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Preparing youngest learners for success

San Antonio ISD has partnered with a team of researchers from The University of Texas at Austin in an ambitious, five-year collaboration aimed to redesign early childhood education in the District. Hands-on, child-centered learning where each child's distinctive capabilities and their linguistic and cultural backgrounds are seen as assets is at the crux of the redesign.

Dynamic Innovation for Young Children, or DIFYC for short, puts the child, not the teacher or curriculum, at the center of the classroom and allows children to be active decision-makers in their own education. DIFYC sets the stage for a love of learning in a child's educational journey through high school and beyond.

"The initiative is the first of its kind," said Dr. Pauline Dow, deputy superintendent for Academics and School Leadership at SAISD. "It is not about pushing down a prepackaged program or curriculum recipe; we are redesigning and developing a new experience for our kids

that allows them to become intellectual explorers and problem solvers."

Though the redesign officially started during the 2018-2019 school year, the spark that turned into the Districtwide initiative was ignited three years ago with Dr. Alejandra Barraza, network principal at Carroll Early Childhood Education Center, who was pursuing her doctorate in early childhood education at UT Austin. Under the mentorship of Dr. Jennifer Adair, associate professor at the university's College of Education, Barraza studied a number of research-proven methods of teaching

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A student at Carroll Early Childhood Education Center explores a book in the Center's library. Carroll currently serves students in grades Pre-K3 through first grade.

Bond 2016 update



A lot of behind-the-scenes work has been happening since the passage of Bond 2016, which encompasses 13 San Antonio ISD schools and is now entering the construction phase. The Bond program includes classroom renovations, infrastructure overhauls, sports facilities upgrades and other campus-specific work. Throughout the last year, SAISD facilities leaders under the direction of Willie Burroughs, chief

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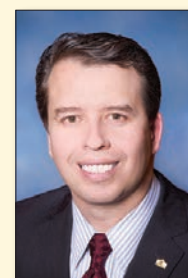
Providing varied learning opportunities

San Antonio ISD is redefining excellence to ensure that all students graduate well-prepared for success in college and career. In our continuing effort to provide innovative options to families, there will be a variety of new educational options offered in the 2019-2020 school year. A second all-girls school and specialized programs

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Points of progress



Superintendent
Pedro Martinez

We accomplished much during the first half of the school year.

This fall, we held community meetings at each of our 13 Bond 2016 campuses.

I appreciate all of the parents and community members who attended and shared their feedback on the preliminary architectural plans and designs. Construction has begun, and we will continue to inform you as the \$450 million in Bond projects shape up.

We also initiated an educational campaign this fall to inform our community about current traffic laws related to school buses when they are loading and unloading children. At the same time, we launched a school bus stop-arm camera and video system that helps us record unsafe drivers. We are beginning to notice that drivers are becoming more cautious, and we are pleased to be working with you to keep our students safer.

Another integral part of the bus safety program was the installation of technology on our entire bus fleet, including Wi-Fi functionality. The expansion of Wi-Fi to all buses adds another educational component to our students' day. During commuting time, students have access to the Bibliotech library of literary and resource audio books, which not only increases reading enthusiasm but also provides homework assistance.

Since teaching students how to use technology to learn, research, collaborate and solve problems from an early age better prepares them for 21st-century careers, the District actively seeks ways to provide more access. I am excited to share that four of our middle schools began benefiting from a Verizon grant this year that provides students with tablet devices, at-home internet access, and strong STEM programs. Ultimately, the initiative seeks to ignite students' interest in STEM careers. Another initiative that began this year, in partnership with UT Austin, is the redesign of early childhood education. Our Dynamic Innovation for Young Children program will expand a concept that has been in place at Carroll Early Childhood Education Center. The process has shown promising results in literacy and speaking skills, which will help many more students read on level by third grade.

Carroll's new model spread this year to five other SAISD schools. The goal is to eventually implement it Districtwide for every student in third grade and younger. The second half of our school year will be just as fast-paced and focused, and already we are preparing to add new schools in the fall.

In development is a second career-themed, in-district

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The District's elected representatives at work for the community

The San Antonio ISD Board of Trustees, comprised of seven District residents, is the school system's policy-making body. Each trustee represents one of seven single-member districts and is elected by voters of that

district. Single-member districts were implemented in 1986. Trustees serve four-year terms. The Board's major duties include: Adopting goals and objectives for the District, reviewing and acting on

policies, adopting an annual budget and setting the tax rate, electing school personnel as recommended by the superintendent, and reporting to the public on the District's progress.



DISTRICT 1: STEVE LECHOLOP Trustee Steve Lecholop speaks to members of the community at a Brackenridge Bond Community meeting. Brackenridge is one of 13 schools that are part of Bond 2016, a \$450 million Bond providing funding for major renovations, replacing infrastructure systems that in most cases are more than 40 years old, upgrading science labs, and expanding other classroom spaces to meet recommended state guidelines.



DISTRICT 2: JAMES HOWARD Trustee James Howard (left) stands with Ashlyn Barrientes, P-TECH coordinator at Sam Houston High School, and Benjamin Peavy, Accenture Managing Director in San Antonio, at a press conference announcing Cyber P-TECH at Sam Houston High School. The program will debut 2019-2020 as the only Pathways in Technology Early College High School in San Antonio.



DISTRICT 3: DEBRA GUERRERO School Board Secretary Debra Guerrero (second from left) is recognized at the 2018 San Antonio Business Journal's Women's Leadership Awards. Each year, the Business Journal recognizes women who are leaders in their career fields and the community, what many would call agents of positive change.



DISTRICT 4: ARTHUR VALDEZ Trustee Arthur Valdez (far left) attends the Dia De Los Muertos celebration at the Pearl. Four San Antonio ISD schools came together and created an altar for the citywide event, which featured traditional altars, music, art making, face painting and art.



DISTRICT 5: PATTI RADLE School Board President Patti Radle joins first-time student voters from Lanier High School on Nov. 6 as they march to the polls to exercise their voting rights. The event was organized by SA RISE - San Antonio Rising in Solidarity for Equity through its TeachLeadVote initiative.



DISTRICT 6: CHRISTINA MARTINEZ Trustee Christina Martinez attends the San Antonio ISD Foundation's Inspire Awards at the Witte Museum. The eighth annual event honored past and present SAISD shining stars for making a significant difference in their fields and for their ability to inspire others. Proceeds from the event will go to innovative teacher grants and initiatives in SAISD supported by the SAISD Foundation.



DISTRICT 7: ED GARZA Trustee Ed Garza (third from left) attends the Jefferson High School Historical Preservation's rededication of the Student Council Fountain on campus. The fountain, which was a gift from the Class of 1932, hasn't functioned for several years so the Jefferson Historical Preservation Society took up the cause and raised \$183,000 to restore the historic treasure.

Verizon helps bridge the digital divide

Four middle schools in San Antonio ISD received tablet devices through a program under Verizon Innovative Learning. Verizon Innovative Learning, in partnership with the nonprofit Digital Promise, equipped all 3,100 students and all 130 teachers at Harris, Longfellow, Rhodes and Whittier middle schools with 1-to-1 mobile devices and two-year Verizon Wireless 4G LTE data plans, for 24/7 internet access both in the classroom and at home. The roll-out of the technology to students and teachers occurred in September, and the addition of iPads for each student and teacher will allow for additional, interactive learning opportunities that can extend beyond the classroom setting. The Verizon Innovative Learning initiative provides free technology, free access, and innovative STEM curricula to build a brighter future for millions of kids.



