Team SISD wins 2019 H-E-B Excellence in Education Award

The Socorro Independent School District is the first and only school district in West Texas to win the statewide 2019 H-E-B Excellence in Education awards program. Socorro ISD won the prestigious award for its commitment to providing endless opportunities for every student to succeed, supporting highly qualified educators, and engaging parents and the community. The district received $100,000 for being named the large school district winner, which is being invested in the district’s Operation College Bound, including the WIN Academy and student technology.

Equipo de SISD gana el Premio Excelencia en la Educación H-E-B 2019

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Socorro es el primer y único distrito escolar del Oeste de Texas en obtener el Premio estatal Excelencia en la Educación H-E-B 2019. SISD ganó el prestigioso reconocimiento por su compromiso con el sinfín de oportunidades que ofrece a todos los estudiantes para que sean triunfadores, por apoyar a sus altamente calificados educadores y por vincular a los padres y a la comunidad. El distrito obtuvo esa distinción en la categoría “Distrito Escolar Grande” y recibió $100,000 dólares. Esta cantidad se está invirtiendo en el programa Operación Enfocados en la Universidad, incluyendo La Academia WIN y tecnología para los estudiantes.
Superintendent’s Message

As our fast-paced society is ever changing, we must continue improving our skills as public educators and the programs and resources we provide as a public school district.

I am proud to say that Team SISD leads the way in doing just that and provides the highest quality education for all students to be prepared for college, careers and life.

With the incredible success that we accomplished in 2018-19, we have proven that Achieving Success as a Team is what we do best in Team SISD!

Our success and tireless commitment to treat and educate all students as if they are our own children was recognized with one of the most prominent awards in Texas public education.

Every person in Team SISD contributed to our success in earning the 2019 H-E-B Excellence in Education Award, which designates us as the best large school district in the state.

This awesome endeavor certainly shows that our unity knows no limits and, together, we set to achieve even more incredible success.

This school year, we are proudly offering more programs, resources, and opportunities for students across the district.

For example, it is awesome to see bond projects coming to fruition, especially the completion of our first Bond 2017 project – our new Cactus Trails Elementary School!

Other new additions include the new Dual Language Academy offered at Myrtle Cooper and Dr. Sue A. Shook elementary schools and three new early college high school programs at Eastlake, El Dorado, and Pebble Hills high schools.

We also will provide more students with personal laptops, which includes all students in grades nine through 12 at Americas, El Dorado, Socorro and Pebble Hills high schools.

These new opportunities will strengthen our Operation College Bound and Operation Future Ready efforts to ensure our graduates are prepared to compete in our high-tech, global society.

In addition, we hit a major milestone in the spring when we enrolled our 47,000th student at Robert R. Rojas Elementary in the Socorro feeder pattern.

We welcome them to our schools and are prepared to guide them from Pre-K to graduation.

Our Class of 2019, with more than 3,500 graduates who earned $59 million in scholarships, is proof that our incredible team of qualified and effective faculty and staff are highly dedicated to ensuring every student succeeds.

I can’t thank Team SISD enough for your dedication and hard work to take our outstanding school district to the top of the charts. Congratulations on a job well done. Let’s do it again in 2019-20.

Respectfully,

José Espinoza, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

In unprecedented success for the Socorro Independent School District and the El Paso region, SISD won a major award in the prestigious statewide 2019 H-E-B Excellence in Education awards program.

SISD won the large school district award for its commitment to providing endless opportunities for every student to succeed, supporting highly qualified educators, and engaging parents and the community.

“This is an outstanding validation of Team SISD’s hard work, unity and commitment to student success,” said SISD Superintendent José Espinoza. “Everyone in Team SISD contributed to winning this incredible award. Thank you to our board members, teachers, administrators, support staff, students and parents for working together to Achieve Success as a Team! We are honored that our daily work is being acknowledged as best practices across the state.”

Team SISD was named the winner at the awards ceremony May 5 in Austin. Team SISD is the first and only school district from West Texas to win the prestigious award. SISD had been recognized as a district award finalist two times before.

At the awards ceremony, the SISD Board of Trustees was recognized for being a finalist in the school board/leadership category for outstanding academic progress in the district, identifying and acting on community needs, and using innovative methods for community engagement. This was the first time the board was named a finalist in the HEB awards program. They had been a semi-finalist two times before.

“We are so proud to be the top school district in the state through this awesome awards program,” said SISD Board President Cynthia Najera. “For our work also to be recognized as finalist in the school board category is humbling. Thank you to H-E-B for the recognition and to all students, staff and supporters for helping us earn this incredible award.”

Team SISD received $100,000 for being named the large school district winner. As finalists for the award, SISD and the Board of Trustees already received $5,000 each, which is being invested in the district’s Operation College Bound and Operation Future Ready.

