

2021 Commencement Ceremonies

Young Women's Leadership Academy
Wednesday, June 9 at 7 p.m.

St. Philip's Early College High School
Thursday, June 10 at 8 a.m.

Cooper Academy
Thursday, June 10 at 7 p.m.

CAST Tech
Friday, June 11 at 7 p.m.

Advanced Learning Academy
Monday, June 14 at 8 a.m.

Burbank High School
Monday, June 14 at 7 p.m.

Travis Early College High School
Tuesday, June 15 at 8 a.m.

Jefferson High School
Tuesday, June 15 at 7 p.m.

Lanier High School
Wednesday, June 16 at 7 p.m.

Sam Houston High School (& Brewer Academy)
Thursday, June 17 at 7 p.m.

Fox Tech High School
Friday, June 18 at 8 a.m.

Brackenridge High School
Friday, June 18 at 7 p.m.

Highlands High School & Texans Can Academy
Saturday, June 19 at 7 p.m.

Edison High School
Tuesday, June 22 at 7 p.m.

All graduation ceremonies will be held at Alamo Stadium. Schedule may be subject to change. To check for updates, please visit bit.ly/SAISDGraduation2021

San Antonio ISD word search!

Can you find all of the words in our latest word search puzzle? Send a photo of your completed puzzle to communications@saisd.net and be entered for a drawing to win a bag of SAISD goodies!

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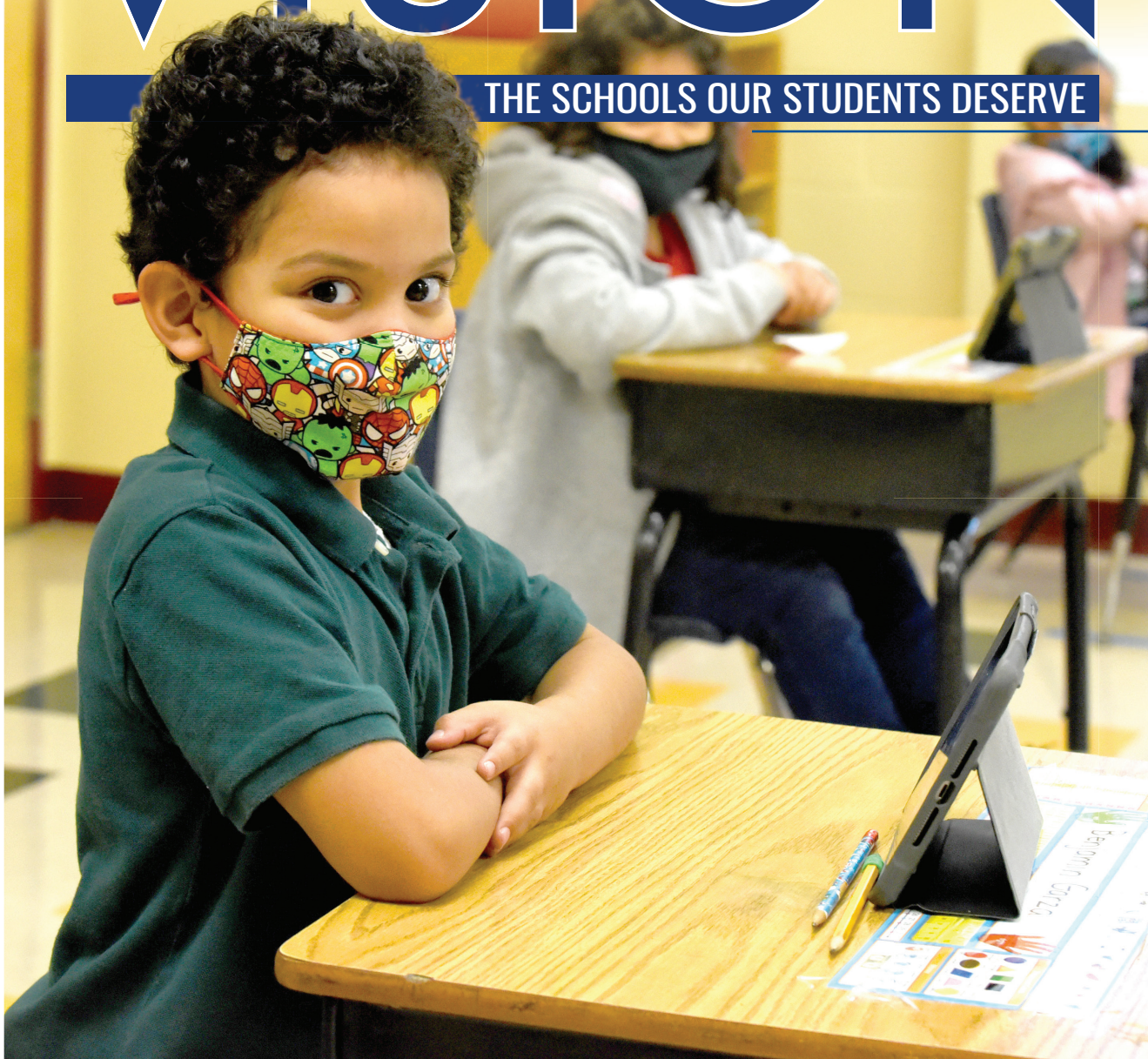
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A historic vote**



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A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT PEDRO MARTINEZ

High expectations for both safety and academic achievement

As we look toward the second half of our school year, we continue to be guided by a commitment to the health and safety of our staff and students, along with high-quality instruction for our children. We are focused on educational equity through the distribution of resources – from digital resources to digital devices, and meals both during school periods and school breaks (including the upcoming Presidents Day holiday and Spring Break). We also prioritize providing accurate and timely communications to our families and community, including this *Vision* newsletter as well as our virtual town halls.



Our safety strategies to date have been threefold. We have used the most up-to-date information at our disposal to gradually phase-in students, prioritizing the students with the greatest need for in-person instruction. To this end, we have been the most conservative among area school districts with our low student occupancy rates that gradually increased only to 30% during the first semester.

