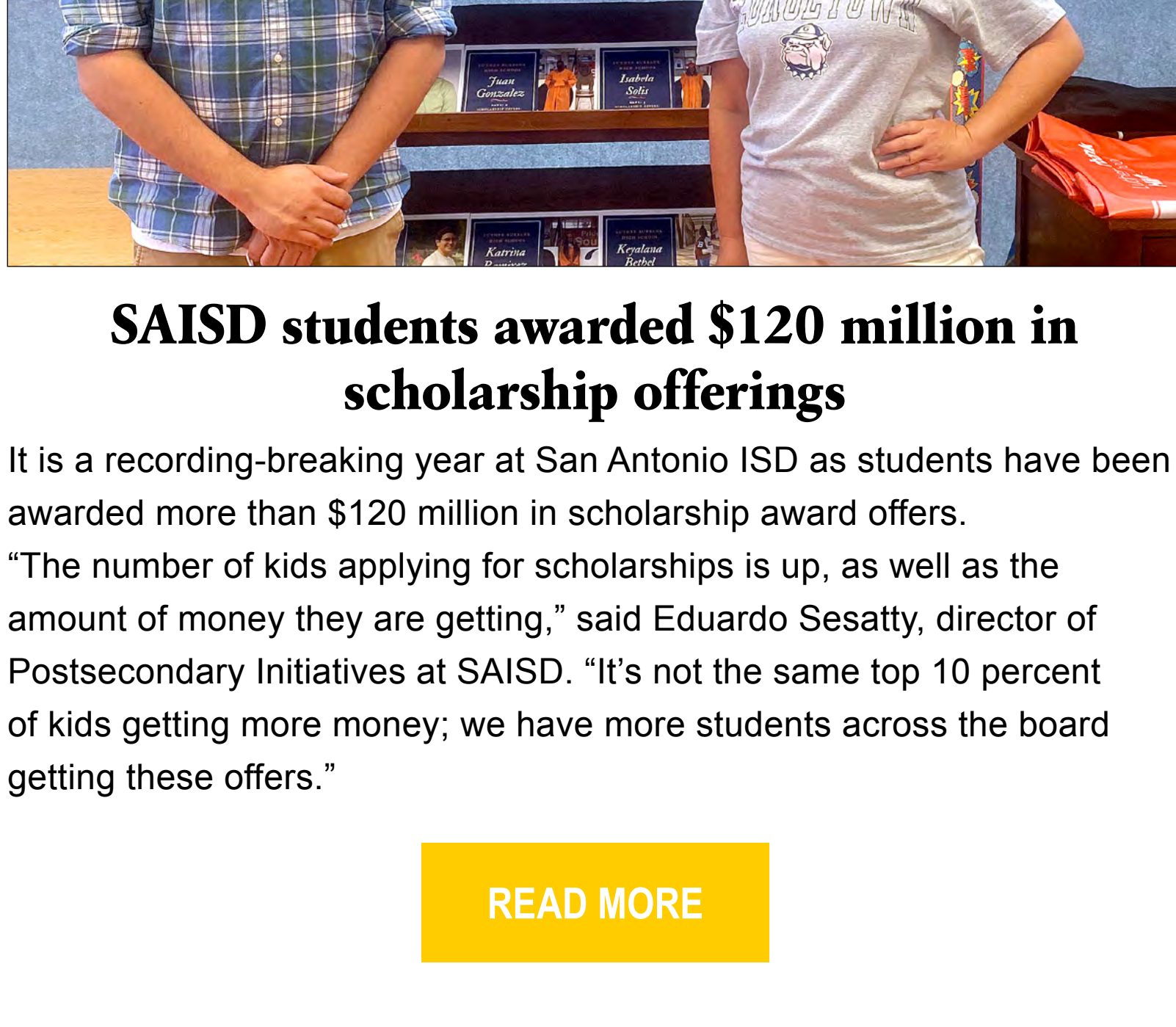


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SAISD students awarded \$120 million in scholarship offerings

It is a record-breaking year at San Antonio ISD as students have been awarded more than \$120 million in scholarship award offers. "The number of kids applying for scholarships is up, as well as the amount of money they are getting," said Eduardo Sesatty, director of Postsecondary Initiatives at SAISD. "It's not the same top 10 percent of kids getting more money; we have more students across the board getting these offers."

