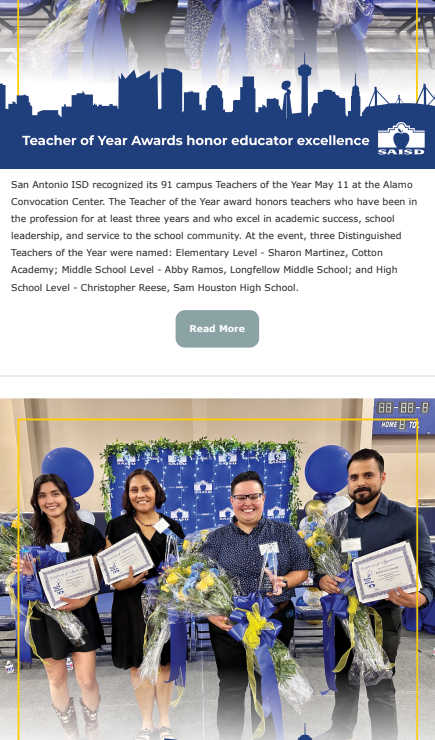


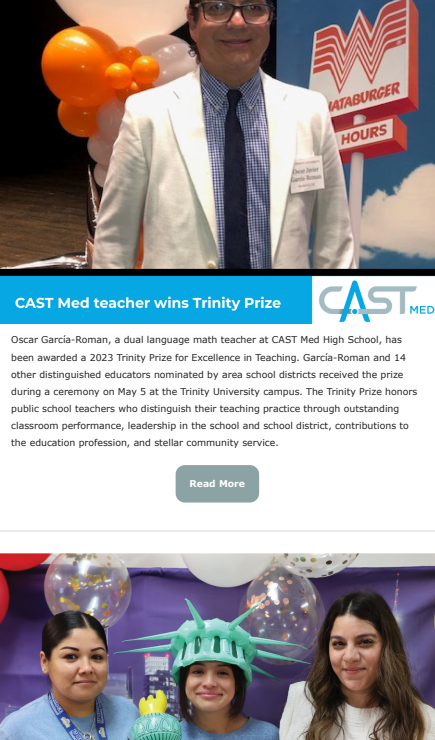
NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT



Teacher of Year Awards honor educator excellence

San Antonio ISD recognized its 91 campus Teachers of the Year May 11 at the Alamo Convocation Center. The Teacher of the Year award honors teachers who have been in the profession for at least three years and who excel in academic success, school leadership, and service to the school community. At the event, three Distinguished Teachers of the Year were named: Elementary Level - Sharon Martinez, Cotton Academy; Middle School Level - Abby Ramos, Longfellow Middle School; and High School Level - Christopher Reese, Sam Houston High School.

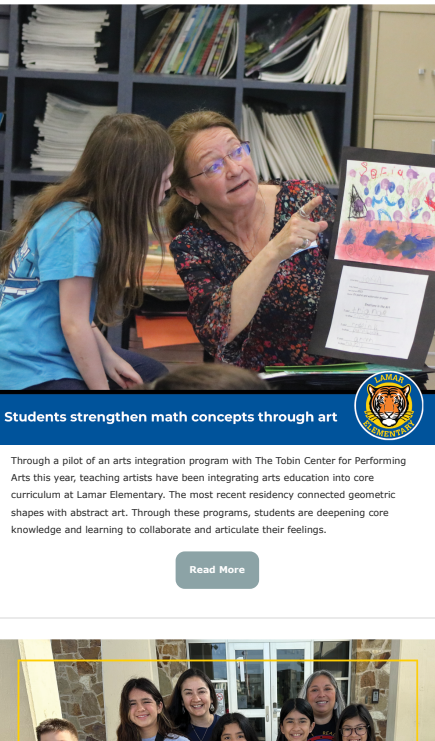
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District honors first-year Rising Star teachers

As another part of Teacher Appreciation Week, San Antonio ISD recognized its outstanding first-year Rising Star teachers. Fifty-three teachers were honored May 10 at the Alamo Convocation Center. The Rising Star award honors teachers who are still completing their first year of teaching. Principals nominate their finest first-year teachers who already demonstrate excellent practices. At the event, four district-level Rising Star Teachers were honored: Early Childhood Level - Abigail Saldivar, Douglass Elementary; Elementary Level - Sandra Garcia, Foster Elementary; Middle School Level - Sienna Guerra, Young Women's Leadership Academy; and High School Level - Roberto Coronado, Highlands High School.