At Whittier Middle School, experimenting with full-sized Spheros was one of the many STEM-related activities available to students during the iPad distribution day. The partnering of Spheros and iPads gives students a chance to not only code, but to also incorporate robotics and technology with collaborative STEM activities, nurturing students' imaginations in a unique and fun-filled way.



Students gathered in the Harris Middle School gym and visited different stations staffed by teachers and volunteers. Students were able to experiment with the iPad's tools and applications, including a green screen app that allowed students to place themselves in a variety of different scenes such as a wrestling ring and a concert hall.

QuestBridge Scholars named

Angie Gallegos Reyes of Young Women's Leadership Academy, Nikol Garcia of Travis Early College High School, and Jose Luis Martinez of Edison High School have been named QuestBridge Scholars. This award puts these SAISD seniors among only 3 percent of high school seniors nationwide who were considered for the esteemed scholarships.

"Being named a QuestBridge Scholar feels like a dream, honestly," said Edison's Jose Luis. "It's like if you would have told me this would have happened to me freshman year, and I would have called you crazy."

The QuestBridge National College Match program is a college and scholarship application process that helps outstanding low-income high school seniors gain admission and full, four-year scholarships to the nation's most selective colleges. The National College Match is a highly competitive process drawing applications from students across the country. The program selects students who have demonstrated a level of academic achievement that meets or exceeds the admissions standards of the program's partner colleges and who have shown outstanding academic ability despite financial challenges.



Angie Gallegos Reyes was matched with Washington and Lee University.



Nikol Garcia was matched with University of Notre Dame.



Jose Luis Martinez was matched with Brown University.

Student feedback integral in District menu development

Delicious scents filled the air at Cooper Academy as San Antonio ISD Child Nutrition Services held the department's fourth annual Food Extravaganza. From hatch chili cheese tamales to tender baked chicken drumsticks to whole grain beef and cheese burritos, students from elementary, middle and high schools had a chance to savor the flavors of the newest products on the school menu market, while giving their opinions on what dishes should be in their cafeterias in the 2019-2020 school year.

"The Food Extravaganza is actually our biggest event of the year and one of the most exciting and fun things we do," said Dr. Jennifer Sides, director of Support Services with SAISD Child Nutrition Services. "We plan for the event really far in advance and getting the students' opinions is really important to us to because we base our menus on their interests."

According to Jenny Arredondo, senior executive director of SAISD Child Nutrition Services, Food Extravaganza has been taking place since 2015, when students from a single high school participated. The event has grown over the last four years and now students in fourth through 12th grades from schools across the District have the chance to taste a variety of foods and help decide what will be served at their campus.

Students were given clipboards and a survey form listing the 11 or more different food choices that they were able to sample. They were then directed to visit each station and mark whether or not they would like to see each food item in their cafeterias. This year, some of the more popular items were chicken wings, a spicy

chicken leg, and a vegetarian bean and cheese bowl. "We are actually the first district in the nation to try some of these products," said Sides. "Our vendors have new food every year and we test everything with the students before we put it on the menu."

All of the products featured at Food Extravaganza meet federal- and state-mandated nutrition standards and are low in sodium and saturated fat as well as use whole grain. Students from Brackenridge, Edison, Sam Houston, and Jefferson high schools; Young Women's Leadership Academy; Young Men's Leadership Academy; Davis, Harris, Poe, Rhodes, and Whittier middle schools, as well as Lamar Elementary School participated in this year's Food Extravaganza. To view current SAISD menus, visit www.saisd.nutrislice



Elementary, middle and high school students from across the District gathered at Cooper Academy to taste test possible menu items.



Chef coat ceremony

San Antonio ISD nutrition managers who completed training at the The Culinary Institute of America (CIA) at San Antonio over the summer were recently awarded their chef coat and a certificate of completion by the CIA. The chef-led training program empowered child nutrition managers and their staff members to elevate school meals in SAISD. Participants took back what they learned to their school kitchens to help create healthy and innovative dishes for the students. The result of the collaboration is a two-year skills enhancement program with cohorts of child nutrition managers learning in CIA kitchens. More than 500 Child Nutrition Services employees received the training.



The Dynamic Innovation for Young Children philosophy is currently being implemented in classrooms at Carroll Early Childhood Education Center (above and below) as well as at five other SAISD schools.



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young learners. Her eyes were opened to a new way of interacting with and teaching her student population. “There are a number of facets that set classrooms using the DIFYC philosophy apart from other early childhood classrooms,” Barraza said. “We have expanded learning outside of the classroom. There are so many different spaces where learning goes on, it is not restrained to a classroom. And the way the teachers talk with the children and give them choices in their activities is key.” In addition to Carroll, five other SAISD schools are participating in the first year of the early childhood redesign: Advanced Learning Academy, Ball Academy, Cotton Academy, Tynan Early Childhood Education Center, and Gates Elementary School. Eighteen teachers and six principals are participating in a series of professional development courses with members of the UT Austin redesign team, led by Adair. This different way of learning has shown extremely positive results at Carroll. An analysis of MAP testing among kindergarteners showed the scores of the students who attended Pre-K at Carroll were significantly higher than students who attended Pre-K outside of SAISD or at another SAISD campus. Over the course of the next five years, it is estimated that more than 600 teachers and 50 principals will participate in a DIFYC professional development cohort in SAISD. More than 350 students will benefit from the program in the 2018-19 school year, and over 3,000 students will have benefited by the end of year five of the initiative.

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charter high school. CAST Med High School will open to students interested in future careers as medical or public health professionals or in biomedical research. One in six employed individuals in San Antonio work in health care or biomedical sciences, making it the largest and one of the fastest-growing sectors in the local economy. SAISD also will open the city’s first Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) program with a focus on cybersecurity at Sam Houston High School. San Antonio is one of the largest cybersecurity hubs in the United States, and our Cyber P-TECH students will become well prepared to succeed in the industry after earning industry-specific associate degrees, certifications and workforce experience. As you know, the District is home to many “firsts” – one example being our offering of the county’s only public single-gender schools. This fall, our newest option will be YWLA Primary for young girls in elementary grades. It joins the Young Women’s Leadership Academy, which serves middle and high school grades. In addition, the Young Men’s Leadership Academy added ninth grade this year and will eventually serve students through their senior year. I want to thank you for your ongoing support as we continually strive to expand opportunities to students to help them succeed. I look forward to keeping you informed of our efforts.

