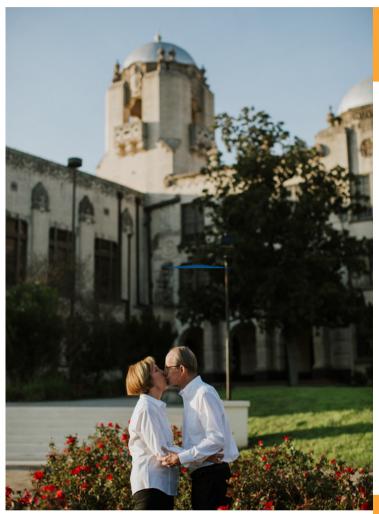
#### AT SAISD, WE'RE FAMILIA

A Monthly Newsletter for SAISD Alumni & Friends
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We may still be in the midst of a pandemic, but the needs of students have not gone away. That's why YOU, our volunteers, are more important now than ever. Visit our SAISD Nation blog to see our active and upcoming volunteer opportunities. We hope that one or more of these opportunities will fit your time, talent and desire!

## SEND US YOUR SAISD LOVE STORY!

Nancy and Victor York met while attending Jefferson HS & recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Now, we want to know your SAISD Love Story!
Send us your story and photos to SAISDNation@saisd.net.
3 winners will receive an SAISD Foundation car mount and branded coffee mug, an H-E-B gift card, and be highlighted on social media on Valentine's Day, and in a special blog post on SAISD Nation!

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



#### **ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS**



## TELLING STORIES THROUGH PORTRAITS

Lanier HS class of 1957
alumnus Lionel Sosa
recently completed a set of
vivid portraits representing
Black men in San Antonio.
Learn more about his "Living
In My Skin" series, including
an upcoming documentary
to premier on KLRN next
month, on the #SAISDNation
blog, and submit your own
alumni update too!



### FOX TECH ALUMNUS GIVES BACK BIG

Dr. Javier Bocanegra, Fox Tech '72 is giving back to the community in a big way. He took a major paycut to ensure that his entire staff could remain employed during the COVID-19 pandemic and made a \$10,000 donation to the San Antonio Food Bank. Thanks for being such a caring member of the community Dr. Bocanegra! We are #SAISDProud.

# SAISD FOUNDATION & DISTRICT NEWS

### PRINCIPAL GRANTS MAKE DREAMS COME TRUE



On this last day of National Principal's Month we'd like to congratulate Young Men's Leadership Academy at Wheatley school leader Derrick Brown whose winning idea secured San Antonio ISD's YMLA a \$10,000 Innovative grant from the SAISD Foundation and Frost. In this video submission Principal Brown explains how he plans to use the funds to enable his high school students to lead teams of younger students to build their own school, the Alamo and other landmarks using Minecraft. We can't wait to see history come alive in the virtual world! See Less



Thanks to a \$10,000 Principal's Grant from the SAISD Foundation and Frost, gaming is now a key part of students' days at the Young Men's Leadership Academy at Wheatley. Click on the image above to hear Principal Derrick Brown talk about how he will use the funds to invest in Minecraft, allowing students to build their own school virtually from the ground up.

See all the educator grants we're awarding on Facebook



and on our alumni-focused Instagram @SAISDNation

# NEW P-TECH PROGRAMS OFFER PATHWAYS TO HIGH-WAGE CAREERS FOR SAISD STUDENTS

San Antonio ISD is the first district in Bexar County to offer the openenrollment, industry and higher education-focused model known as P-TECH, or Pathways in Technology Early College High School.

Each P-TECH program concentrates on a high-demand, high-wage industry needed in its regional area. Under the 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 jobtraining programs. Learn more about all the SAISD P-Techs by clicking on the image below! The application window for these programs closes January 29.



# SAISD FOUNDATION & DISTRICT NEWS: MLK DAY

### REGISTRATION FOR MLK VIRTUAL 5K NOW OPEN!

The Young Men's Leadership Academy 5K Run is a fundraising event to help raise funds for the academy and demonstrate their support for Martin Luther King Jr.'s message of resilience and equality. YMLA is the first all-boys public school in San Antonio. When you sign up this year you will receive access to a 5K route that highlights Civil Rights sites in San Antonio with historical references thanks to the San Antonio African American Archive and Museum. Sign up is FREE, but you can also show support by buying a shirt for \$15 (\$20 mailed). Packet Pick up information: Friday January 15th 4-6:30 PM at YMLA 415 Gabriel 78202



### MLK ACADEMY WINS THEATER GRANT



Congratulations to M. L. King Academy for Arts Integration, SAISD on winning a \$10,000 grant to support an exciting new theater arts program! Click on the image above to see principal Natasha Pinnix's reaction upon hearing the news, and learn how the funds will be used. Pinnix is the second \$10,000 San Antonio ISD Principal Grant recipient of 2020. Principal Grants are a new program of the SAISD Foundation and will be an annual part of our educator grants.

Congratulations and we can't wait to see this program unfold in 2021!