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CAST Med teacher wins Trinity Prize

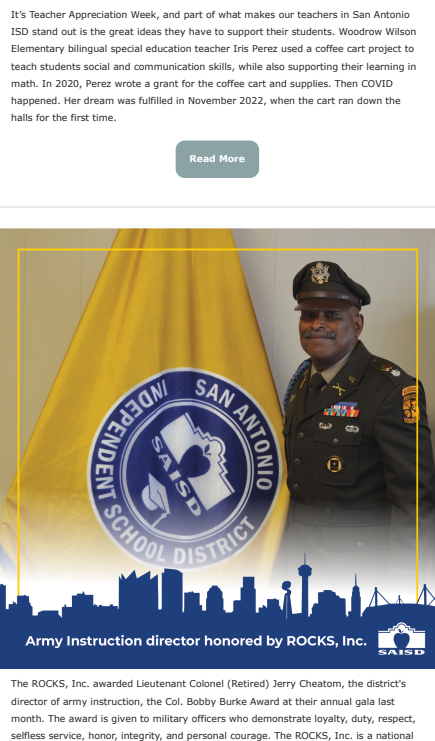
Oscar Garcia-Roman, a dual language math teacher at CAST Med High School, has been awarded a 2023 Trinity Prize for Excellence in Teaching. Garcia-Roman and 14 other distinguished educators nominated by area school districts received the prize during a ceremony on May 5 at the Trinity University campus. The Trinity Prize honors public school teachers who distinguish their teaching practice through outstanding classroom performance, leadership in the school and school district, contributions to the education profession, and stellar community service.

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Student selected for national math competition

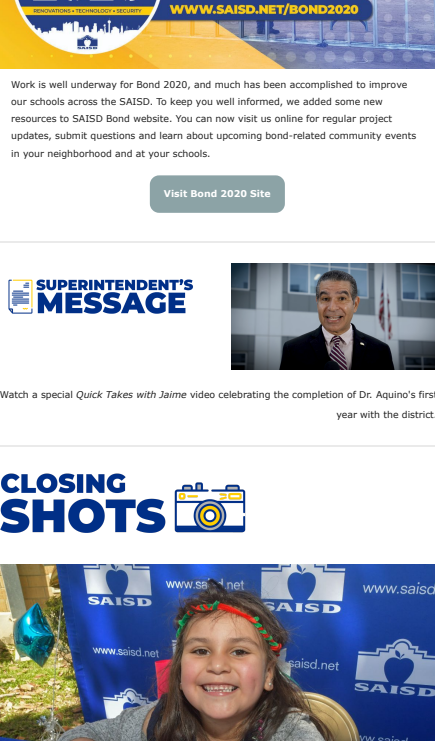
J.T. Brackenridge Elementary School fifth grade student Daniela Rodriguez and Texas Afterschool Centers on Education (TX ACE) Extended Day Program Specialist Diana León have been selected for two prestigious honors within the NBA Math Hoops program. Rodriguez, a participant in the TX ACE Extended Day program, was chosen to represent SAISD at the 2023 NBA Math Hoops Global Championship from over 206,000 students who participated in the '22-'23 NBA Math Hoops season nationwide. León has been selected as the 2023 NBA Math Hoops Outstanding Educator by Learn Fresh, the 501(c)3 nonprofit that manages the NBA Math Hoops program. She was chosen out of 2,500 educators. The 2023 NBA Math Hoops Global Championship will take place in New York, NY from June 21-24.



Students strengthen math concepts through art

Through a pilot of an arts integration program with The Tobin Center for Performing Arts this year, teaching artists have been integrating arts education into core curriculum at Lamar Elementary. The most recent residency connected geometric shapes with abstract art. Through these programs, students are deepening core knowledge and learning to collaborate and articulate their feelings.