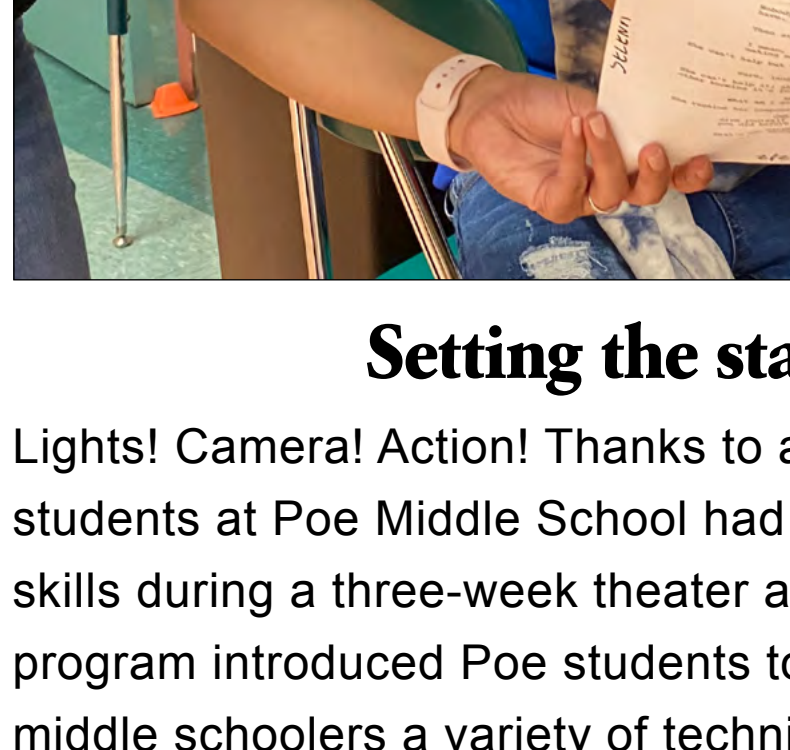
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SAISD English teacher wins statewide humanities award

Young Women's Leadership Academy English teacher Michelle Grajeda has been selected as a recipient of the 2021 Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Award. The prestigious award is presented annually by Humanities Texas and recognizes the exemplary contributions of Humanities teachers across Texas schools.

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SAISD to open new STEM and Dual Language middle school

To continue to provide the most diverse portfolio of school options to our families, San Antonio ISD is opening Hot Wells Middle School, a new feeder middle school. The new school is launching in an existing building that most recently housed middle school grades at Ball Academy. The middle school will be a STEM and Dual Language campus with a focus on project and problem-based learning.

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Setting the stage for learning

Lights! Camera! Action! Thanks to a generous partnership with H-E-B, students at Poe Middle School had the chance to enhance their acting skills during a three-week theater arts program titled Arts in Play. The program introduced Poe students to professional actors who taught the middle schoolers a variety of techniques to strengthen the students' theater-related knowledge, as well as a host of other skills.

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Student advisors recognized as school year comes to a close