We also launched COVID testing in 100% of our schools to break the chain of transmission by those who are unaware they are contagious. We have been administering a robust COVID-testing program – with testing available for in-person students and staff at all of our campuses districtwide. And for our remote learners and their families, we have a mobile testing unit at Alamo Stadium for those experiencing symptoms or know they came into direct exposure in the community.

And, finally, we became part of the solution by working with healthcare agencies to access vaccines for all staff who wanted them and provided them at a common, District site.

Throughout this pandemic, we have continually assessed the delicate balance of student and staff safety with the positive academic growth of our students – that is the charge we accepted and have undertaken. We continue to have high expectations for our students to engage in their learning. We, like all districts, are here to support our students and to ensure their future success.

For a large percentage of our families, in-person instruction is best and necessary. We believe parents should not have to choose between safety and strong academic support. We are confident we can do both.

We thank you for your faith in us as we implemented one of the most conservative and safest school plans in our region. I cannot thank enough the many groups who have helped us build and refine it through invaluable input, including student, teacher and principal advisory groups.

From the time the pandemic started to now, we have learned that the safety processes and testing protocols we have put into place have protected school environments from being sources of widespread outbreaks. Our pandemic plan has been recognized by the state and nation, but it is you who helps us put it into action every day.

We are very proud of our parents, students and staff on how safe our schools continue to be. After investments in safety, technology, academic support and teacher training, our goal is to end this school year strongly!

Sincerely,

Pedro Martinez

Superintendent

San Antonio Independent School District

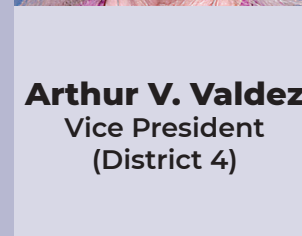
The District's elected representatives at work for the community

The San Antonio ISD Board of Trustees is comprised of seven District residents, each representing one of seven single-member districts within the District. Trustees serve four-year terms.

The Board's major duties include: adopt goals and priorities and monitor success, adopt policies and review for effectiveness, hire and evaluate the superintendent, adopt a budget and set a tax rate, and communicate with the community. The main function of the school board is to provide local, citizen governance and oversight of education.



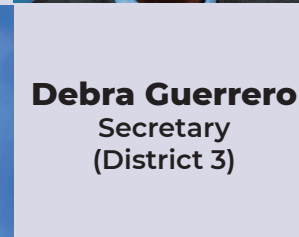
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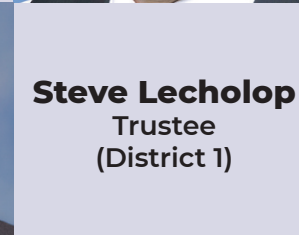
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January was School Board Appreciation Month! A huge "thank you" to our trustees for everything they do!

SAISD grows industry-focused P-TECH programs

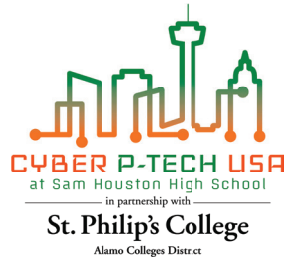
District to offer three new opportunities

When the Texas Legislature paved the way for school districts to work with the Texas Education Agency to launch Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) programs, **San Antonio ISD was the first in the city and Bexar County to offer the open-enrollment, industry- and higher education-focused model to high school students across Bexar County.** Under the P-TECH model, within four to six years, students will be able to earn a high school diploma, an industry-specific associate degree, industry certification, and complete work-based training through internships, apprenticeships or other job-training programs.

Each high school program works in cooperation with a higher-education partner and industry partners.

SAISD's first P-TECH program centered on cybersecurity and has been housed at Sam Houston High School since 2018. In 2019, the second program rolled out at Fox Tech High School with pathways in registered nursing and other healthcare careers. Now, as the District looks toward fall 2021, it will greatly expand with the addition of three new programs at three different high schools: Edison, Highlands and Sidney Lanier.

The culture of a P-TECH school is built upon high expectations and the belief that all students can access college in high school and can graduate prepared for an in-demand, high-wage career pathway. Students enter the program as ninth graders and, as part of the cohort model, advance each year together. Most importantly, from the moment students begin ninth grade, they see themselves as "college students" who are "on a career pathway."



Cyber P-TECH USA at Sam Houston High School
 Higher Education Partners:
 St. Philip's College
 Industry Partners: STEMuli, Accenture
 Future annual salary expectations:
 \$45,000-\$170,000



Fox Tech H-TECH Pathways in Healthcare
 Higher Education Partner:
 San Antonio College
 Industry Partners: University Health System and Metropolitan Methodist Health System
 Future annual salary expectations:
 \$48,675-\$272,239



Edison P-TECH School of Business
 Higher Education Partner:
 San Antonio College
 Industry Partners: H-E-B, Galan-Graphix, Tacit Growth Strategies
 Future annual salary expectations:
 \$54,923-\$116,799



Highlands P-TECH for Aerospace, Engineering, Manufacturing and Welding
 Higher Education Partner:
 St. Philip's College
 Industry Partners: TX-FAME (Other companies including H-E-B, Toyota, TTTX, CPS Energy, Caterpillar, and more)
 Future annual salary expectations: \$44,530-\$98,480



Construction Science P-TECH at Sidney Lanier High School
 Higher Education Partners:
 St. Philip's College, UTSA
 Industry Partners: Joeris General Contractors, Johnson Controls, Bartlett Cocke General Contractors, Workforce Solutions Alamo
 Future annual salary expectations:
 \$87,600-\$127,200

Learn more about these programs by visiting



<http://bit.ly/SAISD-PTECH>

A year like no other

This school year has been different more than any other time at San Antonio ISD. Despite the challenges that come with learning during a pandemic, we are proud of our SAISD community as they take the proper precautions to help fight the spread of COVID-19. We extend our gratitude to all SAISD employees, educators, and parents for the time and energy you spend to help your students succeed during this demanding time.



Classrooms are set up to ensure social distancing between students and plexiglass barriers are installed when social distancing isn't possible. Students, teachers and staff are required to wear a mask when on campus, and participate in daily health checks.