LOT program expanding

San Antonio ISD has been expanding the District’s Leadership Officer Training Corps (LOT) program and now the elective course that focuses on leadership and character-building is offered at 10 middle schools, more than double the number of schools offering the program just two years ago. “The LOT program is designed to build character and to develop young people as leaders and promote a sense of accountability and responsibility,” said Sergeant First Class (Ret.) Douglas Darden, LOTC Program coordinator. “The program promotes positive behavior, social etiquette, and being accountable and responsible for their actions.” Aside from middle schools on military installations, SAISD is the only district in San Antonio with a LOTC program offered across multiple campuses. The LOTC elective is offered to sixth, seventh and eighth graders. SAISD also has an extensive JROTC program offered to students in ninth through 12th grades. With 1,700 members at all seven traditional high schools, JROTC’s mission is to motivate SAISD students to be better citizens, through a researched-based curriculum. The LOTC expansion, which is being led by Darden, is one of many different programs across the District that promotes not only leadership and character-building, but also a variety of other positive attributes. “The LOTC Program consists of the same core values and leadership training as well as the basic drill and ceremonies that are present in JROTC,” said Darden. “The Character, Health & Fitness, Service, Leadership (CHISL) curriculum creates

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operating officer; Kamal ElHabr, associate superintendent for Construction & Development Services; and Kedrick Wright, director of Planning and Construction, have been working tirelessly to make sure the Bond process is running smoothly. From examining schematic designs to leading community meetings at each of the Bond schools introducing community members to the architectural firms working on the projects, the team has been busy. The public was invited to community meetings at each of the Bond 2016 campuses and encouraged to offer feedback to the architects. In some cases, the designs were tweaked according to the needs and wants of families and school staff. The Bond Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) also has been giving input throughout the process. The community meetings wrapped up in early November, and the construction process has begun on the first three projects: Bowden Academy, Fox Tech High School, and Jefferson High School. Construction at Bowden Academy will include classroom additions and renovations to support

the school’s PK-8 program, security upgrades to the building’s front entry, new exterior windows throughout existing classrooms, and kitchen and cafeteria upgrades. Fox Tech High School construction includes main building renovations, cafeteria and food services relocation to the first floor, 13 new classrooms, two new maker-space classrooms, and seven new science/lecture and lab spaces. Jefferson High School construction includes renovation to the main gym, repair of the cafeteria, science corridor remodel, and interior renovations to the 1930s building including preservation of theatre and library, as well as renovation of the kitchen and dining areas. The additional Bond schools will also begin the construction phase this spring, with most projects to be completed in 2021. Bond 2016 includes the following 13 schools: Brackenridge, Burbank, Edison, Fox Tech, Houston, Jefferson, and Lanier high schools; Davis, Rogers, and Tafolla middle schools, Bowden Academy, Irving Dual Language Academy, and J.T. Brackenridge Elementary School.



Jefferson High School construction includes renovation to the main gym, repair of the cafeteria, science corridor remodel, and interior renovations to the 1930s building including preservation of theatre and library, as well as renovation of the kitchen and dining areas.

Annual Inspire Awards honor SAISD's inspirational alumni

At the Eighth Annual SAISD Foundation Inspire Awards, past and present SAISD shining stars were honored for making a significant difference in their fields and for their ability to inspire others. **Charles T. Barrett, Jr.** (Jefferson High School/Class of 1958), owner of Barrett Jaguar & Maserati; **Robert Chavez** (Burbank High School/Class of 1973), president and chief executive officer for Hermès of Paris, Inc.; **Marcia Nasatir** (Jefferson High School/Class of 1943), Hollywood's first female vice-president of production of any American film or television production company; and **Belle Ortiz** (Lanier High School/Class of 1951), musician and educator who played a critical role in creating

the mariachi and cultural arts curriculum across the country, were each awarded a custom engraved glass trophy and had the chance to address the crowd gathered at the Witte Museum's Mays Family Center for the evening event. "The SAISD Foundation works to ignite innovation and student success across SAISD," said Judy Geelhoed, executive director of the foundation. "And we are so happy to be here tonight to honor these four outstanding individuals and their accomplishments." SAISD's College Tour program was also presented with an innovation award. The program was initiated by volunteers in 2015 and has grown from a retired

teacher and 11 volunteers to a team of staff and volunteers supporting 470 students on college tours. A reception and silent auction kicked off the program, and was followed by the awards presentation. Student entertainment and featured groups at the reception included: Bonham Academy Dual Language Choir, Sam Houston High School Steel Drums, Jefferson High School Lassos, and Maverick Elementary School Dragon Network News reporters. Mariachi groups from multiple District high schools closed the event. Proceeds from the event will go to innovative teacher grants and initiatives in SAISD supported by the SAISD Foundation.



Belle Ortiz (Lanier High School/Class of 1951), musician and educator who played a critical role in creating the mariachi and cultural arts curriculum across the country



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Charles T. Barrett, Jr. (Jefferson High School/Class of 1958), owner of Barrett Jaguar & Maserati

a learning environment that focuses on discipline, student leadership, personal success, service, physical fitness, and health. This new, standardized curriculum is at all of our LOTC schools and it helps make the programs much more cohesive across the District." Currently, Young Men's Leadership Academy and Davis, Harris, Longfellow, Lowell, Poe, Rhodes, Rogers, Tafolla, and Whittier middle schools have LOTC programs, with a total of more than 1,700 cadets. Those cadets make up almost 30 percent of the schools' population. Darden is in the process of introducing the LOTC Program to SAISD academies as well as working on a pilot after-school leadership program for fourth and fifth graders, which will include new subjects like cybersecurity. "The LOTC program is a stimulus for promoting graduation from middle school to high school and provides instructions and rewarding opportunities which will benefit the cadet, school, community, and the city of San Antonio," said Darden.

Keeping kids safe, avoiding citations

San Antonio ISD has teamed up with American Traffic Solutions (ATS), now rebranded as Verra Mobility, to install Stop Arm Safety Camera Systems on all of the District's 200 route buses at no cost to the District. The system automatically takes photos of drivers who pass a stopped school bus with a displayed stop sign and flashing lights. The goal is to help increase driver awareness of school buses and the safety of school children as they board or disembark. "Over 3,600 citations have been issued since the middle of October," said Nathan Graf, senior executive director of Transportation and Vehicle Maintenance at SAISD. "To put this in perspective this means that on any given day about 95 folks

pass an SAISD school bus unsafely while it is stopped and children are loading or unloading. This daily number was around 130 before the educational campaign was done by SAISD so there has been an improvement." Graf and his team have been working closely with the SAISD Police Department and both groups say the feedback from the community regarding the safety program has been positive. "Folks have said they were not aware of the school bus passing laws before and they are appreciative that SAISD has implemented this program," said Graf. "Our SAISD Police Department has been amazing in processing the citations and answering any community questions."

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WE ARE PROUD OF ALL OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS ACROSS ALL OF OUR CAMPUSES. IN THIS ISSUE OF *VISION*, WE HIGHLIGHT A FEW OF THE MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM THROUGHOUT SAISD'S SEVEN DISTRICTS.

DISTRICT 1

- Brackenridge High School
- Fox Tech High School
- Travis Early College High School
- CAST Tech High School

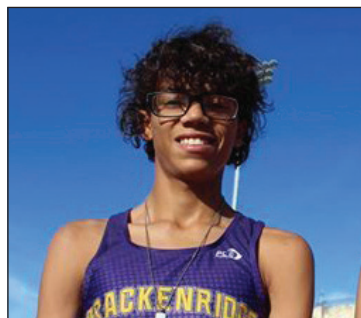
- Advanced Learning Academy - Fox Tech
- Bonham Academy
- Bowden Academy
- Douglass Academy

- Hawthorne Academy
- Lamar Elementary School
- Pershing Elementary School
- Gonzalez Early Childhood Education Center



MOCK TRAIL EXPERIENCE

Students from Fox Tech High School's Law Magnet program participated in a mock trial in a federal courtroom at the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas. The law magnet introduces student to and gives a foundation for careers in law, including legal studies, criminology, social work, politics and other law-related professions.