SISD surpasses 47,000 enrollment

SISD wins H-E-B Excellence in Education Award

SISD opens 3 new early college programs

Socorro Independent School District student population topped 47,000 during the 2018-2019 school year. The district reached the new milestone when third-grader Jesus A. Rodriguez enrolled at Robert R. Rojas Elementary in the Socorro feeder pattern.

“The way they welcomed my son was definitely a surprise and it made us feel very special,” said Lyzzette Hernandez, Jesus’ mom. “I did my research before enrolling my kids in this school, and everyone said great things about it. As a mom, that is what you want for your child, for them to receive the best education possible.”

Team SISD continues to be a fast growing school district and has grown by 1,000 students in the last three years, despite more school choices.

“Team SISD is certainly a destination district as families are choosing to live in our community, where we proudly provide endless opportunities for our students to be prepared for college, careers, and life,” said Superintendent José Espinoza, Ed.D. “It is an honor to serve this rapidly expanding side of El Paso, Horizon City and the City of Socorro.”

Rojas administrators welcomed Rodriguez, his mom, and sisters and presented them with school spirit gifts to commemorate the special occasion.

“We strive to make our students feel special every day,” said Jacqueline Salas, the school principal. “Our school is a safe place for our students to learn and grow. We can’t wait for them to take advantage of all the programs in our school and district.”

The SISD Board of Trustees designated the El Paso region as the first program of its kind in the region and one of the first in the state, in 2006. The district opened three more within a three-year span – Socorro Early College in 2015, Rams Early College in 2016, and Trailblazers Early College in 2017.

In 2018-19, 1,465 students were enrolled in its four early college programs and Socorro Early College celebrated its first cohort of graduates.

The Empire Early College at El Dorado High School, the Falcon Early College at Americas High School and the Pebble Hills Early College at Pebble Hills High School will each welcome 135 incoming freshmen from their feeder areas to the program. With the opening of the new early colleges, SISD will be the only district in the region to have an early college high school program in each of its comprehensive high schools.

SISD opened Mission Early College High School, the first program of its kind in the region and one of the first in the state, in 2006. The district opened three more within a three-year span – Socorro Early College in 2015, Rams Early College in 2016, and Trailblazers Early College in 2017.

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SISD strengthens community unity with 2nd annual Stand and Deliver

Thousands of employees in the Socorro Independent School District participated in the 2nd annual Stand and Deliver Walk on May 18 to visit with SISD families and talk to them about the programs, resources, and opportunities available for their children in the district’s schools.

“It was awesome to talk with the parents of our amazing students and let them know about the extraordinary education they are earning in Team SISD,” said SISD Superintendent Jose Espinosa, Ed.D. “As a destination district, it is important for our community to hear from us directly about the high-quality education we provide in our outstanding school district. Our teachers, principals, and staff had another great experience telling families why Team SISD is the right choice for endless opportunities.”

SISD’s Stand and Deliver event embraces Dr. Espinosa’s philosophy to treat and educate all students as if they are their own children, which was inspired by legendary educator Jaime Escalante’s commitment to equality in education.

During the Stand and Deliver Walk, thousands of SISD teachers, administrators, and support staff personally visited students’ homes and talked to parents about endless opportunities in SISD.

“Stand and Deliver is important because it is an opportunity for all of us to go out and promote our district, talk about the great things that are happening here, clarify any questions that parents may have and show them what we offer,” said Vanessa De La Peña, a Pre-K teacher at SGT. Jose F. Carrasco Elementary School, “We have a lot of neat stuff at our school and this is a nice way to let parents know what is going on.”

SISD launches Dual Language Academy

The Socorro Independent School District is gearing up for a new year of endless opportunities and among them is the launch of its Dual Language Academy/ Academia de Dos Idiomas.

The Dual Language Academy will open at the start of the 2019-20 school year at Myrtle Cooper Elementary and at Dr. Sue A. Shook Elementary. Students will follow a 50:50 instruction model with 50 percent in English, and 50 percent in Spanish.

The district selected its first Dual Language Academy cohort at a lottery event on April 26. The program will welcome 260 kinder and first grade students.

To prepare for a successful first year, teachers and staff engaged in plenty of professional development. Students also participated in a summer bridge camp to ensure a smooth transition into the program.

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The SISD educators returned from their Stand and Deliver visits with inspiring stories and enthusiasm about the programs and resources that are helping students succeed.

“We met a parent that was very happy with the school district because her son is in the special education program,” said Angelica Hernandez, a third-grade teacher at Purple Heart Elementary School. “It was really nice as a teacher to hear that story, it made me happy. I know that we are making a difference in a child’s life as part of Team SISD.”

Since Team SISD’s inaugural Stand and Deliver event last year, the district has continued to grow. SISD is the second largest school district in El Paso serving students in East El Paso, Horizon City and the City of Socorro.

Students get ahead, save money with Dual Credit Summer Program

The Socorro Independent School District, in partnership with El Paso Community College, kicked off its Dual Credit Summer Program June 3 at El Dorado High School.