Students have multiple opportunities every day to wash and sanitize their hands to reduce the spread of germs. Sanitizer stations are installed in classrooms, hallways and in numerous locations at each school campus.



Through community partnerships, SAISD is making weekly COVID-19 testing available to all staff and students - either on campus or at Alamo Stadium.



Some schools got creative and were able to give away free desks to their students who were learning at home!

San Antonio ISD celebrates *A sampling of our employees hono*

Lanier educator named in top six for Texas Teacher of the Year

Adriana Abundis, a dual language mathematics teacher at Lanier High School, was selected as one of six finalists for the 2021 Texas Teacher of the Year award, a recognition announced by the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA). Texas Teacher of the Year is the highest honor the State of Texas can bestow upon a teacher. A panel of judges composed of representatives of Texas teacher associations and last year's Texas Teacher of the Year finalists selected the finalists from the 40 Texas Regional Teachers of the Year — one elementary and one secondary teacher from each of the 20 Texas Education Service Center regions. In August, Abundis was awarded the 2021 Secondary Teacher of the Year by Education Service Center, Region 20 (ESC-20), during a school-wide a virtual ceremony at Lanier.



City of San Antonio recognizes excellence in early childhood ed

Carroll Early Childhood Education Center Teacher Ana Valeria Gonzalez and Nelson Early Childhood Education Center Principal Marisa Mendez have been recognized by the City of San Antonio Head Start Program for excellence in early childhood education. Gonzalez was presented the Jule Sugarman Distinguished Staff Award, which honors teachers or staff members who exceed expectations and contribute to the success and growth of an early childhood program. Mendez received the David Chavarria Award, given in honor of the late Mr. David Chavarria, former principal at Knox Early Childhood Education Center, for the superior service she provides to children and families.

State-wide prize for humanities education

Each year, Humanities Texas recognizes the achievements of 12 exemplary classroom teachers with monetary awards. This school year, two San Antonio ISD teachers were recognized for their outstanding work in education. Frances Santos, English master teacher at Travis Early College High School, has been awarded an Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Award and Adrian Reyna, social studies teacher at Longfellow Middle School, has been awarded both an Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Award as well as the Julius Glickman Educational Leadership Award.



KENS5 EXCEL Award

Marie Marks, a San Antonio ISD Distinguished Teacher of the Year, was recognized this past fall as one of Bexar County's best educators. A Spanish teacher at the Young Women's Leadership Academy (YWLA), Marks learned during a surprise Zoom call that she was selected as the 2020 KENS5 Credit Human EXCEL Award honoree for SAISD. In February of this year, Marks was one of three SAISD educators selected as Distinguished Teachers of the Year from a pool of campus-level Teachers of the Year, representing each District campus. The KENS5 Credit Human EXCEL Award includes an apple trophy, cash prize and a KENS5 feature story.

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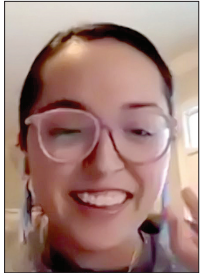


2019-2020 G.E.M.S. winners

Every year, two San Antonio ISD staff members are named winners of the District's Great Employees Modeling our Standards (G.E.M.S.) Employees of the Year award. For the 2019-2020 school year, Adriana Moreno, computer lab assistant at Carvajal Elementary School, was the G.E.M.S. Employee of the Year in the paraprofessional category. Magdalena Cruz, head custodian at Travis Early College High School, was the G.E.M.S. Employee of the Year in the classified personnel category. The G.E.M.S. award program recognizes campus and department full-time classified and paraprofessional employees who embody SAISD's core values of commitment, passion, integrity, respect, and teamwork.

Excellence in dual language teaching

Neal Elementary School fifth-grade dual language educator Alba Avila has been named the 2020 Bilingual Teacher of the Year by Education Service Center, Region 20 (ESC-20). Avila was selected for the bilingual teacher award for her outstanding teaching. She shares her experience growing up as a bilingual student with her students, which leads her to be purposeful about teaching and has shaped how she approaches connecting students with their community.



Top dual language administrator

Former Brackenridge High School Principal and newly appointed Assistant Superintendent Yesenia Cordova is the Education Service Center, Region 20 World Languages Administrator of the Year. Cordova was selected for the administrator award based on her leadership achievements in education. She led the Brackenridge team in a pilot of SAISD's first dual language program at the high school level in the 2018-2019 school year to positive results. Based on this pilot, other SAISD high schools including Lanier, Edison, and CAST Med now offer dual language education to secondary level students.



Jefferson counseling team recognized

The Jefferson High School counseling team has received the Counselors Reinforcing Excellence for Students in Texas (CREST) award. The award is sponsored by the Texas School Counselor Association and awarded to exemplary school counseling programs. CREST is a continuous improvement document that professional school counselors can use to demonstrate effective program design and implementation and to emphasize a commitment to obtaining results that boost achievement and wellness for students.

Note: The above photo consists of individual photos taken separately and Photoshopped together.



Superintendent awarded Great Immigrant distinction

San Antonio ISD Superintendent Pedro Martinez was named among 2020's list of Great Immigrants, Great Americans published annually by Carnegie Corporation of New York. The list honors naturalized citizens who have enriched and strengthened the nation and its democracy through their contributions and actions, and it has been published each Fourth of July since 2006.

Martinez named finalist for prestigious national award

This past fall, San Antonio ISD Superintendent Pedro Martinez was named as a finalist for the Green-Garner Award from the Council of the Great City Schools. The Green-Garner Award is the nation's highest urban education honor, recognizing outstanding contributions in urban education. Nominees for the award are judged on their attributes in five key areas: leadership, achievement, public confidence, professionalism, and involvement. The Green-Garner Award, given to a superintendent every other year, is presented in memory of Richard R. Green, the first African-American chancellor of the New York City school system, and businessman Edward Garner, who served on the Denver school board. Martinez was one of 20 finalists from across the nation.



KNOW *your* DISTRICT

Whether or not you have a student enrolled in San Antonio ISD, we are proud you choose to live in our District. From Bond 2016 and 2020 programs to sports to community outreach, our schools play an integral part in your neighborhood. We are proud to be part of the community! Visit bit.ly/SAISDMiniMap to see which of our SAISD schools are in your neighborhood!

link above is case sensitive

Did you know?

