

SAISD Nation Newsletter

September 2021

SAISD Nation is a community of alumni and friends - former employees and students, educators and education-minded community members - who are furthering the excellence of SAISD ensuring that all students and teachers thrive in SAISD public schools. Share your SAISD pride! Connect with alumni, support your alma mater and develop future graduates! [Join SAISD Nation today!](#)

2021 Innovative Grant Awards!

\$102,000 being awarded to 25 Educators!

This school year, the SAISD Foundation is awarding over \$102,000 in Innovative Grants to 25 deserving SAISD teachers. Teachers applied last spring and our prize patrol has been out surprising teachers like Juan Morales and George Trevino from Lanier High School.

Executive Director Judy Geelhoed says "we hope that our grants inspire creativity, learning and passion!" Are you interested in supporting passionate teachers like Mr. Morales and Mr. Trevino? Visit saisdfoundation.com/donate to support these investments.



**Advanced
Learning
Academy & CAST
Tech**



Burbank HS



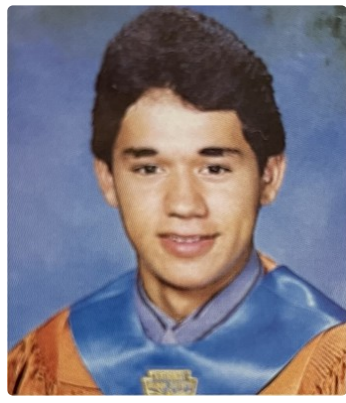
**Automotive Tech
at Lanier**

Innovative Grant Winners - Lorraine Zapata & Sarah Zapata - Hawthorne Academy - SAISD Foundation



Alumni Updates

Click on each photo to read their story!



**Ricky Flores,
Burbank (1990)**



**Cynthia Munoz,
Highlands (1983)**



**Elida Zarazua,
Burbank (1966)**

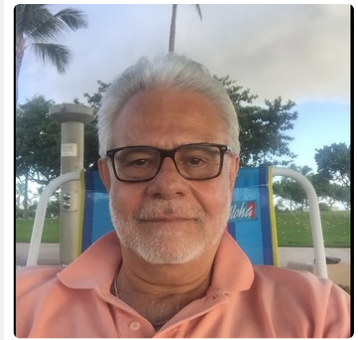
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**Montrice
Sheppard, Sam
Houston (1978)**



**Mireya Sotelo,
Travis ECHS
(2018)**



**Armando Lopez,
Lanier (1966)**

\$8.4 Million Invested in College Readiness

In 2017, the Valero Energy Foundation awarded a five-year, \$8.4 million grant which has funded SAISD's Pipeline for College Success program. The grant has supported two College Bound Advisors at each of our traditional high schools. Their purpose is to help with college readiness, increase the number of SAISD students going to two- and four-year educational institutions and track SAISD graduates like 2021 Edison Valedictorian Angel Isaac through college completion. Isaac is headed off to Amherst this month and we wish him the best of luck!

Thank you, Valero Energy Foundation for investing in our kids!

Valero Pipeline for College Success



10th Annual Inspire Awards. Click Below for Details.

THE SAISD FOUNDATION PRESENTS
THE 10TH ANNUAL
INSPIRE AWARDS

MASTER OF CEREMONIES
JOHN QUIÑONES, ABC NEWS

6PM - 9PM | WEDNESDAY
OCT 6, 2021 | WITTE MUSEUM

HONORING DISTINGUISHED SAISD ALUMNI

BOONE POWELL | JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL
SUZANNE SCOTT | HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL
CATHERINE TORRES-STAH | FOX TECH HIGH SCHOOL

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Summer Fun at Book Buddies

Whataguy Helps Deliver Books at Carroll Early Childhood Center!

We delivered about 25,000 books to SAISD children participating in the Summer Jumpstart Program across 51 campuses this summer. Thank you to Whataburger for your sponsorship and thank you to all of the volunteers who helped us get books ready. This would not have been possible without the amazing SAISD Transportation team. Read more and watch the story on KSAT [here](#).



Thank You Summer Volunteers!

Book Buddies provides free books for SAISD students in grades PK-8, allowing these students to start and grow their own home libraries. Share your love of reading by helping kids in SAISD. With the help of volunteers and donors like you, Book Buddies delivers thousands of books to campuses across San Antonio. In 2020-2021, we delivered 50,000 books to 15,000 children during the school year.



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