Now in its fourth year, the Dual Credit Summer Program gave more than 300 students districtwide the opportunity to earn six college credit hours at no cost in only four weeks.

“We're excited to continue providing our students endless opportunities to ensure they are college and career ready,” said Carmen Crosse, assistant superintendent of secondary education. “The Dual Credit Summer program is a great opportunity because it saves parents money and eases our students into taking college courses.”

Students had the opportunity to earn college credit for Education 1300, Speech 1321, English 1301, Government 2305 or Economics 2301. Classes were offered at El Dorado High School and instructors were from EPCC.

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The SISD Foundation for Excellence in Education will have its annual golf tournament Oct. 4 at the Butterfield Trail Golf Club, located at 1858 Cottonwoods, El Paso, TX 79925.

The Foundation’s golf tournament helps raise scholarships for graduating seniors in the district. Since its inception in 2007, the Foundation has awarded more than 300 SISD students $508,000 in scholarships.

Tournament registration starts at 10 a.m., and the official shotgun start time is noon. The cost for a four-person team is $175, which covers the green fees, cart, lunch, dinner, and a golf shirt.

To pre-register for the tournament, or to sponsor the event, contact Grace Kim at SISD Facilities and Planning at 937-0380.
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Data-driven and an exemplary educational environment to students. In Texas, 13 schools have received the RAMP national recognition in prior years and nine of those are from Socorro ISD.

Counselors earn state, national awards

Two counselors in the Socorro Independent School earned recognition from state and national counseling organizations.

Maria Washington, counselor at Helen Ball Elementary School, was awarded the 2019 Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) Distinction by the American School Counselor Association, while Amanda Bustamante, counselor at Hunchel Antoine Elementary, was named the 2019 Texas School Counselor of the Year by the Lone Star State School Counselor Association (LSSCA).

“They are earning honors that exemplify their dedication and love for Team SISD students and the profession.”

Helen Ball was one of two schools and the only elementary school in the state of Texas to earn the RAMP distinction, a prestigious recognition that is awarded to less than 100 schools in the country for delivering a high level of student academic achievement.

SISD athletes headed to the next level

Socorro ISD student-athletes and trainers are heading to the next level after a successful 2018-19 school year.

SISD athletes and teams earned numerous championship titles and qualified to compete at UIL state contests.

The preparation and hard work earned 79 student athletes a scholarship to continue their athletic careers to advocate for students, address their academic and social/emotional development, and college and career readiness. To earn the award, Bustamante was judged by a panel of counseling professionals on multiple criteria, including school counseling innovations, effective school counseling programs, leadership skills, and contributions to student achievement.

“The athletes earning scholarships competed in various sports, including football, baseball, basketball, track and field, soccer, volleyball, and tennis. In addition, one student athletic trainer earned a scholarship to a Division I campus. SISD students that signed to Division I schools are:

- Fabio Novoa, football, University of Texas at El Paso
- Amaris Chavez, track and cross-country, University of Texas El Paso
- Keith Rodriguez, track and field, University of Texas El Paso
- Tyler Rodriguez, track and field, University of Texas at Arlington
- Mikeal Ortiz, track and field, University of Texas at El Paso

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Education Empowerment winners were Art Masters, the U.S. Army Command Unit, and Chick-Fil-A. A special award was given to the Horizon City Kiwanis Club for the success of the Kiwanis Kid Program.

The Team SISD Business Award recipients were El Pasion Fighting Hunger, Young Rembrandts, El Paso Directory, El Paso Bakerie, Alcantara Productions, Grand Canyon University, Peter Piper Pizza, Big Frog Custom T-Shirt, Snapology of El Paso and Alchemy Karate Academy.

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Team SISD honored its volunteers for their service, time and dedication to SISD campuses and departments during the 2019 annual Volunteer Recognition and Awards Luncheon at the ESC Region 19 Head Start Multi-Purpose Center.

SISD’s more than 7,400 registered volunteers contributed 135,000 plus service hours during the 2018-19 school year, which adds up to $3.1 million worth of service.

Superintendent José Espinoza, Ed.D., and the board trustees thanked and congratulated each Campus Volunteer of the Year at the luncheon.

Naomi Rojero, from Benito Martinez Elementary School, won Elementary Volunteer of the Year. Secondary Volunteer of the Year was Elizabeth Jenkins from SISD’s Manuel R. Puentes Middle School. Awards also went to the Youth Volunteer of the Year, Adult Military Volunteer of the Year, the top 5 Outstanding Volunteer Parent Groups, and members of the Healtheast Team SISD Award, and the Brand and Deliver Award.

SISD online meal application available for 2019-20

Parents in the Socorro Independent School District can submit their 2019-2020 school meal application at sisd.net/mealapplication.