For three of the past four years, SAISD teachers have been finalists in the **Texas State Teacher of the Year Awards** for their innovative classroom practices. This means these six educators have been selected for this honor out of 350,000+ teachers in the **entire state of Texas!**

SAISD is a **"B" rated school district**, raising three letter grades since 2016. **Onward and upward!**

"San Antonio [ISD] gained the most in student achievement of every single large school district in Texas." - *Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath, 2019*

Each and every SAISD student has access to the **Fine Arts.**

Top ranked!

In 2020, three SAISD high schools ranked in the top 5% in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report.*

In 2020, SAISD students received **\$99 million** in scholarship offers.

Learning everywhere!

All SAISD buses have WiFi connectivity, allowing students to continue learning on their commute! Plus, we are going **green** with environmentally friendlier propane buses that emit fewer toxins than a typical diesel bus.

SAISD has a full-time, **Culinary Institute of America-trained chef** on staff who works with cafeteria crews to develop fresh and healthy menus.

All children in the community can participate in the SAISD Child Nutrition curbside meal program. San Antonio ISD has more than 30 active curbside meal sites across the District where students can pick up meals this school year. Visit

bit.ly/SAISDcurbsidemeals to view curbside meal pick-up sites.

Curbside meal distribution currently takes place from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Students attending in-person instruction will have the opportunity to participate in the meal offerings while on campus.

Also eligible for the meal program are students enrolled in

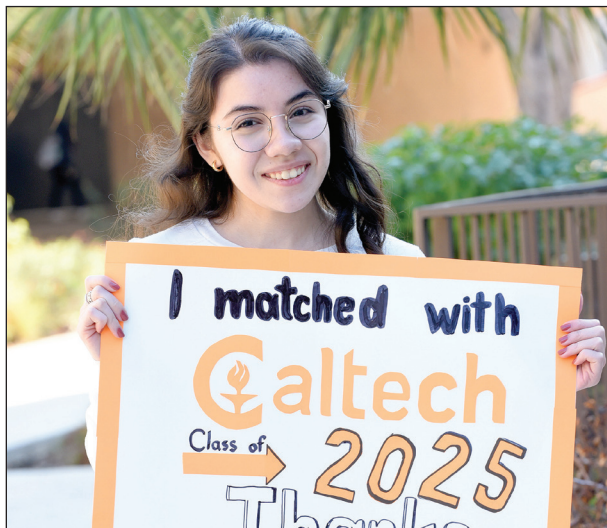
a school of high school grade and younger as determined by the Texas Education Agency (TEA), including students past the age of 18 but under the age of 21 who continue to be enrolled at the school and are identified as mentally or physically disabled through a special education program or the 29 U.S.C § 70, Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973. If this is the case, the student is eligible through age 21.

Pick-up procedures:

- Meals may be picked up from any curbside location or identified bus stop (1 bundle per student).
- Parents may pick up meals without the child present but must present one of the following items: student ID number, student ID card, or an official letter/email from a school listing the child as enrolled.

Meals are also available at various bus stop locations throughout the District. View locations and times here: bit.ly/SAISDbusmeals

San Antonio ISD has record number of QuestBridge College Match Recipients



CAST Tech's Andrea S. matched with California Institute of Technology



Highlands' Ja'Lynn C. has matched with Washington University



YWLA's Caroline E. matched with Brown University

Recipients get a full ride to prestigious institutions

This school year, San Antonio ISD has a record number of students who have been selected as QuestBridge Match Scholarship Recipients. These six high school seniors will receive full four-year scholarships to the nation's top colleges, totaling more than \$1.8 million toward their post-secondary education.

"We have always known the high level of achievement that our students are capable of producing and this record number of QuestBridge matches validates that," said Dr. Eduardo "Lalo" Sesatty, director of SAISD Postsecondary Initiatives. "Our students are truly capable of greatness and we thank QuestBridge for seeing that in our scholars. This record also highlights the importance of positions like the College Bound Advisors and the crucial ways in which

"I feel very proud of myself since I worked hard to get here, and all my work is finally paying off."

- YWLA's Caroline E.

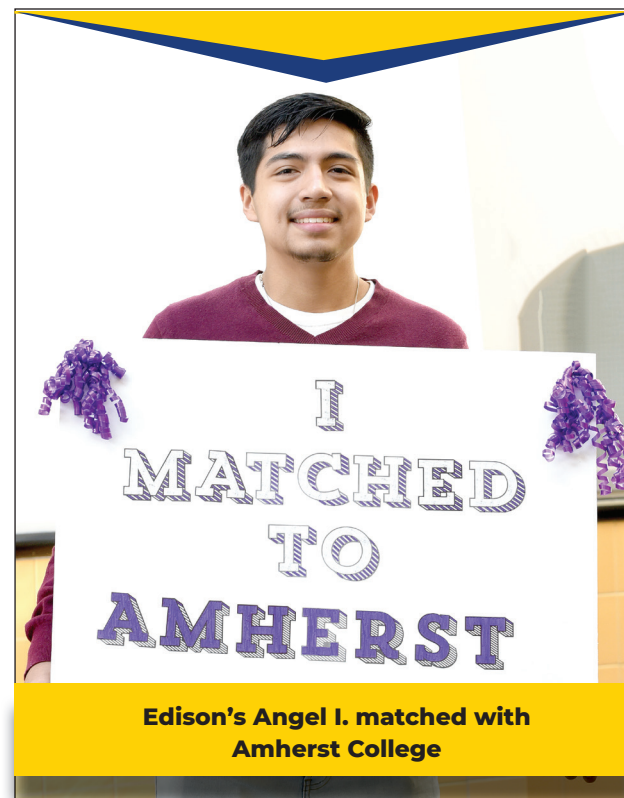
they help students navigate the complex and nuanced college enrollment process." The QuestBridge National College Match is a national program that connects high-achieving high school seniors from low-income backgrounds. Out of over 18,500 applicants this year, 1,464 students were named as Match Scholarship Recipients with one of QuestBridge's 42 college partners.