RACING TO STATE

Julio Sanchez, a sophomore at Brackenridge High School, qualified for the UIL Class 5A State Cross Country meet and ran in the state championship meet in Austin.

MARVELOUS MARIACHI

The Fox Tech and Advanced Learning Academy Mariachi received second place at the Guadalupe Mariachi Festival 2018.



DISTRICT 2

- Sam Houston High School
- St. Philip's Early College High School
- Davis Middle School
- M.L. King Academy
- Young Mens' Leadership Academy

- Cameron Elementary School
- Gates Elementary School
- Hirsch Elementary School
- Miller Elementary School
- Smith Elementary School

- Washington Elementary School
- Carroll Early Childhood Education Center
- Tynan Early Childhood Education Center



BEST IN THE BIZ

The San Antonio ISD Fine Arts Department presented a Marching Band Showcase at Alamo Stadium. The pre-UIL marching contest featured high school bands from across the District. Sam Houston's drum major, Tamarkus Flanagan, above, breaks it down as the band plays a Jackson Five medley behind him. The senior was named the best drum major at the competition.

SPELLING BEE CHAMPION

Cesia Martinez, fifth-grader at Washington Elementary School, won first place in the elementary level of SAISD's 2018 Spanish Spelling Bee. The event is a great opportunity for our students to show their abilities, improve their academic language, and learn about healthy competition while boosting their confidence and demonstrating pride in their Spanish language skills.



CYBER FOCUSED

Sam Houston High School will debut a new program, Cyber P-TECH, in 2019-2020, the only Pathways in Technology Early College High School in San Antonio. The program will focus on preparing students with the skills, credentials and an industry-specific associate degree necessary for high-wage, high-demand careers in cybersecurity.

DISTRICT 3

- Highlands High School
- Texans CAN Academy at Highlands High School
- Rogers Middle School
- Ball Academy

- Forbes Academy
- Foster Academy
- Mission Academy
- Steele Montessori Academy

- Schenck Elementary School
- Highland Hills Elementary School
- Democracy Prep at Stewart Elementary



MARCHING BAND

The Highlands High School Band received a First Division rating at the 2018 UIL Region 29 Marching Band Contest. This is the highest rating awarded at the competition.

ZOO-TASTIC LEARNING

Students from Foster Academy visited the San Antonio Zoo and had the chance to learn about exotic animals, like the giraffes shown here, as part of an interactive class field trip.



HELPING STUDENTS SUCCEED

This past fall, a new partnership between SAISD and the Texans Can Academies began. This partnership provides students who are behind their cohorts one or more years the extensive support, smaller class sizes and wrap-around services they need to get back on track to graduate. Students select a modified daily schedule that meets their personal needs to accommodate family care, work schedules, medical care and/or extracurricular activities at Highlands High School.

DISTRICT 4

- Burbank High School
- Harris Middle School
- Lowell Middle School
- Page Middle School
- Poe Middle School
- Green Academy
- Herff Academy
- Japhet Academy
- Riverside Park Academy
- Briscoe Elementary School
- Collins Garden Elementary School
- Graebner Elementary School
- Hillcrest Elementary School
- Highland Park Elementary School
- Kelly Elementary School
- Knox Early Childhood Education Center



FOOD PANTRY FUNDING

Silver and Black Give Back, the philanthropic arm of Spurs Sports and Entertainment, and the Team Up Challenge, awarded Julian Martinez, a fifth-grader at Briscoe Elementary, \$16,000 to start a food pantry on the campus.

LEARNING ABOUT VOTING

Fourth and fifth graders at Graebner Elementary School took part in Election Day this year as they hosted their own mock election and took part in the voting process. Students learned the basic voting procedures from filling out a voter registration card, balloting procedures and voting confidentiality.



GOING FOR THE GOLD

Megan Bindseil, Burbank High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) member, showed her goats at the State Fair of Texas Stock Show in Dallas. Bindseil walked away with three Grand Champions, three Reserved Champions, and all four premier Exhibitors banners. The Youth Livestock Auction is a time-honored tradition and supports urban and rural youth across Texas.

DISTRICT 5

- Lanier High School
- Cooper Academy at Navarro
- Brewer Academy
- Irving Dual Language Academy and Middle School
- Crockett Academy
- Margil Academy
- Odgen Academy
- Rhodes Middle School
- Tafolla Middle School
- Barkley-Ruiz Elementary School
- J.T. Brackenridge Elementary School
- De Zavala Elementary School
- S. King Elementary School
- Rodriguez Elementary School
- Storm Elementary School
- Carvajal Early Childhood Education Center
- Estrada Achievement Center

FARMERS MARKET FUN

Students at De Zavala Elementary School participated in a Farmers Market, brought to them by the District's Child Nutrition Services Department and the Fruit and Vegetable Program - a USDA/TDA funded program for elementary campuses. The children were introduced to a variety of fruits and vegetables and learned their nutritional value.



EXCEL WINNER

Adriana Abundis, an SAISD Distinguished Teacher of the Year, was recognized throughout Bexar County for excellence as an educator. The eighth-grade math teacher at Irving Middle School learned during a surprise visit to her school that she is SAISD's recipient of a 2018 EXCEL Award, presented by KENS5 and Credit Human.



BRINGING SOLAR TO STORM

The West San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, partnering with CPS Energy, donated 10 miniature solar windmills to support academic content in Storm Relay Lab School science classes. "This provides a unique and alternate way to gather information in the classroom about our environment that not only keeps our scholars engaged mentally but also kinetically," said Latonya Gaither, science teacher at Storm.

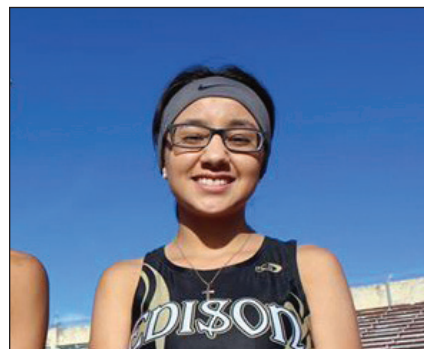
STATE FINALIST FOR PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

Angelica Nino, a third-grade bilingual math and science teacher at DeZavala Elementary School in San Antonio ISD, is one of six Texas teachers named as a state finalist for the 2018 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. The announcement was made by Commissioner of Education Mike Morath. Nino is a state finalist in the category of elementary mathematics.



DISTRICT 6

- Edison High School
- Whittier Middle School
- Twain Dual Language Academy
- Beacon Hill Academy
- Advanced Learning Academy - Euclid
- Cotton Academy
- Rogers Academy
- Arnold Elementary School
- Franklin Elementary School
- Neal Elementary School
- Wilson Elementary School



SPEED RACER

Isabella Nino, a senior at Edison High School, qualified for the UIL Class 5A State Cross Country meet and raced in the state championship meet in Austin.



CODERS WIN AWARD

Students from Rogers Academy participated in the Cyber Robotics Coding Grand Finale Competition in Rockwall, Texas, and brought home a first-place award in the inclusiveness category for its 94 percent school participation rate.