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SISD invests in new technology for 2019-20 school year

The Socorro Independent School District is transforming student learning through dynamic and engaging learning experiences as part of continued Operation Future Ready efforts.

“The district’s Operation Future Ready is an ongoing commitment to provide students with the highest quality, blended learning environment possible,” said Miguel Moreno, coordinator of instructional technology. “Team SISD’s continued investments in digital tools and resources ensure our students are prepared for the college or career of their choice, equipped with the knowledge and skills to be successful global citizens.”

As part of Operation Future Ready staff development, the annual Digitally Nurturing Academics Technology Conference provided thousands of teachers new ways to “Charge, Amplify, and Innovate” in the classroom. The conference, now in its fourth year, helped teachers leverage learning through efficient blended learning strategies and new technological tools.

SISD also continues to place more technological devices in the hands of students through its DNA 1:1 program. DNA 1:1 gives freshmen their own laptop to use throughout high school so they have 24/7 access to technology. This year, Americas and El Dorado will join Socorro and Pebble Hills high schools as full DNA 1:1 campuses. Students in grades 9-12 who have their own digital device.

In addition, the district is adding more WiFi hotspots to its student resources, making them available for students to use on a check-out basis, for access to digital instruction materials off campus.

The 2019-20 school year also will be an exciting time for all elementary and middle school students in the WIN Academy through the University of Texas at El Paso’s Technology Exploration program. Tech-E helps students embrace technology in unique ways by learning coding using Raspberry Pi units, which are credit-card-sized computers that plug into a keyboard and monitor. Students also will engage in meaningful robotics experiences utilizing Ozobots and Spheros, and explore technology related careers in gaming, and more.

The Great Khalid Foundation honors 3 SISD seniors with scholarships

Three Socorro Independent School District seniors were surprised with a $10,000 scholarship from The Great Khalid Foundation. The foundation is the SISD alumnus’ non-profit organization created to award scholarships to students pursuing education in a performing arts program.

Steven Phan from Montwood High School, Celeste Barron from El Dorado, and Haile Chavira from Eastlake were the first recipients of The Great Khalid Foundation’s Performing Arts Scholarship.

“We are excited that our first initiative as a formal organization is providing educational support for talented students and we hope to see the number of students sharing their gifts with the world,” said Linda Wolfe, the foundation’s executive director and Khalid’s mother. “Our goal is to alleviate some of the financial burden on students and their families so they can go out and do great things with their creative gifts. It’s an honor to be a part of their journey as artists.”

The three surprise announcements were made at school assemblies in the presence of family and friends. Phan was the first student surprised with the award. The French horn player plans to study music education at the University of Texas at El Paso and play in the UTEP Symphony Orchestra. Chavira will attend McMurry University and hopes to join the music production industry and compose her own music.

Scholarship applicants submitted a performance video showcasing their artistic talents, transcripts to show their academic achievements, and wrote essays explaining what they aspire to become.

Students having difficulty in the regular classroom should be considered for tutorial, compensatory, or special education services. If other support services are not sufficient, or if a student is entitled to receive an evaluation for special education services. Within a reasonable amount of time, the District must notify the parent that the District will reevaluate the child, or if the District determines that the evaluation is not needed, the District will provide the parent with a written notice that explains the written notice will notify the parents of the decision. Additionally, the notice must inform the parent how to obtain a copy of the Notice of Procedural Safeguards and the right of parents to participate in the decision-making process. The written notice will include a statement that informs the parent that if they disagree with the decision, they may request a due process hearing.

SISD SPECIAL EDUCATION: CHILD FIND

Pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the District has a duty to identify, evaluate, and provide, free, appropriate public education to disabled students. For additional information about the rights of parents of eligible children, or for answers to any questions you might have about identification, evaluation and placement into Section 504 programs, contact the District’s Director of Special Education at 12440 Rojas Dr., (915) 937-4300.

ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN NOTIFICATION 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR

The Socorro Independent School District in compliance with government regulations requiring a written plan for the management of asbestos containing materials (ACMs) and in accordance with the applicable requirement for public disclosure of asbestos management plans (AMPs), has developed and established an asbestos management plan for each school campus.

The School District’s asbestos management plan was prepared in accordance with the State of Texas requirements and management practices. The Plan was developed to identify all asbestos-containing materials and provide for their removal or necessary mitigation. The Plan includes the identification of asbestos containing materials, the establishment of a system for the periodic monitoring of asbestos and asbestos-related materials, the education of occupants and employees, and the development of contingency plans for emergency situations. The Plan is available for inspection during normal business hours at each of the administrative office of the school at all Maintenance Operations. The contact person is Rafael Padilla and he may be reached at (915) 937-4300.
The Socorro Independent School District celebrated more than 3,500 graduates in the Class of 2019 with proud parents, families, teachers and the Team SISD community cheering them on at commencement ceremonies.