Match Scholarship Recipients are admitted early to QuestBridge college partners with full four-year scholarships that are provided by the colleges and universities, ensuring for the students and their families that an education at a top college can be affordable. QuestBridge's 42 college partners include top liberal arts colleges such as Amherst and Pomona, as well as exceptional research universities such as Columbia, Duke, UChicago, Stanford, and Yale.

"I'm looking forward to getting to know the students who will be attending Princeton with me," said Travis ECHS's Samuel T. "I've lived in San Antonio my whole life, and only left Texas a handful of times: most notably on an East Coast trip to Princeton and other schools that SAISD took me on during my sophomore year. While I'm appreciative of my native roots, I have to admit that I'm eager to see what life is like living in a different state and hearing stories from all across the country and, in some cases, the world."

The Match Scholarship is offered as part of a generous financial aid package provided by the college that covers the full cost of attendance, including tuition, room and board, books and supplies, and travel expenses.

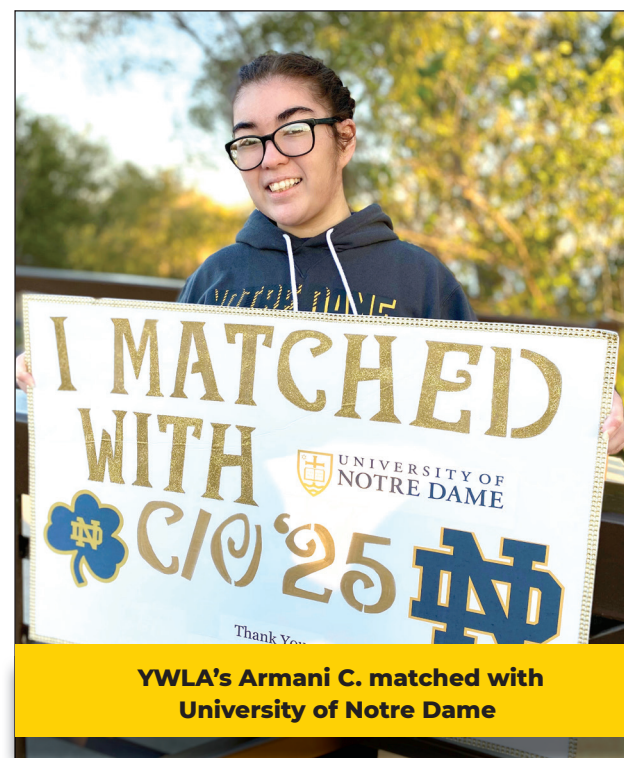
"I'm still in shock that I am a College Match Recipient and I have to keep reminding myself that it's not a glitch in the matrix!" said CAST Tech's Andrea S. "I've known about QuestBridge for years, but never in a million years did I think that I would get this far. It feels all really strange, but in a good way."



Edison's Angel I. matched with Amherst College



Travis ECHS's Samuel T. matched with Princeton University



YWLA's Armani C. matched with University of Notre Dame

\$1.3 billion bond to benefit every SAISD school

In a pivotal moment for San Antonio ISD, voters approved two bond propositions that will have a major impact, boosting even further the quality of learning on campuses throughout the District.

Proposition A totals \$1.21 billion and will include significant renovations to 36 SAISD campuses: 21 campuses that have not been fully renovated in more than half a century, and another 15 that will receive finishing improvement from work that was done in either Bond 2016 or Bond 2010. Chillers that are 15 years old or more will be replaced, and each campus will also receive security improvements.

Proposition B includes \$90 million for technology upgrades in every classroom to provide high-speed connectivity, individual devices, support tools, interactive smart boards and audio systems.

This historic bond falls on the heels of monumental academic growth throughout SAISD. Superintendent Pedro Martinez sees Bond 2020 as a way to align the facilities in the District to the academic achievement being demonstrated by its students.

"We're grateful to our community and to our taxpayers. Our academics have been improving so much. We're one of the fastest improving school districts in the state. And now, we're able to match our facilities and our classroom spaces with those academic gains," Martinez said. "Every school will be impacted – whether it's upgrading every single classroom to be a 21st-century classroom, replacing our outdated AC systems, or upgrading our security systems."

SAISD's Trustees voted unanimously to place the two propositions on the Nov. 3, 2020 ballot after receiving a recommendation from the community-driven Blue Ribbon Task Force, co-chaired by Mario Barrera and Victoria Moreno-Herrera, to move forward. The Task Force met throughout last spring and summer, touring the facilities and making note of building conditions. Their report detailed a need for campus improvements and upgrades. It also helps further develop long-range groundwork through Master Plan 2030, which has been what District leaders have been creating since 2017.



"It takes a community to gain the support for a bold initiative like our Bond 2020 campaign. With the help of SAISD educators, staff and administrators, the community came together to overwhelmingly approve a greater future for our students."

- Superintendent Pedro Martinez

Bono de \$1.3 mil millones beneficiará a todas las escuelas SAISD

En un momento decisivo para San Antonio ISD, los electores aprobaron dos proposiciones que tendrán un gran efecto al mejorar aún más la calidad de aprendizaje en las escuelas de todo el Distrito.

La Proposición A, de un total de \$1.21 mil millones de dólares, incluirá renovaciones significativas a 36 planteles de SAISD: 21 planteles que no se han renovado en su totalidad en más de medio siglo, y otros 15 que recibirán la finalización de trabajo de mejora que comenzó con el Bono 2016 o el Bono 2010. Se reemplazarán los sistemas de refrigeración que tengan 15 años o más, y cada plantel también recibirá mejoras de seguridad.

La Proposición B incluye \$90 millones de dólares para actualizaciones de tecnología en cada salón de clase a fin de proporcionar conectividad de alta velocidad, dispositivos individuales, herramientas de apoyo, pizarras inteligentes interactivas y sistemas de audio.

Este bono histórico viene tras un crecimiento académico monumental en todo SAISD. El Superintendente Pedro Martinez considera que el Bono 2020 es una forma de alinear las instalaciones

en el Distrito con los logros académicos que demuestran sus estudiantes.