The Edison High School Band received a First Division rating at the UIL Region 29 Marching Band Contest. This was the first time in the last 12 years that Edison has made a 1st Division in Marching. Additionally, Burbank, Brackenridge, Highlands and Jefferson high schools also received First Division ratings this year. Superior job, students and directors!



INSPIRING STUDENTS' COLLEGE DREAMS

Members of the Avanza Network, a national organization founded by MIT alumni, visited Whittier Middle School as well as each San Antonio ISD high school this fall semester. The group was holding their national conference in San Antonio and reached out to local students to inspire the next generation to pursue their higher education dreams.

DISTRICT 7

- Jefferson High School
- Young Women's Leadership Academy
- Longfellow Middle School
- Fenwick Academy

- Woodlawn Academy
- Baskin Elementary School
- Huppertz Elementary School
- Madison Elementary School

- Maverick Elementary School
- Woodlawn Hills Elementary School
- Nelson Early Childhood Education Center



EL GRITO CELEBRATION

Jefferson High School celebrated Diez y Seis (Mexican Independence Day) with an original play written by Master Teacher Luz Perez and performed by International Baccalaureate (IB) and Advanced Placement (AP) Spanish students.



EXPLORATION WITH IB

Kindergarten explorers at Huppertz Elementary School, an International Baccalaureate candidate school, have been learning about rules, systems, map skills, directionality, and counting. Here they are shown going on a treasure-map expedition around their school, which helped develop the skills they are working on in class.



TEN YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

Young Women's Leadership Academy's kicked off its 10th anniversary with special guests Congressman Joaquin Castro, State Senator Jose Menendez, State Rep. Ina Minjarez, City Councilwoman Ana Sandoval, SAISD Trustees Patti Radle and Ed Garza, and Supt. Pedro Martinez.

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for students interested in medicine or cybersecurity are just a few of the exciting choices available to SAISD students next school year.

To help families find which school is the best fit for their child, SAISD hosted its second annual Experience SAISD, a Districtwide school showcase open to families from across San Antonio that features all SAISD schools and a wide range of programs and offerings available to families.

CAST Med High School

Grades served: 9th (Lottery grade: 9th)*

**will expand to 9-12th*

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CAST Med High School will provide high school students a strong foundation, especially in mathematics and science, so that they can be successful once they enroll in college and achieve their medical career aspirations. College coursework will be embedded in classroom curriculum, allowing students to graduate with a high school diploma and a minimum of 30 hours of college coursework. Students will follow one of three pathways: biomedical research, medical professionals or public health professionals. CAST Med students also will have the opportunity to learn from industry partners and gain real-world experience through extracurricular study groups, summer enrichment programs, job shadowing, mentorships, internships, volunteer experiences, and clinical and research opportunities.

Cyber P-TECH at Sam Houston High School

Grades served: 9th (Lottery grade: 9th)*

**will expand to 9-12th*

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Cyber P-TECH at Sam Houston High School will debut 2019-2020 as the only Pathways in Technology Early College High School in San Antonio. It will have a focus on preparing students with the skills, credentials and an industry-specific associate degree necessary for high-wage, high-demand careers in cybersecurity. Under the model, within four to six years, students will be able to earn a

high school diploma, an associate degree, a two-year post-secondary certificate or industry certification, and complete work-based training through internships, apprenticeships or other job-training programs.

Young Women's Leadership Academy Primary at Page

Grades served: K-1st (Lottery grades: K & 1st)*

**will expand to K-5th*

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YWLA Primary will empower girls and prepare them for success in a challenging, nurturing and inclusive learning environment. The second all-girls school in the District, YWLA Primary will integrate a curriculum path that allows students to focus deeply on courses directly related to science, technology, engineering, arts and math to better prepare them for college and careers. There will be a focus on self-awareness, emotional health, persistence and resilience through intercultural understanding and respect.



Prospective students and parents attend a Young Women's Leadership Academy Primary at Page introductory meeting in the fall.

Se proporcionan oportunidades variadas de aprendizaje

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Antonio está redefiniendo la excelencia para asegurar que todos los estudiantes se gradúen bien preparados para el éxito en los estudios superiores y profesionales. En nuestro esfuerzo constante para proporcionarles opciones innovadoras a las familias, habrá una variedad de nuevas opciones educativas que se ofrecerán en el año escolar 2019-2020. Una segunda escuela solo para niñas al igual que programas especializados para los estudiantes interesados en la medicina o seguridad cibernética son solo algunas de las opciones interesantes para los estudiantes de SAISD el año que entra.

Para ayudar a las familias a encontrar la escuela que se ajuste mejor a las necesidades de su hijo(a), SAISD organizó el evento Experience SAISD por el segundo año, una exhibición de todo el distrito abierto para las familias de San Antonio que destaca todas las escuelas de SAISD y una amplia gama de programas y ofertas disponibles para las familias.

CAST Med High School

Grados que se ofrecen:

9º (Grado de sorteo: 9º)*

**se ampliará a 9-12*

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CAST Med High School les proporcionará una base sólida a los estudiantes de preparatoria, en especial en matemáticas y ciencia, para que puedan ser exitosos una vez que ingresen a la universidad y logren sus ambiciones de carreras médicas. El trabajo universitario se incorporará en el programa de estudios de la clase, lo cual permitirá que los estudiantes se gradúen con un diploma de preparatoria y un mínimo de 30 horas de cursos universitarios. Los estudiantes seguirán una de tres vías académicas: investigación biomédica, profesionales médicos o profesionales de la salud pública. Los estudiantes de CAST Med también tendrán la oportunidad de aprender de los socios de la industria y obtener experiencia práctica a través

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Se prepara a los aprendices más pequeños para el éxito

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Antonio se ha asociado con un equipo de investigadores de The University of Texas at Austin para una colaboración ambiciosa de cinco años centrada en la reestructuración de la educación preescolar en el distrito. El aprendizaje práctico centrado en el niño en el cual las aptitudes distintivas de cada alumno al igual que sus orígenes lingüísticos y culturales se consideran ventajas, es un punto crucial de la reestructuración.

La Innovación Dinámica para Niños Pequeños, o DIFYC por sus siglas en inglés, coloca al niño, no a la maestra ni al plan de estudios, en el centro del salón y permite que los niños sean responsables de su propia educación. DIFYC crea las bases para que el alumno desarrolle el amor por la educación en su jornada educativa hasta la preparatoria y más allá.

“La iniciativa es la primera en su clase”, dijo la Dra. Pauline Dow, superintendente adjunta encargada del sector académico

Una estudiante en Carroll Early Childhood Education Center explora un libro en la biblioteca del centro.



y del liderazgo escolar para SAISD. “No se trata de forzar un programa o una receta de currículo preestablecido; estamos reestructurando y desarrollando una nueva experiencia para nuestros niños que les permite llegar a ser exploradores intelectuales y capaces de resolver problemas”. A pesar de que la reestructuración comenzó formalmente durante el año escolar 2018-19, la chispa que se convirtió en una iniciativa para todo el distrito la encendió hace tres años la Dra. Ale-

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MENSAJE DEL SUPERINTENDENTE

Puntos de progreso

Logramos mucho durante la primera mitad del año escolar.

Este otoño tuvimos reuniones comunitarias en cada uno de nuestros 13 planteles del Bono 2016. Les agradezco a todos los padres y los miembros de la comunidad que asistieron y compartieron sus comentarios sobre los planes y diseños arquitecturales preliminares. Ha comenzado la construcción y

les mantendremos informados a medida que los \$450 millones en proyectos de Bono toman forma.