The Class of 2019 were honored with words of encouragement and congratulations from their principals, the SISD superintendent, board trustees, and fellow graduates. Graduates also were honored for their outstanding academic performance and overall excellence with special awards.

The SISD graduates collectively earned more than $59 million in scholarships, grants and military awards.

Team SISD graduates benefit from endless opportunities

Overall #1 Student Performance
Overall, SISD students outperform the state and region in STAAR/EOC exams.

Advanced Career & Technical Training
Team SISD’s Career and Technical Education program provides unmatched opportunities for students to graduate from high school prepared for the workforce with industry-recognized certifications and licenses.

Award-Winning Fine Arts Programs
SISD offers award-winning, diverse and competitive fine arts programs to enhance student creativity, coordination, and discipline for a complete educational experience.

One-of-a-Kind WIN Academy
The unique WIN Academy provides students who struggle in a traditional education setting more instructional time with a digital device, digital curriculum, and a teacher who loops with them for multiple years.

World-Class Facilities
SISD facilities are of the highest-quality, and well-maintained to ensure students have the best learning environments. Continued improvements and new schools provide modern classrooms, specialized, and collaborative learning spaces.

Free College Classes
SISD gives students the opportunity to earn an associate’s degree or 60 college credit hours, concurrent with a high school diploma, in one of seven early college high school programs and through various degree plans at every high school.

Innovative Advanced Academic Academies
Every comprehensive high school in SISD offers a unique advanced academics academy to give real-world experiences and specialized classes and training.

Championship Athletes & Teams
The SISD athletic program develops student athletes who excel on the playing field, win numerous championships, and thrive in the classroom.

Free Pre-K for ALL SISD residents
SISD ensures young students receive the support and instruction they need to be successful in pre-kindergarten and beyond with a FREE Pre-K program.

State-of-the-Art Technologies
Through Operation Future Ready, Team SISD is committed to invest in the latest instructional technology tools and resources for students and teachers to ensure digital learning is taking place in classrooms across the district.

Primer Lugar en Desempeño General
En general, estudiantes de SISD superaron al estado y la región en los exámenes STAAR / EOC.

Entrenamiento Técnico y Profesional Avanzado
El programa de Educación Técnica y Profesional del Equipo SISD brinda oportunidades inmejorables y garantiza que los estudiantes se gradúen de preparatoria listos para triunfar en la fuerza laboral, contando con certificaciones reconocidas por la industria.

Programas Galardonados de Bellas Artes
SISD ofrece diversos y competitivos programas de bellas artes que han sido galardonados y que fomentan la creatividad, la coordinación y la disciplina de los estudiantes para que estos tengan una experiencia educativa completa.

Singular Academia WIN
La singular Academia WIN ofrece más tiempo de instrucción a los alumnos que hayan batallado en un sistema escolar tradicional, ofreciéndoles un dispositivo digital, un plan de estudios también digital y un maestro que permanece con ellos por varios años.

Instalaciones de Clase Mundial
Las instalaciones de SISD son de la mejor calidad y están bien cuidadas para garantizar que los alumnos tengan el mejor ambiente de aprendizaje. Con las mejoras continuas y la construcción de nuevas escuelas se dota a los alumnos de salones modernos y espacios de aprendizaje especializado y colaborativo.

Clases de Colegio Gratuitas
SISD les da a los estudiantes la oportunidad de obtener un certificado técnico o 60 horas de créditos universitarios, junto con un certificado de preparatoria, en uno de los siete programas de preparatoria de estudios universitarios anticipados y a través de varios planes de grados en cada escuela secundaria.

Academias de Estudios Avanzados Innovadoras
Todas las preparatorias comprensivas de SISD ofrecen academias de estudios avanzados únicas para que los alumnos tengan experiencias prácticas, así como clases especializadas y entrenamiento.

Atletas y Equipos de Campeonato
Las programadas deportivas de SISD desafían estudiantes atletas que sobresalen en el campo de juegos, ganan numerosos campeonatos y prosperan en el salón de clases.

Pre-Kinder Gratis para TODOS los residentes de SISD
SISD procura que los niños reciban el apoyo y la enseñanza necesarios para triunfar en pre-kinder y en los grados sucesivos con un programa de pre-kinder gratuito.

Tecnología de Vanguardia
Con la Operación Listos para el Futuro, el Equipo SISD está comprometido a invertir en las más modernas herramientas y recursos de tecnología educativa para que estudiantes y maestros para garantizar que el aprendizaje digital se lleve a cabo en todos los salones del distrito.
To learn more about SISD’s endless opportunities, visit www.sisd.net/endlessopportunities
Mensaje del Superintendente

En nuestra tan cambiante sociedad actual debemos seguir mejorando nuestras habilidades como educadores públicos y los programas y recursos que ofrecemos como un distrito de escuelas públicas.