"Estamos agradecidos con nuestra comunidad y nuestros contribuyentes. Nuestros estudios académicos han estado mejorando considerablemente. Somos uno de los distritos escolares que están mejorando más rápido en todo el estado. Y ahora podemos elevar nuestras instalaciones y nuestros espacios de salones al nivel de ese progreso académico", dijo Martinez. "Todas las escuelas se verán afectadas – ya sea que se actualice cada salón de clase para que se conviertan en salones del Siglo XXI, se reemplacen los sistemas anticuados de climatización o se actualicen nuestros sistemas de seguridad".

Los Consejeros de SAISD votaron de forma unánime para colocar las dos proposiciones en la boleta del 3 de nov. de 2020 después de recibir una recomendación por parte del Equipo de Trabajo Especial "Blue Ribbon", codirigido por Mario Barrera y Victoria Moreno-Herrera, para seguir adelante. El Equipo de Trabajo Especial se reunió a lo largo de la primavera y el verano pasado para hacer recorridos de las instalaciones y tomar nota



"Se necesita a una comunidad a fin de lograr el apoyo para una iniciativa audaz como nuestra campaña del Bono 2020. Con la ayuda de educadores, personal y administradores de SAISD, la comunidad se unió para aprobar decisivamente un mejor futuro para nuestros estudiantes".

- Superintendente Pedro Martinez

de las condiciones de los edificios. Su informe detalló una necesidad de llevar a cabo mejoras y actualizaciones en los planteles. También ayuda a desarrollar

el trabajo preliminar a largo plazo por medio del Plan Maestro de 2030, el cual los líderes del Distrito han estado creando desde 2017.

UN MENSAJE DEL SUPERINTENDENTE PEDRO MARTINEZ

Altas expectativas para la seguridad y el rendimiento académico

A medida que miramos hacia la segunda mitad de nuestro año escolar, continuamos acatando nuestro compromiso a la salud y seguridad de nuestro personal y estudiantes, junto con la instrucción de alta calidad para nuestros niños. Estamos enfocados en la equidad educativa por medio de la distribución de recursos – desde recursos a dispositivos digitales, y comidas durante los periodos escolares y las vacaciones (incluso este próximo día feriado de Día de los Presidentes y las Vacaciones de primavera). También le damos prioridad a proporcionar comunicación precisa y oportuna a nuestras familias y comunidad, incluso por medio de este boletín informativo de *Vision* al igual que nuestras reuniones comunitarias virtuales.



Nuestra estrategia de seguridad hasta la fecha consta de tres partes. Hemos utilizado la información más actualizada que tenemos a nuestro alcance para permitir el regreso gradual de estudiantes, dando prioridad a quienes tienen la mayor necesidad para la instrucción en persona. Para este fin, hemos sido el más moderado entre los distritos escolares del área con nuestras tasas bajas de ocupación estudiantil que aumentaron gradualmente a solo 30 % durante el primer semestre.

También lanzamos las pruebas de COVID en 100 % de nuestras escuelas para romper la cadena de transmisión por aquellas personas que no están al tanto de que son contagiosas. Hemos estado administrando un programa robusto de pruebas de COVID que están disponibles para los estudiantes en persona y el personal en todas las escuelas del distrito. Y para nuestros aprendices a distancia y sus familias tenemos una unidad móvil de pruebas en Alamo Stadium para aquellas personas que tengan síntomas o que saben que tuvieron exposición directa en la comunidad.

Y, por último, nos convertimos en parte de la solución al trabajar con agencias de cuidado de salud para tener acceso a vacunas para todo el personal que deseaba recibirlas y las ofrecimos en un sitio común del distrito.

A lo largo de esta pandemia, hemos evaluado de manera continua el balance delicado entre la seguridad de los estudiantes y el personal y el crecimiento académico positivo de nuestros estudiantes – ese es el cargo que hemos aceptado y emprendido. Seguimos teniendo altas expectativas para que nuestros estudiantes participen en su aprendizaje. Nosotros, como todos los distritos, estamos aquí para apoyar a nuestros estudiantes y asegurar su éxito para el futuro.

Para un gran porcentaje de nuestras familias, la instrucción en persona es la mejor opción y es necesaria. Creemos que los padres no deben tener que elegir entre la seguridad y el apoyo académico firme. Tenemos confianza en que podemos cumplir con ambos.

Gracias por su fe en nosotros a medida que implementamos uno de los planes escolares más moderados y seguros en nuestra región. No puedo agradecerles lo suficiente a los muchos grupos que nos han ayudado a desarrollarlo y refinarlo por medio de aportaciones valiosas, entre ellos grupos de asesoría de estudiantes, maestros y directores.

Desde que empezó la pandemia hasta ahora, hemos aprendido que los procesos de seguridad y los protocolos de pruebas que hemos implementado han protegido los entornos escolares a fin de que no se conviertan en fuentes de brotes extensos. Nuestro plan para la pandemia ha sido reconocido por el estado y la nación, pero son ustedes quienes nos ayudan a implementarlo cada día.

Estamos muy orgullosos de nuestros padres, estudiantes y personal en cuanto a lo seguras que siguen siendo nuestras escuelas. Tras las inversiones en seguridad, tecnología, apoyo académico y capacitación para maestros, ¡nuestra meta es terminar este año escolar con éxito!

Atentamente,

Pedro Martinez

Superintendente

Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Antonio

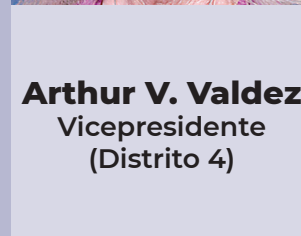
Los representantes electos del Distrito trabajan para la comunidad

El Consejo Directivo de San Antonio ISD está compuesto de siete residentes del Distrito. Cada uno representa uno de los distritos de un solo miembro dentro del Distrito escolar. Los consejeros sirven mandatos de cuatro años.