También iniciamos una campaña educativa este otoño para informar a nuestra comunidad sobre las leyes de tráfico actuales relacionadas con los autobuses escolares mientras que los niños se suben y bajan. Al mismo tiempo, lanzamos un sistema de cámara y video para el letrero de alto del autobús a fin de ayudarnos a grabar a conductores peligrosos. Hemos comenzado a notar que los conductores están siendo más cautelosos y estamos encantados de trabajar con ustedes para mantener a nuestros estudiantes más seguros.

Otra parte esencial del programa de seguridad de autobuses fue la instalación de tecnología en nuestra flota completa de autobuses, la cual incluye funcionalidad de Wi-Fi.

El incorporar Wi-Fi a todos los autobuses agrega otro componente educativo al día escolar de nuestros estudiantes. Durante el viaje en el autobús, los estudiantes tienen acceso a Bibliotech, una biblioteca de libros en audio literarios y de recursos, lo cual no solo aumenta el entusiasmo en cuanto a la lectura, sino que también ofrece ayuda con la tarea.

Ya que el enseñar a los estudiantes cómo utilizar la tecnología para aprender, hacer investigación, colaborar y resolver problemas desde una temprana edad los prepara mejor para carreras del siglo XXI, el distrito busca activamente maneras de proporcionar más acceso. Me entusiasma compartir que cuatro de nuestras escuelas secundarias fueron beneficiadas por el subsidio de Verizon este año que les otorga a los estudiantes dispositivos de tabletas, acceso a internet en casa y programas robustos de STEM. La iniciativa tiene como fin promover el interés de los estudiantes en carreras STEM.

Otra iniciativa que comenzó este año en asociación con UT Austin, es la reestructuración de la educación preescolar. Nuestro programa de Innovación Dinámica para Niños Pequeños ampliará un concepto que se ha aplicado en Carroll Early Childhood Education Center. El proceso ha mostrado resultados prometedores en las habilidades de alfabetización y orales, lo cual ayudará a muchos estudiantes más a leer a su nivel para el tercer grado. El nuevo modelo de Carroll se difundió este año a cinco escuelas más de SAISD. La meta en un final es implementarlo en todo el distrito para cada estudiante que esté en tercer grado o menos.

La segunda mitad de nuestro año escolar será igual de dinámica y centrada, y ya nos estamos preparando para agregar nuevas escuelas en el otoño.

La segunda escuela preparatoria chárter del distrito con enfoque profesional está en desarrollo. CAST Med High School abrirá para los estudiantes que estén interesados en posibles carreras como profesiones médicas y de salud pública o investigación biomédica. Una de cada seis personas con empleo en San Antonio trabaja en los servicios



Superintendente
Pedro Martinez

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Novedades del Bono 2016

Ha estado ocurriendo mucho trabajo entre bastidores desde que se aprobó el Bono 2016, el cual abarca 13 escuelas del Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Antonio y ahora inicia la fase de construcción. El programa de Bono incluye renovaciones de salón, remodelaciones infraestructurales, actualizaciones a instalaciones deportivas y otros arreglos específicos a los planteles.

A lo largo del año pasado, los líderes de las instalaciones, bajo la dirección de Willie Burroughs, director de operaciones; Kamal ElHabr, superintendente asociado de Servicios de Construcción y Desarrollo; y Kedrick Wright, director de Planificación y Construcción, han estado trabajando sin cesar para asegurarse de que el proceso de Bono marche sin problemas. Desde revisar diseños esquemáticos a dirigir reuniones comunitarias en cada una de las escuelas que forman parte del Bono para presentar a la comunidad a las empresas de arquitectura que trabajarán en los proyectos, el equipo ha estado ocupado.

Se invitó al público a reuniones comunitarias en cada uno de los planteles que forman parte del Bono 2016 y se les animó a ofrecer sus comentarios a los arquitectos. En algunos casos, los diseños fueron modificados de acuerdo a las necesidades y los deseos de las familias y del personal escolar. El Comité Asesor de Ciudadanos para el Bono (CAC por sus siglas en inglés) también ha estado aportando a lo largo del proceso. Las reuniones comunitarias terminaron a principios

de noviembre y el proceso de construcción ha comenzado en los primeros tres proyectos: Bowden Academy, Fox Tech High School y Jefferson High School.

La construcción en Bowden Academy incluirá la entrada principal, nuevas ventanas exteriores en los salones ya existentes, y actualizaciones a la cocina y en la cafetería.

La construcción en Fox Tech High School incluye renovaciones en el edificio principal, el traslado de los servicios alimentarios y la cafetería al primer piso, 13 salones nuevos, dos salones nuevos de maker-space y siete espacios nuevos de ciencia/clase y laboratorios.

La construcción en Jefferson High School incluirá la renovación del gimnasio principal, reparación de la cafetería, remodelación del pasillo de ciencia, y las renovaciones interiores al edificio construido en los 1930, entre ellas la conservación del teatro y de la biblioteca, al igual que la renovación de la cocina y de los comedores. Las escuelas adicionales que forman parte del Bono también comenzarán la fase de construcción en la primavera, y la mayoría de los proyectos se completarán en 2021.

El Bono 2016 incluirá a las 13 escuelas a continuación: las escuelas preparatorias Brackenridge, Burbank, Edison, Fox Tech, Houston, Jefferson y Lanier; las escuelas secundarias Davis, Rogers, y Tafolla; Bowden Academy; Irving Dual Language Academy y J.T. Brackenridge Elementary School.



Se nombra a los estudiantes finalistas de QuestBridge

Angie Gallegos Reyes de Young Women's Leadership Academy, Nikol Garcia de Travis Early College High School y Jose Luis Martinez de Edison High School han sido nombrados Estudiantes Finalistas de QuestBridge. Este premio coloca a estos estudiantes de último año de preparatoria en SAISD entre solo un tres por ciento de los estudiantes de último año de preparatoria en todo el país quienes fueron considerados para estas becas reconocidas. "El haber sido nombrado como Estudiante Finalista de QuestBridge honestamente parece un sueño", dijo Jose Luis de Edison. "Si mi primer año de preparatoria me hubieras dicho que esto iba a pasar, te hubiera dicho que estás loco". El programa QuestBridge National

College Match (Coordinación Universitaria Nacional de QuestBridge) es un proceso de aplicación para la educación superior y becas que ayuda a estudiantes destacados y de bajo ingreso en su último año de preparatoria a ser aceptados y recibir becas completas de cuatro años a las universidades más selectivas del país. El National College Match es un proceso altamente competitivo que recibe aplicaciones de estudiantes en todo el país. El programa selecciona a estudiantes que han demostrado un nivel de rendimiento académico que cumple o sobrepasa las normas de admisión de las universidades asociadas con el programa y quienes han demostrado capacidad académica destacada a pesar de dificultades financieras.



(Izquierda a derecha) Angie Gallegos Reyes se alineó con Washington and Lee University, Nikol Garcia se alineó con University of Notre Dame, y Jose Luis Martinez se alineó con Brown University.