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Con el increíble éxito que logramos durante el ciclo escolar 2018-19, hemos demostrado que Lograr el Éxito como Equipo es lo que mejor hacemos en el Equipo SISD.

Nuestro éxito e incansable compromiso de tratar y educar a todos los estudiantes como si fueran nuestros propios hijos fue reconocido con uno de los más importantes premios en la educación pública de Texas.

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Los directores del equipo SISD contribuyeron a nuestro éxito cuando reclutamos el Premio Excelencia en la Educación H-E-B 2019. Este premio nos distinguió como el mejor distrito escolar más grande del estado.

Esta impresionante labor demuestra claramente que nuestra unidad no tiene límites, y que juntos, seguramente tendremos aún más éxito.

Para este ciclo escolar nos enorgullece ofrecer más programas, recursos y oportunidades para estudiantes de todos el distrito. Para ello, enumeraremos algunos de los más destacados.

Por ejemplo, es maravilloso ver cómo la proyección del bando se concretó en el distrito, en especial en la finalización de nuestro primer proyecto del Bando 2017: nuestra nueva Primaria Cactus Trails.

Otras novedades incluyen la nueva Academia de Doble Inmersión Lingüística ofrecida en las primarias Myrtle Cooper y Dr. Sue Shook, así como tres nuevos programas de estudios universitarios anticipados en las preparatorias Eastlake, El Dorado y Pebble Hills.

Vamos también a proveer computadoras personales a más estudiantes, entre los que figuran todos los alumnos de los programas operativos en el distrito.

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El Equipo SISD fue nombrado ganador durante la ceremónia de premiación realizada el 5 de mayo en Austin. SISD es el primer y único distrito escolar del Oeste de Texas que obtiene el prestigioso premio. SISD había sido finalista en dos ocasiones.

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Comenzando el ciclo escolar 2019-20, el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Socorro abrirá tres nuevas preparatorias de universidad anticipadas. Este tipo de programas ofrece a los estudiantes la oportunidad de graduarse de preparatoria con un certificado técnico o hasta 60 horas de créditos universitarios junto con su certificado de preparatoria.

Cada una de ellas, Empire Early College en Pebble Hills Early College en Pebble Hills, recibirá a 135 alumnos de noveno grado que vengan de las primarias pertenecientes a la área de El Dorado, Eastlake y Pebble Hills, respectivamente. Con la apertura de estas nuevas preparatorias, SISD será el único distrito de la región que cuente con un programa de este tipo en todas sus preparatorias comprendivas.

En el año 2006 SISD abrió Mission Early College, en Eastlake y Pebble Hills Early College en Pebble Hills, recibió a 135 alumnos de noveno grado que vengan de las primarias pertenecientes a la área de El Dorado, Eastlake y Pebble Hills, respectivamente. Con la apertura de estas nuevas preparatorias, SISD será el único distrito de la región que cuente con un programa de este tipo en todas sus preparatorias comprendivas.


Durante el ciclo escolar pasado (2018-19), el distrito inscribió a 1,465 estudiantes en sus cuatro programas de estudios universitarios anticipados y Socorro Early College celebró su primera graduación.
El equipo de SISD continúa colaborando con familias en su 2.ª Caminata Anual ‘Con Ganas de Triunfar’

Miles de empleados del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Socorro participaron en la Segunda Caminata Anual ‘Con Ganas de Triunfar’ para visitar a las familias del distrito y hablarles acerca de los programas, recursos y oportunidades que están disponibles para sus hijos en las escuelas de SISD.

“Fue maravilloso hablar con los padres de familia sobre nuestras increíbles estudiantes y hacerles saber que en el Equipo SISD se las está dando una excelente educación”, dijo el Superintendente, José Espinoza, Ed.D. “Al ser un distrito en el que la gente quiere estar, es importante que nuestra comunidad se entere directamente por nosotros que en este extramural distrito ofrecemos una educación de la más alta calidad. El contar a las familias por qué el Equipo SISD es la mejor opción para un sínfín de oportunidades fue una gran experiencia para nuestros maestros, directores y personal.

El evento ‘Con Ganas de Triunfar’ adopta la filosofía del Dr. Espinoza de tratar y educar a todos los estudiantes como si fueran nuestros propios hijos y fue inspirado en el compromiso que el legendario educador Jaime Escalante tenía por la igualdad en la educación.

Durante la Caminata, miles de maestros, personal administrativo y de apoyo de SISD fueron a las casas de los estudiantes y hablaron con los padres acerca de las oportunidades que se ofrecen, tales como las clases universitarias gratis para todos los estudiantes, Pre-Kínder gratis para todos los niños de cuatro años que vivan en el distrito, deportes de los estudiantes y hablaron con los padres acerca de los programas de educación de la más alta calidad. El contar a las familias por qué el Equipo SISD es la mejor opción para un sínfín de oportunidades fue una gran experiencia para nuestros maestros, directores y personal.