Las obligaciones importantes del Consejo Directivo incluyen: adoptar metas y prioridades y dar seguimiento al éxito; adoptar políticas y revisarlas según su eficacia; contratar y evaluar al superintendente; adoptar un presupuesto y establecer una tasa impositiva; y estar en comunicación con la comunidad. La función principal del consejo directivo es proporcionar gobernanza de ciudadanos locales y supervisión de la educación.



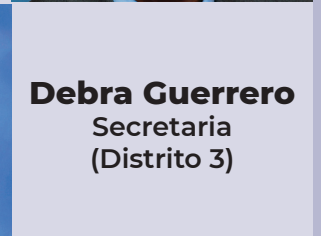
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SAISD aumenta los programas P-TECH con enfoque en las industrias

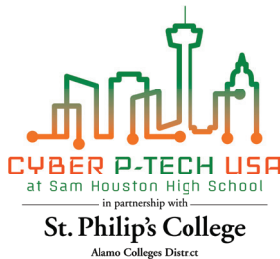
Distrito ofrece tres oportunidades nuevas

Cuando la Legislatura de Texas preparó el camino para que los distritos escolares trabajaran con la Agencia de Educación de Texas para lanzar programas de Escuelas Preparatorias con Crédito Universitario de Vías Académicas en Tecnología (P-TECH, por sus siglas en inglés), **San Antonio ISD fue el primer distrito en la ciudad y en el condado de Bexar en ofrecer el modelo de inscripción abierta con enfoque en industrias y educación superior a los estudiantes de preparatoria en todo el condado de Bexar.** Bajo el modelo P-TECH, dentro de cuatro a seis años, los estudiantes podrán obtener un diploma de preparatoria, un título asociado para una industria específica, certificación de la industria, y completar capacitación laboral por medio de pasantías, prácticas u otros programas de formación profesional.

Cada programa de preparatoria trabaja en cooperación con un socio de educación superior y socios de las industrias.

El primer programa P-TECH de SAISD se centra en seguridad cibernética y ha estado ubicado en Sam Houston High School desde 2018. En 2019, el segundo programa se lanzó en Fox Tech High School con vías académicas en enfermería registrada y otras carreras de atención médica. Ahora, a medida que el Distrito mira hacia otoño de 2021, se ampliará considerablemente con la adición de tres programas nuevos en tres preparatorias diferentes: Edison, Highlands y Sidney Lanier.

La cultura de una escuela P-TECH se edifica sobre altas expectativas y la creencia de que todos los estudiantes pueden tener acceso a la universidad en la preparatoria y graduarse preparados para una trayectoria profesional de alta demanda y alto sueldo. Los estudiantes entran al programa en noveno grado y, como parte del modelo de grupos, avanzan juntos cada año. Lo más importante, desde el momento que los estudiantes comienzan el noveno grado, se ven como “estudiantes universitarios” quienes están “en una vía profesional”.



CYBER P-TECH USA en Sam Houston High School

Socios de educación superior:
St. Philip's College
Socios de la industria:
STEMuli, Accenture
Expectativas de salario anual en el futuro:
\$45,000-\$170,000



Escuela de Negocios P-TECH en Edison

Socio de educación superior:
San Antonio College
Socios de la industria:
H-E-B, Galan-Graphix, Tacit Growth Strategies
Expectativas de salario anual en el futuro:
\$54,923-\$116,799



P-TECH de Ciencias de Construcción en Sidney Lanier High School

Socios de educación superior:
St. Philip's College, UTSA
Socios de la industria:
Joeris General Contractors, Johnson Controls, Bartlett Cocke General Contractors, Workforce Solutions Alamo
Expectativas de salario anual en el futuro:
\$87,600-\$127,200



H-TECH en Fox Tech de Vías Académicas de Atención Médica

Socio de educación superior:
San Antonio College
Socios de la industria:
University Health System y Metropolitan Methodist Health System
Expectativas de salario anual en el futuro: \$48,675-\$272,239



P-TECH de Highlands para aeronáutica, ingeniería, fabricación y soldadura

Socio de educación superior:
St. Philip's College
Socios de la industria:
TX-FAME (Consortio de empresas entre ellas H-E-B, Toyota, TTTX, CPS Energy, Caterpillar y más)
Expectativas de salario anual en el futuro: \$44,530-\$98,480

Aprenda más sobre estos programas y más al visitar



<http://bit.ly/SAISD-PTECH>

Un año como ningún otro

Este año escolar ha sido diferente a cualquier momento en San Antonio ISD. A pesar de los desafíos que forman parte del aprendizaje durante una pandemia, estamos orgullosos de nuestra comunidad de SAISD a medida que toman las precauciones apropiadas para ayudar a combatir la propagación de COVID-19. Un mensaje especial de gratitud a todos los empleados, educadores y padres de SAISD por el tiempo y la energía que emplearon para ayudar a sus estudiantes a ser exitosos durante este tiempo difícil.



Los salones están arreglados para asegurar el distanciamiento social entre los estudiantes y se han instalado divisores de plexiglás cuando el distanciamiento social no es posible. Se les requiere a los estudiantes, maestros y personal que utilicen una mascarilla cuando estén en la escuela, y que participen en chequeos diarios de salud.



Los estudiantes tienen varias oportunidades cada día para lavarse y desinfectarse las manos a fin de reducir la propagación de gérmenes. Se han instalado estaciones de desinfectante en los salones, pasillos y en varias ubicaciones en cada plantel escolar.



Por medio de asociaciones comunitarias, SAISD está ofreciendo pruebas semanales de COVID-19 para todo el personal y los estudiantes - en las escuelas o en Alamo Stadium.



¡Algunas escuelas se pusieron creativas y pudieron regalar escritorios a sus estudiantes que estaban aprendiendo desde casa!

SAISD tiene un número récord de beneficiarios de QuestBridge College Match



Andrea S. de CAST Tech se dirige a California Institute of Technology



Ja'Lynn C. de Highlands se dirige a Washington University



Caroline E. de YWLA se dirige a Brown University

Beneficiarios reciben becas completas a instituciones prestigiosas

Este año escolar, San Antonio ISD tiene un número récord de estudiantes que han sido seleccionados como beneficiarios de la beca QuestBridge Match Scholarship. Estos seis estudiantes de último año de preparatoria recibirán becas completas de cuatro años a las universidades superiores de la nación, con un total de más de \$1.8 millones de dólares hacia su educación superior.