Verizon ayuda a superar la disparidad digital

Cuatro escuelas secundarias en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Antonio recibieron dispositivos de tabletas por medio de un programa bajo Verizon Innovative Learning. Verizon Innovative Learning, en asociación con la organización sin ánimo de lucro Digital Promise, les proporcionaron a los 3100 estudiantes y 130 maestros en las escuelas secundarias Harris, Longfellow, Rhodes y Whittier dispositivos móviles individuales y servicios de datos Verizon Wireless 4G LTE por dos años para tener acceso 24/7 tanto en el salón como en casa. La entrega de tecnología para los estudiantes ocurrió en septiembre y el otorgarles iPads a cada estudiante y maestro permitirá oportunidades de aprendizaje adicionales que puedan ir más allá del salón de clase. La iniciativa de Verizon Innovative Learning proporciona tecnología y acceso gratuitos al igual que planes de estudios innovadores de STEM a fin de crear un mejor futuro para millones de niños.



En Whittier Middle School, experimentar con Spheros de tamaño estándar fue una de las muchas actividades relacionadas con STEM que estuvieron disponibles para los estudiantes durante el día de distribución de iPads. El conjunto de Spheros con iPads les ofrece a los estudiantes no solo la oportunidad de codificar, sino también de incorporar la robótica y la tecnología con actividades colaborativas STEM, lo cual cultiva la imaginación de los estudiantes de una manera única y divertida.



Actualmente se ha implementado la filosofía de Innovación Dinámica para Niños Pequeños en los salones de Carroll Early Childhood Education Center (arriba y abajo) al igual que en cinco escuelas más de SAISD.



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jandra Barranza, directora de sistema en Carroll Early Childhood Education Center, quien cursaba su doctorado en educación preescolar en UT Austin. Con la guía de la Dra. Jennifer Adair, profesora asociada de la Facultad de Educación de la universidad, Barranza estudió una variedad de métodos comprobados por la investigación de enseñar alumnos pequeños. Sus ojos se abrieron a una nueva forma de cómo relacionarse y enseñar a su grupo de estudiantes. "Hay un número de facetas que diferencian a los salones que utilizan la filosofía de DIFYC y otros salones de educación preescolar", dijo Barranza. "Hemos ampliado el aprendizaje más allá que el salón de clase. Hay tantos lugares diferentes donde ocurre el aprendizaje, no está restringido a un salón de clase. Y la manera en la que los maestros hablan con los niños y les dan opciones en sus actividades es clave". Además de Carroll, cinco escuelas más de SAISD están participando en el primer año de la reestructuración de la educación preescolar: Advanced Learning Academy, Ball Academy, Cotton Academy, Tynan Early Childhood Education Center y Gates Elementary School. Dieciocho maestros y seis directores están participando en una serie de cursos de desarrollo profesional con los miembros del equipo de reestructuración de UT Austin, dirigido por Adair. La forma diferente de aprender ha mostrado resultados sumamente positivos en Carroll. Un análisis del examen MAP (Medida de Progreso Académico) entre los estudiantes de kindergarten mostró que las notas de los estudiantes que asistieron a Pre-K en Carroll fueron considerablemente más altas que las de los estudiantes que asistieron a Pre-K fuera de SAISD o en otra escuela de SAISD. A lo largo de los siguientes cinco años, se estima que más de 600 maestros y 50 directores participarán en un grupo de desarrollo profesional de DIFYC en SAISD. Más de 350 estudiantes se beneficiarán del programa en el año escolar 2018-19 y más de 3000 estudiantes habrán sido beneficiados a la conclusión de la iniciativa de cinco años.

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de salud o las ciencias biomédicas, lo cual implica que es el más grande y uno de los sectores con mayor crecimiento en la economía local. SAISD también abrirá en Sam Houston High School el primer programa de preparatoria en la ciudad con crédito universitario de vías académicas en tecnología (P-TECH por sus siglas en inglés) con un enfoque en la seguridad cibernética. San Antonio es uno de los centros más grandes de seguridad cibernética en los Estados Unidos, y nuestros estudiantes de Cyber P-TECH estarán bien preparados para ser exitosos en la industria después de recibir títulos de asociado específicos a la industria, certificaciones y experiencia laboral. Como ya saben, el distrito es el primero en muchas cosas, un ejemplo es que ofrecemos las únicas escuelas públicas solo para niñas en el país. Este otoño, nuestra opción más nueva será YWLA Primary para las niñas en grados de primaria. Se une a Young Women's Leadership Academy, la cual está a servicio de los grados de secundaria y preparatoria. Además, Young Men's Leadership Academy agregó el noveno grado este año y llegará a servir a los estudiantes hasta su cuarto año de preparatoria. Deseo agradecerles por su apoyo continuo a medida que nos esforzamos constantemente por ampliar las oportunidades para ayudar a los estudiantes a ser exitosos. Deseo mantenerlos informados de nuestros esfuerzos.

Los Inspire Awards honran a alumnos antiguos inspiradores de SAISD

En el Octavo Año de los Inspire Awards organizados por la Fundación SAISD, se honró a estrellas brillantes actuales y del pasado por marcar la diferencia en su campo y por su habilidad de inspirar a los demás. **Charles T. Barrett, Jr.** (Jefferson High School/ Clase de 1958), dueño de Barrett Jaguar & Maserati; **Robert Chavez** (Burbank High School/ Clase de 1973), presidente y director general de Hermès of Paris, Inc.; **Marcia Nasatir** (Jefferson High School/Clase de 1943), la primera mujer en Hollywood en ser vicepresidenta de producción de una compañía de producción de películas estadounidenses o de programas; y **Belle Ortiz** (Lanier High School/Clase de 1951), música y maestra

quien desempeñó un papel importante en crear el plan de estudios de mariachi y artes culturales en todo el país, cada uno recibió un trofeo de cristal grabado y tuvo la oportunidad de dirigir la palabra al público reunido en el Mays Family Center del Witte Museum para el evento vespertino. “La Fundación SAISD se empeña por despertar la innovación y el éxito de estudiantes en SAISD”, dijo Judy Geelhoed, directora ejecutiva de la fundación. “Y estamos tan contentos de estar aquí esta noche para honrar a estas cuatro personas espectaculares y sus logros”. El programa de SAISD College Tour también recibió un premio de innovación. El programa fue creado por voluntarios en 2015 y ha crecido de un maestro

jubilado junto con 11 voluntarios a un equipo de empleados y voluntarios que ayudan a 470 estudiantes con recorridos universitarios. El programa comenzó con una recepción y una subasta en silencio seguida por la presentación de los premios. Entre el entretenimiento proporcionado por los estudiantes y los grupos destacados en la recepción se encontraron: el coro de Bonham Dual Language Academy, tambores metálicos de Sam Houston High School, el grupo de lazo de Jefferson High School y los reporteros del Noticiero de la Cadena de Dragón de Maverick Elementary School. Varios grupos de mariachi de las escuelas preparatorias del distrito cerraron el evento.



Belle Ortiz (Lanier High School/Clase de 1951), música y maestra quien desempeñó un papel importante en crear el plan de estudios de mariachi y artes culturales en todo el país.



Robert Chavez (Burbank High School/Clase de 1973), presidente y director general de Hermès of Paris, Inc.



Marcia Nasatir (Jefferson High School/Clase de 1943), la primera mujer en Hollywood en ser vicepresidenta de producción de una compañía de producción de películas estadounidenses o de programas.



