win Incentive program. The program, a partnership between the SAISD Foundation, Frost Bank, and Cavender Auto, automatically entered SAISD Families for prizes throughout the school year, based on 90% or better attendance each quarter or improved attendance from the previous year. The higher the attendance rate or improvement, the more entries the family received. The grand prize — a 2023 Toyota RAV4. The vehicle's door was opened by Tafolla Middle School student Sheryl Gonzalez Dubon — her attendance helping to fulfill a need the family had all year.

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IMPORTANT EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

SAN ANTONIO ISD IS HIRING
AUXILIARY/CLASSIFIED CAREER FAIR
SAN ANTONIO ISD ESTÁ CONTRATANDO
FERIA LABORAL PARA PUESTOS AUXILIARES/CLASIFICADOS

June 24, 2023
24 de Junio de 2023

SAISD Central Office
Oficina Central de SAISD
514 W. Quincey St.
San Antonio, TX 78212

9 AM – 12 PM

RSVP NOW!
¡CONFIRME ASISTENCIA!

[TINYURL.COM/AUX0624](https://tinyurl.com/AUX0624)

Know anyone who is looking to join the SAISD Familia? Looking for a different area of work in the district? We are still looking for employees to fill [Auxiliary and Classified Jobs](#) for the 2023-2024 year. We are hiring for mechanics, groundskeepers, electricians, custodians, child nutrition, police officers, bus drivers and more. The Auxiliary and Classified Career Fair Saturday will offer on-site interviews and job offers for those who qualify.

[RSVP for Job Fair](#)

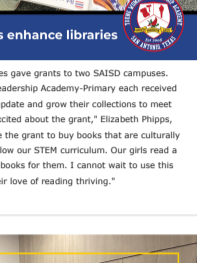
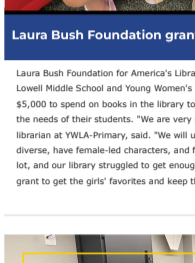
SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Watch the superintendent's latest *Quick Takes with Jaime* video.

BOARD BYTES

Trustee Christina Martinez shares highlights from the June 20, 2023 board meeting.

CLOSING SHOTS



It's a wrap for June 2023 graduations. More than 2,800 graduates crossed the stage at 18 graduation ceremonies June 5-13. It was an extra-special ceremony for CAST Med High School, which celebrated its first graduating class at the district's first graduation of the year on June 5. CAST Med celebrated the achievements of 65 seniors in this first graduating class who brought in nearly \$4 million in scholarships in support of their postsecondary careers. Congratulations, Cougars! For links to all of our graduation albums and to learn more about our graduating classes at each school, visit www.saisd.net/page/Class-of-2023