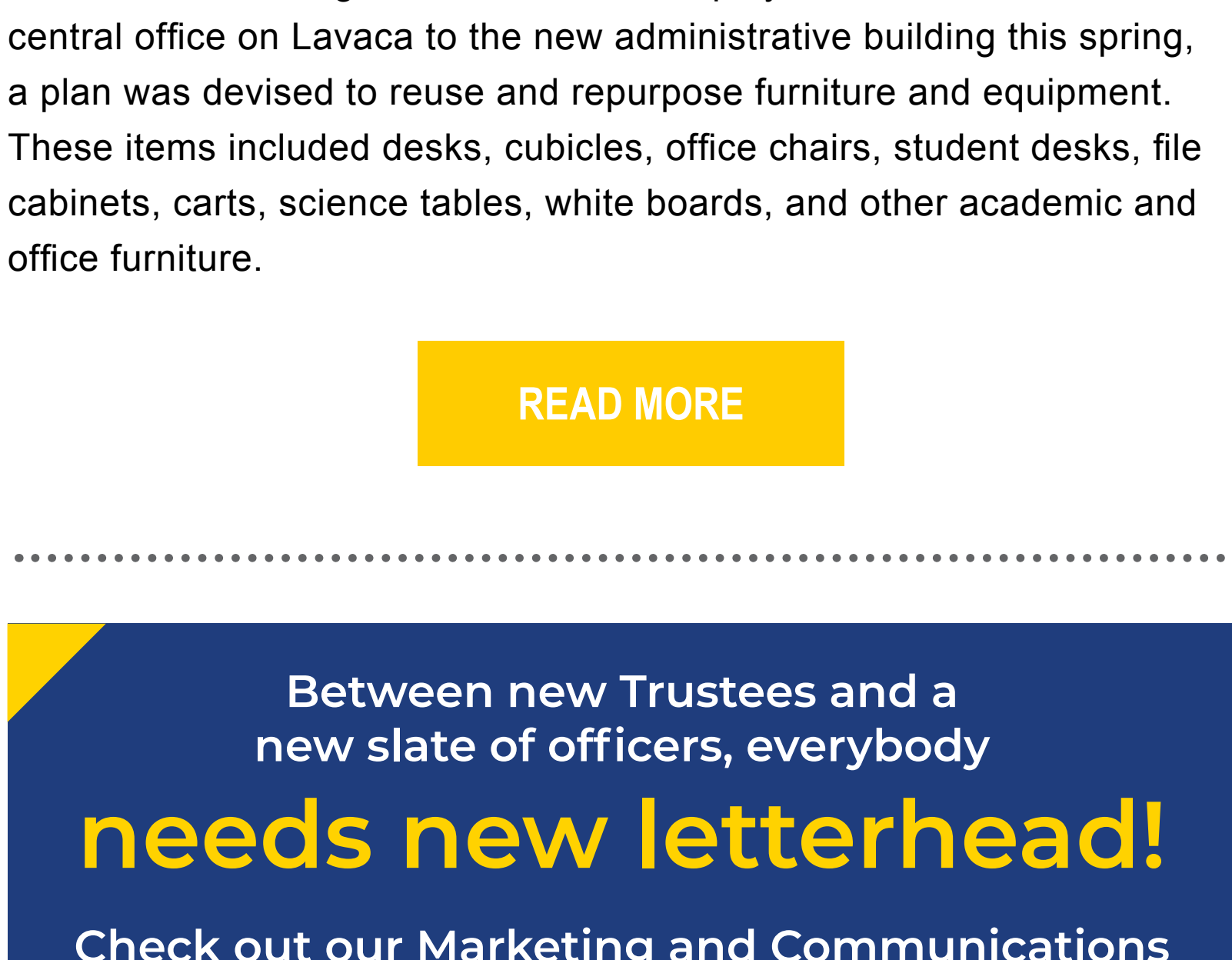
Last week, the San Antonio ISD Board of Trustees celebrated the SAISD Student Advisory Committee during a luncheon and recognition ceremony held in the boardroom located at the new Central Office building. The group, which represented all SAISD high schools, selected important topics of discussion, got feedback from their peers, and shared their insight with SAISD Trustees and Superintendent Pedro Martinez. A big thank you to these outstanding students for their leadership in representing SAISD students' voices!



Montessori programs at SAISD

Programs feature student-centered learning and a emphasis on creating independent individuals

At SAISD, we are proud to offer two free Montessori programs from Pre-K3 through elementary. This model fosters greater cultural awareness and global understanding in students, many of whom choose the Dual Language pathway to promote bilingualism and biliteracy. Click the above video to learn more about Montessori at SAISD.