“Siempre hemos sabido el alto nivel de desempeño del que nuestros estudiantes son capaces y este número récord de beneficiarios de QuestBridge lo confirma”, dijo el Dr. Eduardo “Lalo” Sesatty, director de Iniciativas de Estudios Superiores de SAISD. “Nuestros estudiantes realmente son capaces de la excelencia y le agradecemos a QuestBridge por ver eso en nuestros estudiantes. Este récord también destaca la importancia de puestos como los Consejeros Universitarios y las formas cruciales en las que ayudan a

“Me siento muy orgullosa ya que trabajé arduamente para llegar aquí, y mi trabajo está dando frutos”.

- Caroline E. de YWLA

universitarios de QuestBridge.

Los beneficiarios de la beca Match Scholarship reciben un ingreso anticipado con los socios universitarios de QuestBridge con becas de cuatro años que proporcionan las universidades, lo cual les asegura a los estudiantes y a sus familias que una educación en una universidad superior puede ser asequible. Los 42 socios universitarios de QuestBridge incluyen las universidades superiores de artes liberales como Amherst y Pomona al igual que universidades excepcionales de investigación como Columbia, Duke, UChicago, Stanford y Yale.

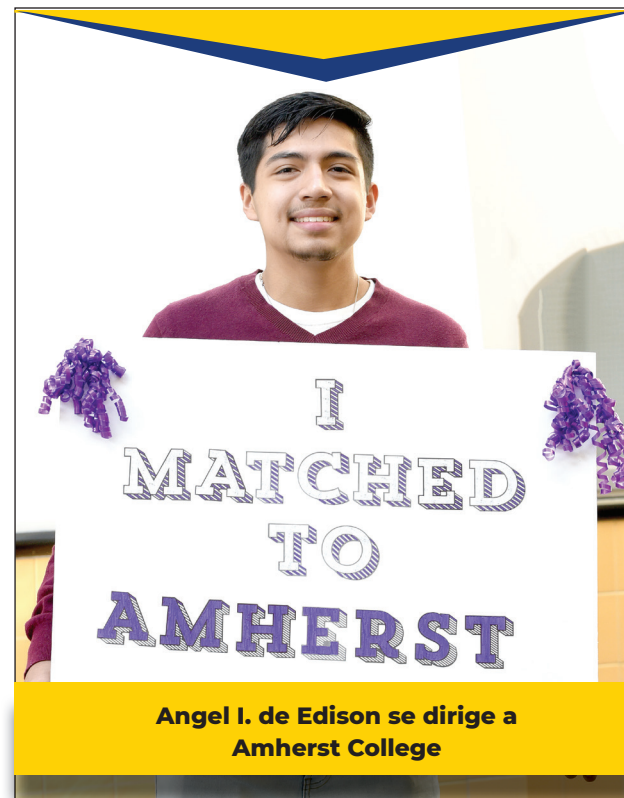
“Estoy emocionado por conocer a los estudiantes que asistirán a Princeton conmigo”, dijo Samuel T. de Travis ECHS. “He vivido en San Antonio toda mi vida y solo he salido de Texas unas cuantas veces: particularmente para un viaje a la Costa Este a Princeton y otras escuelas al que me llevó SAISD durante mi segundo año de preparatoria. Mientras que aprecio mis raíces de origen, debo admitir que estoy ansioso por ver cómo es la vida en un estado diferente y escuchar historias de todo el país, y en algunos casos, del mundo”.

La beca Match Scholarship se ofrece como parte de un paquete generoso de ayuda financiera proporcionado por la universidad que cubre el costo completo de la asistencia incluso la matrícula, el alojamiento y las comidas, los libros y útiles, y los costos del viaje.

“Todavía estoy en shock de que sea una beneficiaria de la beca College Match y tengo que recordarme a menudo que no fue un error”, dijo Andrea S. de CAST Tech. “He sabido sobre QuestBridge por años, pero ni en un millón de años me hubiera imaginado que llegaría tan lejos. Se siente muy extraño, pero en un buen sentido”.

los estudiantes a navegar el proceso de matriculación universitaria complejo y matizado”.

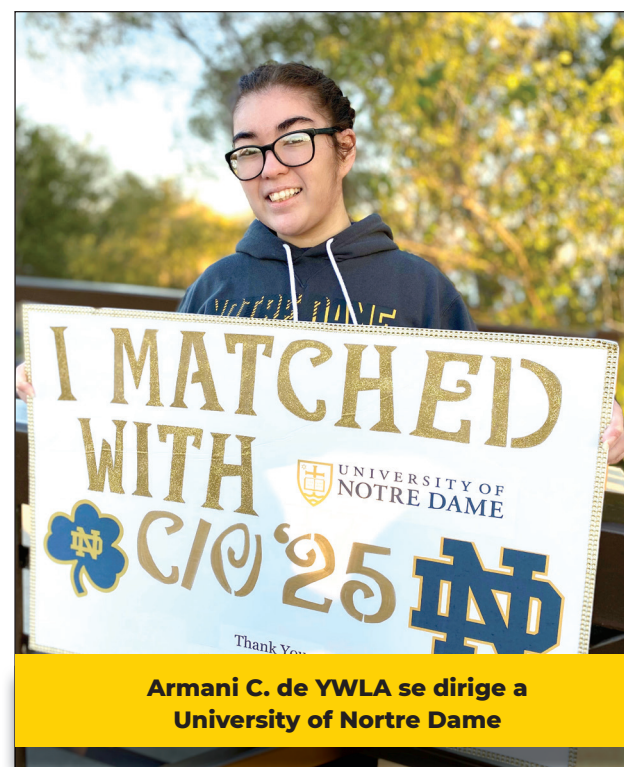
El QuestBridge National College Match es un programa nacional que conecta a los estudiantes de último año de preparatoria de alto rendimiento y bajos recursos. De más de 18,500 solicitantes este año, 1,464 fueron nombrados beneficiarios de la beca Match Scholarship con uno de los 42 socios



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