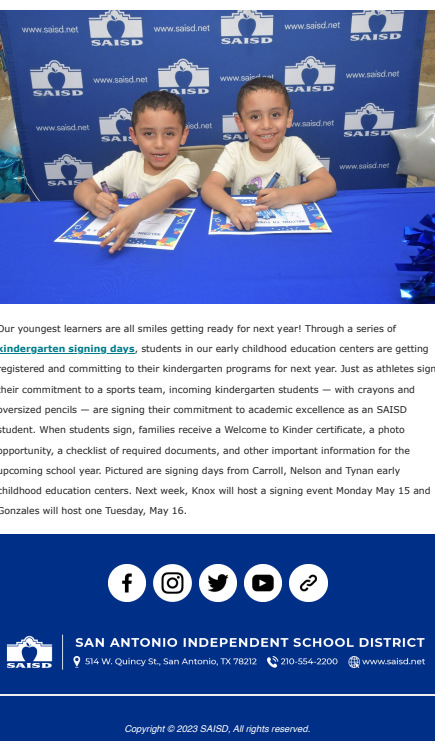
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Filmmakers from seven schools honored at film fest

Congratulations to all of our 90-Second Newbery winners. Young filmmakers across the district participated in this annual contest and brought back nearly a dozen awards. SAISD schools swept the Best Picture – Secondary category, with Juarez Elizarraras of ALA earning First Place with a prize of \$1,500 and the school, Harris Middle School earning second place with a prize of \$1,000, and the Young Women's Leadership Academy earned third place, earning a prize of \$500. In the Elementary Best Picture category, Mission Academy earned first place, also earning a prize of \$1,500. Schools also won numerous other special category awards.

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CTE students build own high-end computers

Twenty-two high school students from Career and Technical Education programs across the district had the chance of a lifetime April 29 – to each get to build – and then keep, their own state-of-the-art personal computer valued at approximately \$2,000. The students, coming from esports programs at Highlands and Jefferson high schools, and the CYBER P-TECH program at Sam Houston High School, were among 100 middle and high school students from across the city at the San Antonio Museum of Science and Technology's first "Build Your Future" event.

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Coffee cart project idea reinforces communication

It's Teacher Appreciation Week, and part of what makes our teachers in San Antonio ISD stand out is the great ideas they have to support their students. Woodrow Wilson Elementary bilingual special education teacher Iris Perez used a coffee cart project to teach students social and communication skills, while also supporting their learning in math. In 2020, Perez wrote a grant for the coffee cart and supplies. Then COVID happened. Her dream was fulfilled in November 2022, when the cart ran down the halls for the first time.

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Army Instruction director honored by ROCKS, Inc.

The ROCKS, Inc. awarded Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Jerry Cheatom, the district's director of army instruction, the Col. Bobby Burke Award at their annual gala last month. The award is given to military officers who demonstrate loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage. The ROCKS, Inc. is a national organization that strengthens the officer corps by providing mentorship, scholarship, networking, professional development and fellowship to leverage outreach opportunities and maximize talent across the U.S. Armed Forces.

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Work is well underway for Bond 2020, and much has been accomplished to improve our schools across the SAISD. To keep you well informed, we added some new resources to SAISD Bond website. You can now visit us online for regular project updates, submit questions and learn about upcoming bond-related community events in your neighborhood and at your schools.

[Visit Bond 2020 Site](#)

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Watch a special Quick Takes with Jaime video celebrating the completion of Dr. Aquino's first year with the district.

CLOSING SHOTS

Our youngest learners are all smiles getting ready for next year! Through a series of [kindergarten signing days](#), students in our early childhood education centers are getting registered and committing to their kindergarten programs for next year. Just as athletes sign their commitment to a sports team, incoming kindergarten students — with crayons and oversized pencils — are signing their commitment to academic excellence as an SAISD student. When students sign, families receive a Welcome to Kinder certificate, a photo opportunity, a checklist of required documents, and other important information for the upcoming school year. Pictured are signing days from Carroll, Nelson and Tynan early childhood education centers. Next week, Knox will host a signing event Monday May 15 and Gonzales will host one Tuesday, May 16.