El programa ‘Con Ganas de Triunfar’ es un programa de doble crédito que es una oportunidad para que todos nuestros alumnos puedan tener y que les mostremos lo que ofrecemos”, señaló Vanessa De La Peña, maestra de Pre-Kínder en la primaria SGT. José F. Camarco.

“Tenemos muchas otras cosas fascinantes en la escuela y esta es una buena manera de darles a conocer a los padres lo que está pasando”. La primera Caminata ‘Con Ganas de Triunfar’ se realizó el año pasado y el distrito ha seguido creciendo. SISD es ahora el segundo más grande de El Paso atendiendo a la población de las ciudades de Horizon y Socorro, así como de la parte Este de El Paso.

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Dicha Academia comenzará cuando arranque el ciclo escolar 2019-20 en las Primarias Myrtle Cooper y en Dr. Sue A. Shaak. Las alumnas seguirán un modelo de enseñanza 50:50, esto es 50% de su aprendizaje será en inglés y el otro 50% en español.

El distrito seleccionó su primer grupo para la Academia de Doble Inmersión Lingüística a través de un proceso de selección durante el año pasado y el distrito ha seguido creciendo. SISD es ahora el segundo más grande de El Paso atendiendo a la población de las ciudades de Horizon y Socorro, así como de la parte Este de El Paso.

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Socorro, en colaboración con El Paso Community College, inauguró el Programa de Verano de Doble Crédito en la Preparatoria El Dorado.

Ahora en su cuarto año, el programa dio a más de 300 estudiantes de todo el distrito la oportunidad de obtener seis horas de créditos universitarios en una sola semana.

“Estamos muy emocionados de seguir ofreciendo a nuestros estudiantes un sínfín de oportunidades para garantizar que estén listos para la universidad”, dijo Carmen Crosse, Superintendente Adjunto para la Educación Media. “El Programa de Verano de Doble Crédito es una gran oportunidad porque ahora dinero a las padres de familia y facilita a nuestros estudiantes el tomar cursos universitarios.”

Los alumnos tuvieron la oportunidad de obtener créditos universitarios en las materias de Educación 1300, Espectáculo 1311, inglés 1301, Política 2305 o Economía 2301. Las clases se impartieron en la preparatoria El Dorado con instructores de EPCC.

“Voy a comenzar la preparatoria y me emociona que también vaya a comenzar la universidad”, señaló Isabella Kelly, estudiante de noveno grado del Equipo SISD. “Este programa de doble crédito es un gran comienzo y las clases son gratis, así que eso nos ayuda muchísimo.”

Nuevos dirigentes de la Mesa Directiva de SISD

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Socorro tuvo volteretas y tomó juramento a los nuevos miembros de la Mesa Directiva durante su junta ordinaria de mayo.

Cynthia Ann Núñez, quien representa al Distrito 2, es la presidenta. Angelica Rodríguez, representante del Distrito 3 es la vicepresidenta, y Paul Guerra, representante del Distrito 4 es el nuevo secretario.

Gary Gándara representará al Distrito 5. Las nuevas miembros de la Mesa Directiva son: Paul E. García, representante general, Edward Menéndez, representante del Distrito 1 y David Oscar Morales, representante general.

SISD reconoce a Maestros del Año

El pasado 27 de abril, el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Socorro celebró su Gala 2019 para Maestros del Año en el Salón Judson F. Williams del Centro de Convenciones de El Paso. Durante el evento anual SISD reconoció a los Maestros del Año de cada escuela y eligió a dos de ellos como Maestros del Año.

Paola Loayza, quien cuenta con 14 años de experiencia docente y es maestra de cuarto año en la Primaria Dr. Sue A. Shaak, fue nombrada Maestra del Año de Primaria 2019. Por su parte, Luis Rumagain, quien imparte la materia de Portal a la Tecnología en séptimo y octavo grados en la Secundaria Soc. Rafael Hernandez III y cuenta con 24 años de experiencia, obtuvo el título de Maestro del Año de Secundaria 2019.

Los ganadores del distrito representarán a SISD en la competencia de maestros del estado de Texas 2020 de la Región 19, el próximo mes de agosto.

A la celebración anual asistieron más de 1,100 personas de todo el distrito. Nota: la gala presentadora de noticias del canal 9 KTVX, fue la maestra de ceremonias de la gala. Cigna, Banes, Horrace Mayo, V.K. Architects, Buford Thompson Company, CBRE, Peter Piper Pizza, PSRBB, Glamour Shots y Lonnie's Art & Frame patrocinaron el evento.

Torneo de golf recauda fondos para becas de la Fundación SISD

La Fundación para la Excelencia en Educación de SISD tendrá su torneo anual de golf el 4 de octubre en el Club Butterfield Trail situado en el 1838 de la calle Cottonwood, El Paso, TX 79925.

