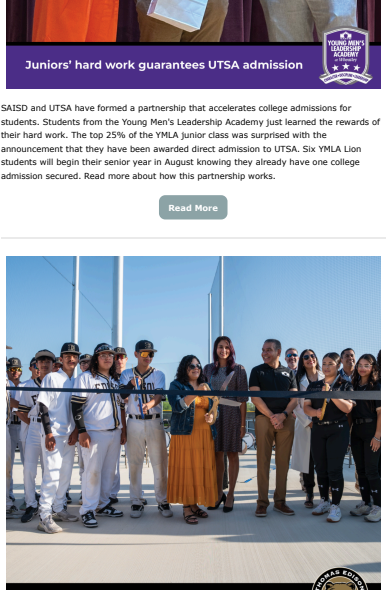
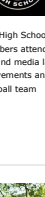


## NEWS FROM THE SAISD FOUNDATION

### AROUND THE DISTRICT



#### Juniors' hard work guarantees UTSA admission

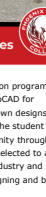


SAISD and UTSA have formed a partnership that accelerates college admissions for students. Students from the Young Men's Leadership Academy just learned the rewards of their hard work. The top 25% of the YMLA junior class was surprised with the announcement that they have been awarded direct admission to UTSA. Six YMLA Lion students will begin their senior year in August knowing they already have one college admission secured. Read more about how this partnership works.

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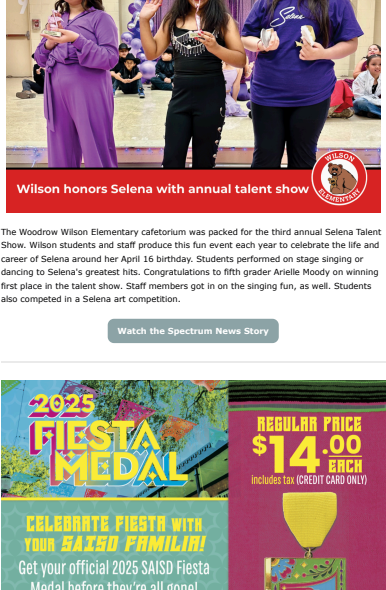


#### Edison celebrates Bond 2020 completion



It was a beautiful spring day as we celebrated some new facilities at Edison High School completed through Bond 2020. Staff, students, alumni and community members attended a ribbon cutting ceremony and toured renovated classrooms, a new library and media lab, and new baseball and softball fields. Edison also received critical roof improvements and a new HVAC system. After the ceremony and tours, the Golden Bears JV baseball team played on the new baseball fields against Seguin High School.

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#### Students harvest, enjoy fruits of garden



Gardopia Gardens assisted Woodlawn Hills Elementary students in harvesting their garden crops on campus. The harvesting finale had students gathering kale, collard greens and other vegetables from the school garden. Students diligently worked on planting, weeding and fertilizing their garden. After the harvest, Gardopia Gardens pulled out a blender to show the kids how to make healthy smoothies from their crop.



#### Phoenix student attends national conferences



Ruby Angeles has had a life-changing experience through the construction program at Phoenix Middle College. The graduating senior has not only learned AutoCAD for architecture but has learned the tools and skills she needs to build her own designs. As a result of her time at Phoenix, she has joined student council as well as the student chapter of the National Association of Home Builders, giving back to her community through Habitat for Humanity. This year, her connections in NAHB led her to be selected to attend two national conferences, where she further made connections in the industry and set plans for herself that would bring her closer to her ultimate goal of designing and building her own home.

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#### Wilson honors Selena with annual talent show



The Woodrow Wilson Elementary cafeteria was packed for the third annual Selena Talent Show. Wilson students and staff produce this fun event each year to celebrate the life and career of Selena around her April 16 birthday. Students performed on stage singing or dancing to Selena's greatest hits. Congratulations to fifth grader Arielle Moody on winning first place in the talent show. Staff members got in on the singing fun, as well. Students also competed in a Selena art competition.

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## BOND & OPERATIONS

### VIRTUAL COMMUNITY MEETING

### REUNIÓN COMUNITARIA VIRTUAL

Join us to learn more about our progress towards creating optimal learning environments for our students.

Los invitamos a que conozcan más sobre nuestros avances en la creación de entornos de aprendizaje óptimos para nuestros estudiantes.

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- TUES. 4/29 AT 11:00AM
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We invite all staff, parents, community members to join us for an SAISD Bond and Operations update. At this virtual meeting, you'll be able to learn more about our district's progress toward creating optimal learning environments for our students including facilities, operations, maintenance, and Bond 2020. There are four sessions to choose from: Tuesday, April 29 at 11 a.m. or 6 p.m. and Thursday, May 1 at 11 a.m. or 6 p.m. Register today to receive the Zoom link.