Free summer meal program at San Antonio ISD

All San Antonio children are eligible for program, which runs June 21 - July 31

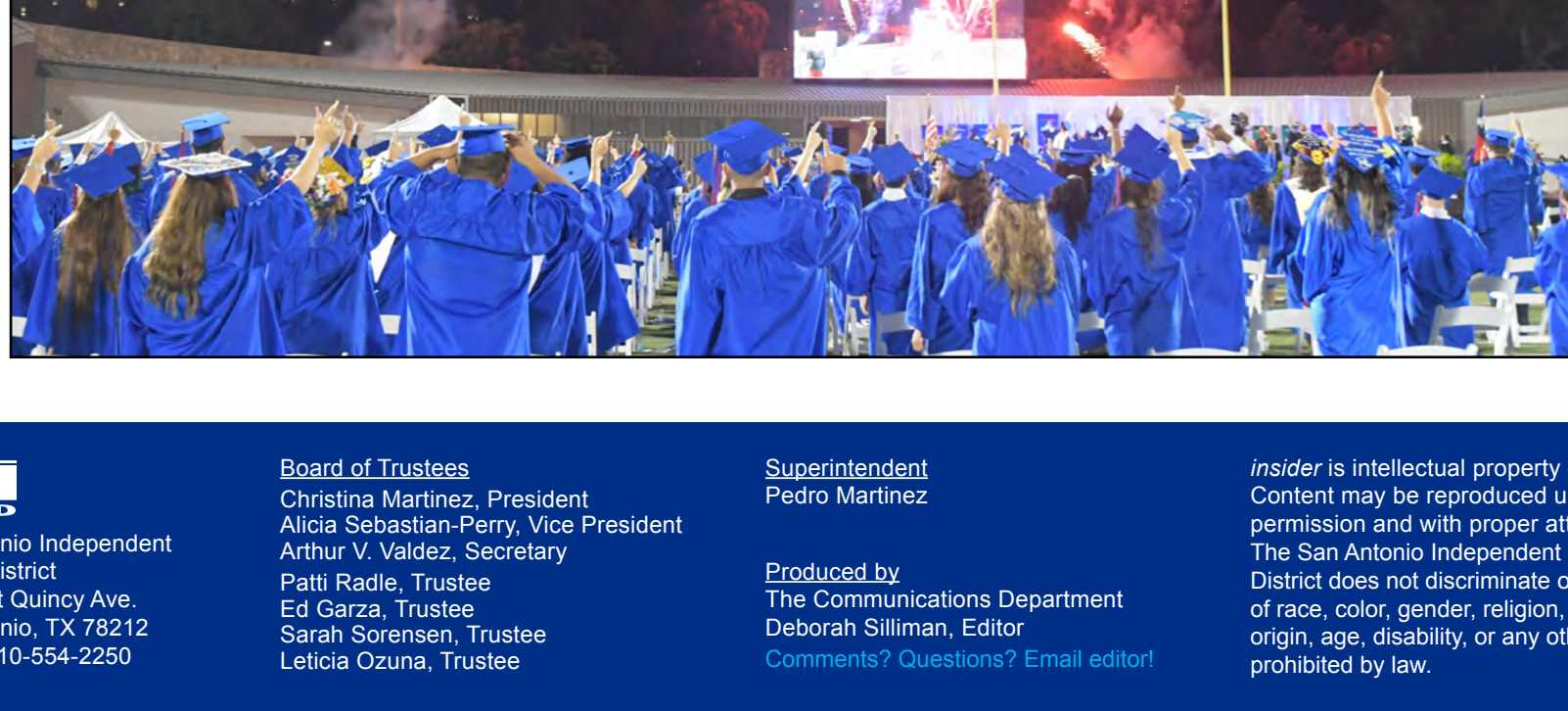
The school year may be over, but the San Antonio ISD Child Nutrition Department is still hard at work! Tell all of your friends and family that the District will be providing meals at no cost to all children ages 18 years and younger this summer. Students 18 years and older but under 21 who are enrolled in school and identified as disabled through a special education program are also eligible. The program, part of the Texas Department of Agriculture's "Seamless Summer Nutrition Program," runs June 21-July 31.

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Celebrating the life of SAISD teacher

Last week at a small ceremony on the Ogden Academy campus, students and family members of SAISD teacher Carmen Canales gathered together to honor her memory. Canales passed away due to COVID-19 last summer. Students from the school painted a colorful mural so that the memory and legacy of Canales will live on in the hallways of the campus where she taught.



Surplus makes for a sustainable move

To maximize moving San Antonio ISD employees from the main central office on Lavaca to the new administrative building this spring, a plan was devised to reuse and repurpose furniture and equipment. These items included desks, cubicles, office chairs, student desks, file cabinets, carts, science tables, white boards, and other academic and office furniture.

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT... Read Superintendent Martinez's most recent staff letter here

Congratulations, Class of 2021

