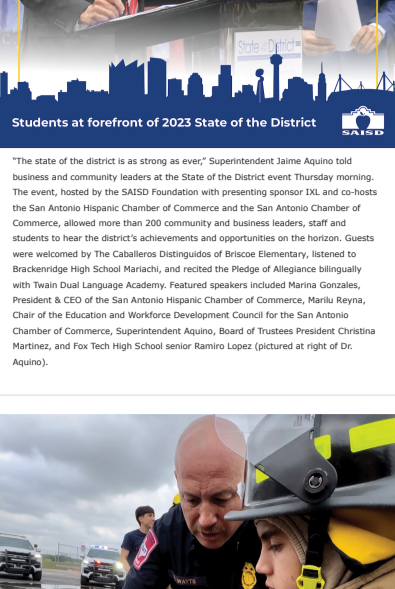
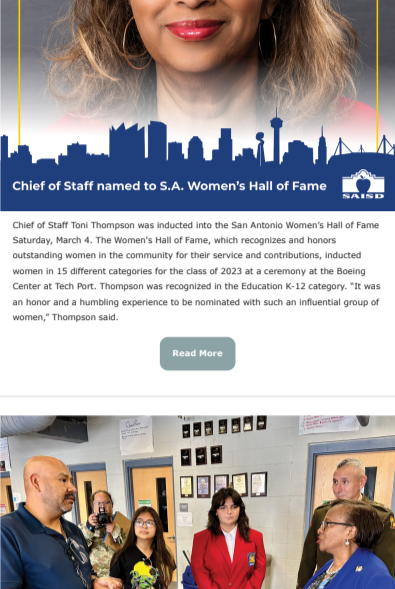


NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT



Students at forefront of 2023 State of the District

"The state of the district is as strong as ever," Superintendent Jaime Aquino told business and community leaders at the State of the District event Thursday morning. The event, hosted by the SAISD Foundation with presenting sponsor IXL and co-hosts the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, allowed more than 200 community and business leaders, staff and students to hear the district's achievements and opportunities on the horizon. Guests were welcomed by The Caballeros Distinguidos of Briscoe Elementary, listened to Brackenridge High School Mariachi, and recited the Pledge of Allegiance bilingually with Trwin Dual Language Academy. Featured speakers included Marina Gonzales, President & CEO of the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Marilu Reyna, Chair of the Education and Workforce Development Council for the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, Superintendent Aquino, Board of Trustees President Christina Martinez, and Fox Tech High School senior Ramiro Lopez (pictured at right of Dr. Aquino).



Magnet students train for emergency situations

Students in Health Professions & First Responders magnet programs at Edison High School participated in a mock disaster drill Thursday to learn how to perform during a mass casualty event to save lives. During the drill, Edison's EMT and other health science students treated and conducted triage of victims and took them to appropriate transport vehicles. Edison's fire students flowed water to extinguish a mock fire, and law enforcement students conducted an investigation and made an arrest. Emergency personnel from Acadian Ambulance, Bexar County Sheriff's Office and San Antonio Fire Department were on site to evaluate students' performance and provide feedback for this valuable hands-on learning experience.



Chief of Staff named to S.A. Women's Hall of Fame

Chief of Staff Toni Thompson was inducted into the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame Saturday, March 4. The Women's Hall of Fame, which recognizes and honors outstanding women in the community for their service and contributions, inducted women in 15 different categories for the class of 2023 at a ceremony at the Boelinger Center at Tech Port. Thompson was recognized in the Education K-12 category. "It was an honor and a humbling experience to be nominated with such an influential group of women," Thompson said.

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Retired general visits Lanier, JROTC programs

Retired Lt. Gen. Gwen Bingham stopped by Lanier High School while she was in San Antonio this week to attend a panel discussion for Women's History Month. It's appropriate, since Bingham made history by being only the second African American woman to reach the rank of three-star general. The Lanier JROTC took Bingham on a grand tour of the campus. She visited Career and Technical Education classes including culinary arts, printing, law enforcement, robotics, automotive, and architecture. She witnessed a one-rope bridge demonstration from the VOK Raider team. In a presentation to JROTC cadets and instructors from Lanier, Highlands, Brackenridge and Edison high schools, Bingham's message was clear: "Don't ever let anyone limit who you will become."



Thatcher wins School Social Worker of Year Award

Director of Student Support Carmen Thatcher was named the 2023 Kathy Armenta Texas School Social Worker of the Year. Thatcher received her award at the conference at the University of Texas at Austin on Thursday, Feb. 23. This award, in its 23rd year, was established to recognize excellence in school-based social work practice. It's the third time in five years that members of the San Antonio ISD social work team have been recognized through this Kathy Armenta Award program.

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Grammy-winning director launches modern band

Over spring break, ALA-CAST Tech-Fox Tech band director Stephen Cox presented at the Grammy Music Educator Award, spoke at a panel discussion with other Music Educator Award recipients sharing what the award has meant to them and their music programs. Back home, Cox has started an innovative modern band program this year for the three schools on the Fox Tech campus.

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Spring shows allow community to enjoy student art

Spring art showcases have begun, allowing high school feeder patterns and specialty schools alike the opportunity to show off their best artwork of the year. The shows open Thursday with the Lanier cluster, and continue tonight at the University of the Incarnate Word for specialty schools. The winners for each grade level at each show will be featured at The Best of The Best Art Show in May. Other upcoming cluster art showcase dates include:

- Highlands: March 30
- Sam Houston: March 31
- Brackenridge: April 20
- Edison: April 27
- Burbank: May 11
- Jefferson: May 12

Shows begin at 5 p.m.

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Know someone who is looking to Join the #SAISDFamilia? We are having an educator career fair Saturday, April 15 from 9 a.m. to noon at Lanier High School. There will be fiesta celebrations, in-person interviews and on-site hiring opportunities. Share the link to RSVP at tinyurl.com/saisdfair2023.

NEWS FROM THE SAISD FOUNDATION

Foundation honors top United Way fundraisers

The SAISD Foundation has been busy giving surprise celebrations to the top fundraising departments and campuses for this year's United Way Campaign. Congratulations to the Information Technology Department, Washington Elementary, and Burbank High School, who all received sundae parties for their generosity. Additionally, students received a \$1,000 grant back from the Foundation. Pictured is Washington Elementary at their celebration before break. Thank you for your generous giving! The United Way Campaign has closed, but SAISD employees can still support the work of the SAISD Foundation and invest in students and teachers through SAISD Payroll Deduction. 3 Ways to Give = 1 Big Impact.

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BOARD BYTES

Trustee Art Valdez shares highlights from the March 21, 2023 board meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

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

CLOSING SHOTS

March is Women's History Month, and the National Art Honor Society at The Young Women's Leadership Academy and their teacher Sharriah Martinez took on a special art project with MMCreative, artist Martha Martinez-Flores and The Pearl to create a colorful, illuminated "Strong Mujer" mural which was installed at The Pearl earlier this month. "When given the opportunity to collaborate with MMCreative on this piece we first thought about what a "Strong Mujer" was," their mural statement read. "In class we spoke about our madres, abuelas, maestras, and all women in our community who embody that statement. Our students then created a strong concept that was deeply rooted in their personal lives, that uses fierceness, softness, and determination in the eyes of the women that hold leadership positions that we know." The installation will be on display through the end of the month.