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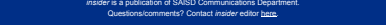
## SAISD FAMILIA STORIES

**Historías de la familia de SAISD**

**Ted Guerra**  
Chair, Citizen Bond Advisory Council

This Public School Volunteer Appreciation Week, we tell the #SAISDFamilia story of Ted Guerra, chair of the Citizen Bond Advisory Council that helps ensure the effective and efficient use of Bond 2020 funds. Learn what Guerra's service entails and why he loves learning about — and sharing — the district's bond successes. In his story, he also shares upcoming opportunities for bond updates on April 29 and May 1.

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#### District hosts job fair for student opportunities

San Antonio ISD is providing opportunities for students and families. This month, more than 570 student and community job seekers attended the 2025 SAISD Scholars and Familia Job Fair organized by the district's College, Career and Military Readiness team. The majority of participants were junior and senior students coming from 15 SAISD high schools. The students and community job seekers visited with nearly 50 hiring entities including local businesses and SAISD departments. Participants were also able to explore different career options using virtual reality goggles provided by the SAISD Foundation.



#### Dual language seniors honored at ceremonies

This week, the Dual Language, ESL and Migrant Department is celebrating seniors in the dual language program at a pair of senior ceremonies. The ceremonies recognize a total of 177 students for achieving their goal of becoming Bilingual, Biliterate and Bicultural students and earning the SAISD Seal of Biliteracy. The seniors from Brackenridge, Burbank, Edison, Lanier, Jefferson, Highlands and CAST Med high schools have completed SAISD's Dual Language program at the high school level. They are receiving a stole, a Biliteracy medal and certificate for their commitment and accomplishment.



#### Transportation on track to offer CDL testing

SAISD is on track to become a Commercial Driver's License third-party tester. The purpose of a third-party tester is to enable newly qualified candidates to earn their CDL more quickly as they avoid the lengthy wait times at DPS locations. SAISD has allocated funds for three employees in the transportation department to facilitate their certification as third-party testers. These employees have completed a 40-hour course to meet certification requirements and are now preparing for the final phase of certification by participating in trainee testing at their local DPS office. Congratulations to Crystal Garcia, Deborah Flores and Veronica Cuevas as they seek certification and thank you for what you are doing to help future bus drivers.

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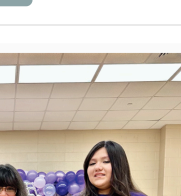


#### Book Buddies Bus shares gifts at Book Festival

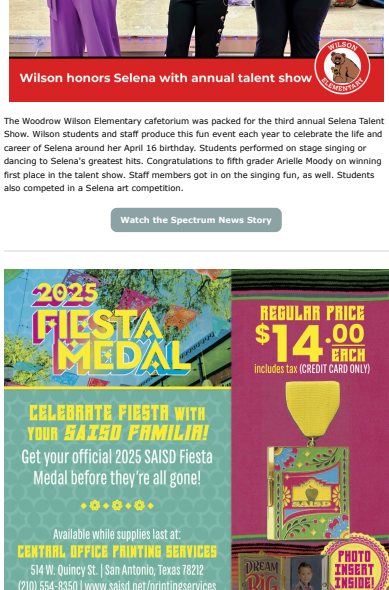
The Book Buddies Bus participated in the San Antonio Book Festival for a second year on Saturday, April 12. Volunteers, including Foundation board member Ron Thomas, SAISD educators, alumni, lead volunteers, SAISD students, and college students staffed the event from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Every child who visited the bus got to pick out one free book and a bookmark from the SAISD Foundation. Event attendance was estimated at 20,000 participants. Want to help? The Foundation is always looking for volunteers and donations to sustain this important program.

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#### SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



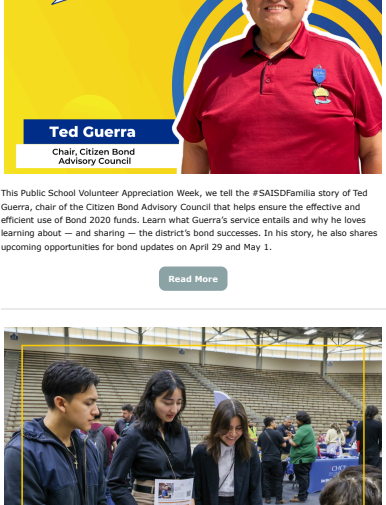
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## CLOSING SHOTS



Author Matt De La Peña, the first Latino to win the Newbery Award, visited Irving Dual Language Academy last week. De La Peña spoke to the students in pre-K through second grade, sharing his journey as a writer, captivating students with a powerful read-aloud, and reminding the Irving Familia of the magic of storytelling. Every student left with an autographed copy of his book, "Home" and a heart full of inspiration. Thank you, Mr. De La Peña, for sparking joy and a love of reading in our young learners, and thank you to the San Antonio Book Festival for partnering with our schools.

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