Charles T. Barrett, Jr. (Jefferson High School/ Clase de 1958), dueño de Barrett Jaguar & Maserati.

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de grupos de estudio, programas de enriquecimiento durante el verano, observación de trabajo, tutoría, pasantías, experiencias de voluntariado y oportunidades clínicas y de investigación.

Cyber P-TECH at Sam Houston High School

Grados que se ofrecen: 9^o (Grado de sorteo: 9^o)*

**se ampliará a 9-12*

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Cyber P-TECH en Sam Houston High School se abrirá en 2019-2020 como la única preparatoria Early College High School en San Antonio con Vías Académicas de Tecnología. Tendrá como enfoque preparar a los estudiantes con las habilidades, las credenciales y un título de asociado específico a la industria necesarios para las carreras en seguridad cibernética de alta demanda y de alto sueldo. Bajo el modelo, dentro de cuatro a seis años, los estudiantes podrán recibir un diploma de preparatoria, un título de asociado, un certificado superior de dos años o certificación de la industria, y completarán capacitación laboral por medio de pasantías u otros programas de formación profesional.

Young Women's Leadership Academy Primary at Page

Grados que se ofrecen: K-1^o (Grados de sorteo: K y 1^o)*

**se ampliará a K-5^o*

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YWLA Primary capacitará a las niñas y las preparará para el éxito en un entorno de aprendizaje desafiante, enriquecedor e inclusivo. YWLA es la segunda escuela solo para niñas en el distrito e integrará un programa de estudios que les permite a las estudiantes centrarse más a fondo en cursos directamente relacionados con ciencia, tecnología, ingeniería, artes y matemáticas para prepararlas mejor para la universidad y las carreras profesionales. Habrá un enfoque en la autoconciencia, la salud mental, la persistencia y la resiliencia por medio de la comprensión y el respeto intercultural.

Se amplía el programa LOTC

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Antonio ha estado ampliando el programa de Cuerpo de Capacitación de Oficiales de Liderazgo (LOTC por sus siglas en inglés) y ahora el curso optativo que se centra en el liderazgo y la formación de carácter se ofrece en 10 escuelas secundarias, más que el doble del número de escuelas que ofrecían el programa hace solo dos años. “El programa LOTC está diseñado para la formación de carácter y para desarrollar a los jóvenes como líderes y promover un sentido de responsabilidad y rendición de cuentas”, dijo el Sargento de Primera Clase (Ret.) Douglas Darden, coordinador del Programa LOTC. “El programa promueve el comportamiento positivo, la etiqueta social y hacerse responsables de sus propias acciones”. Con la excepción de escuelas secundarias en instalaciones militares, SAISD es el único distrito en San Antonio que ofrece un programa LOTC en varias escuelas. El curso optativo de LOTC se ofrece a los estudiantes de sexto, séptimo y octavo. SAISD también tiene un amplio programa de JROTC que se ofrece a los estudiantes de noveno a 12^o grado. Con más de 1700 miembros en las siete escuelas preparatorias tradicionales, la misión de JROTC es motivar a los estudiantes de SAISD a ser mejores ciudadanos por medio de un plan de

estudios basado en la investigación. La ampliación de LOTC, la cual se dirige por Darden, es uno de los muchos programas diferentes en todo el distrito que promueve no solo el liderazgo y la formación de carácter, sino que también una variedad de otros atributos positivos. “El Programa LOTC consiste de los mismos valores centrales y capacitación de liderazgo al igual que los mismos ejercicios y las ceremonias que se encuentran en JROTC” dijo Darden. “El plan de estudios de Carácter, Salud y Bienestar Físico, Servicio y Liderazgo (CHISL por sus siglas en inglés) crea un ambiente de aprendizaje que se centra en la disciplina, el liderazgo de los estudiantes, el éxito personal, el servicio, la condición física y la salud. Este nuevo programa de estudios estandarizado está en todas nuestras escuelas LOTC y ayuda a que los programas sean más congruentes en todo el distrito”. Actualmente, Young Men's Leadership Academy y las escuelas secundarias Davis, Harris, Longfellow, Lowell, Poe, Rhodes, Rogers, Tafolla y Whittier tienen programas de LOTC con un total de más de 1700 cadetes. Esos cadetes forman casi un 30 por ciento de la población de la escuela. Darden está en proceso de introducir el Programa LOTC a las academias SAISD al igual que desarrollar un programa piloto para después de clases para estudiantes de cuarto y quinto grado, el cual incluiría nuevas materias como seguridad cibernética. “El programa LOTC es un estímulo para promover la graduación de la escuela secundaria a la preparatoria y proporciona instrucciones y oportunidades gratificantes las cuales beneficiarán al cadete, a la escuela, a la comunidad y a la ciudad de San Antonio”, dijo Darden.

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EXPERIENCE SAISD ENROLLMENT GUIDE

2019-2020 School Year

ENCUENTRE DETALLES SOBRE CADA ESCUELA DE SAISD, ASÍ COMO INFORMACIÓN SOBRE NUESTROS SERVICIOS PARA APOYAR A LOS ESTUDIANTES Y SUS FAMILIAS.



WWW.SAISD.NET/ENROLL



Did you create a mural at Burbank, Jefferson, Brackenridge or Edison high school?

WE WANT YOUR INPUT!

The SAISD mural preservation project seeks insight into the District's plethora of art pieces by talking to the artists who created them. As part of Bond 2016, architects are thinking of creative ways to preserve these cultural legacies.

Interested in getting involved?
Contact Andi Rodriguez at arodriguez17@saisd.net



Kindergarten Roundup: April 1-5

Registration begins April 1 for the 2019-20 school year.

SAISD Kinder Keys to Success

- ◆ Strong Academics
- ◆ Nurturing Environment
- ◆ Parent Engagement
- ◆ Social Development
- ◆ Nutritious Breakfast and Lunch

To register online go to www.saisd.net/enroll or visit your neighborhood school.

For more information call: **(210) 554-2660**

2019 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

May 30 • Advanced Learning Academy
7 - 8:30 p.m. • Pearl

June 2 • Highlands High School
10 - 11:30 a.m. • Alamodome

June 2 • Sam Houston High School
2:30- 4 p.m. • Alamodome

June 2 • Brackenridge High School
7 - 8:30 p.m. • Alamodome

June 3 • Burbank High School
4 - 5:30 p.m. • Alamodome

June 3 • Jefferson High School
8 - 9:30 p.m. • Alamodome

June 4 • Lanier High School
4 - 5:30 p.m. • Alamodome

June 4 • Edison High School
8 - 9:30 p.m. • Alamodome

June 5 • Fox Tech High School
6 - 7:30 p.m. • Alamo Convocation

June 6 • St. Philip's Early College High School
5:30 - 7 p.m. • Alamo Convocation

June 6 • GED
8 - 9 p.m. • Alamo Convocation

June 7 • Travis Early College High School
5:30- 7 p.m. • Alamo Convocation

June 7 • Cooper Academy High School
8 - 9 p.m. • Alamo Convocation

June 8 • Young Women's Leadership Academy
5 - 6:30 p.m. • Laurie Auditorium

August 22 • Summer Grads
6:30-7:30 pm • Alamo Convocation

** Schedule may be subject to change.
To check for updates, please visit www.saisd.net*

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