El Torneo de Golf de la Fundación ayuda a recaudar fondos para becas destinadas a los alumnos de los distritos de preparatoria del distrito. Desde su inicio en el año 2007, la Fundación ha recaudado a más de 300 estudiantes de SISD con $507,000 dólares en becas.

La inscripción al torneo comenzará a las 10 a.m. y el torneo comenzará a las 11 a.m. Todo el dinero recaudado de los 475 dólares de cuatro personas de 300 dólares, la cena de cenas, las dos bebidas, café, comida, cena y una camiseta de golf.

Si desea registrarse con anticipación o ser patrocinador del evento, llame a Gracie Tovar, para las Inscripciones y Patrocinio de SISD, al 915-838-0368.

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Nuestros estudiantes, maestros y familias están muy entusiasmados con la Academia de Doble Inmersión Lingüística y esperamos tener un gran año”, dijo Juan Berumen, maestra de classroom.

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El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Socorro reconoció a sus socios en la educación durante su evento anual realizado en el salón Morton Costo.

El Equipo SISD cuenta con más de 290 socios en la educación que ayudan a los estudiantes a explorar carreras, a ponerse metas e identificar los recursos para un futuro exitoso. El premio al Socio del Año en la categoría de Negocios fue para Boss Chicken mientras que el premio para Escuelas lo obtuvo la Primaria Dr. Sue A. Shook.

Los premios para el Fortalecimiento de la Educación fueron para Art Masters, la Unidad de Manojo del Edificio de E. U., así como Chick-Fil-A. Se otorgó un premio especial para Horizon City Kiwanis Club por el éxito del Programa Temático Kid.

Por su parte, los negocios ganadores del Premio Equipo SISD fueron El Pasador Fighting Hanger, Young Regamaster, El Paso Directory, El Paso Bakery, Alcantar Productions, Grand Canyon University, Peter Piper Pizza, Big Frog Custom T-Shirts, Snapology el El Paso y Alchemy Karate Academy.

Sindicatos de Voluntarios SISD reconoció por sus impacto positivo

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**EXPEDIENTES ESCOLARES**

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**SISD invierte en nuevas tecnologías para el ciclo escolar 2019-20**

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For Bond 2017 information and updates, please visit www.sisd.net/Bond2017.

The first project to be finalized is the Cactus Trails Elementary, which will open at the start of the 2019-20 school year. The new school follows a prototype design, modeled after Purple Heart and Sgt. Jose F. Casarco elementary, with an open space concept and flexible, collaborative design spaces. The campus will be the Pre-K hub for the fast-growing Pebble Hills area. The Cactus Trails community was happy to meet faculty and staff and eager to explore their new campus through a virtual tour. Parents and students were able to see the school’s flexible and collaborative learning spaces, its unique safety features, and the inside learning amphitheater.

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Learn more about Cactus Trails Elementary at www.sisd.net/cactustrails

The Socorro Independent School District’s first Bond 2017 project is now complete, on time and within budget, and 21 others are underway. Team SISD remains committed to “Promises Made, Promises Kept!” for the bond projects slated to improve existing facilities and address continuing growth in the district.

The Socorro Independent School District’s newest school, Cactus Trails Elementary, had an open house meeting to prepare for July 29, the first day of the 2019-20 school year. Cactus Trails, home of the Diamondbacks, will serve more than 800 students from Pre-K to 5th grade in the Pebble Hills feeder area.

“Our Cactus Trails open house was a huge success,” said Leslie Thomas, the school principal. “The Pebble Hills auditorium was filled, and the energy and excitement from our families was certainly contagious. I can’t wait to open the doors of our new state of the art facility!”

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Planning of new construction, including a new elementary/middle combination school and the new Student Activities Complex, is moving along. The district will build a combination school, instead of a stand-alone elementary and middle school, to be cost-effective. The new combo school will serve students in the Eastlake area. The new SAC will be built on a 60-acre lot adjacent to the existing SAC and will be a state-of-the-art facility that will be utilized by all high schools.

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SISD termina primer Proyecto del Bono 2017

El primer Proyecto del Bono 2017 del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Socorro ha sido terminado a tiempo y dentro de presupuesto, y los otros 21 ya están en marcha. El Equipo SISD sigue comprometido con su lema de “Promesas hechas, Promesas Cumplidas” para mejorar las instalaciones existentes y hacer frente al continuo crecimiento del distrito.

El primer proyecto que se terminó fue la Primaria Cactus Trails, la cual abrió sus puertas para el ciclo escolar 2019-20. La nueva escuela seguirá un diseño prototípico, el mismo que las primarias Purple Heart y Sgt. José F. Casarco, con un concepto de espacios abiertos y diseñados para el aprendizaje flexible y colaborativo. El campus será el centro escuela pre-Kindergarten del área de Pebble Hills.

La primera fase de la reconstrucción de la Preparatoria Socorro comenzó este verano, y las mejoras a las preparatorias Américas, El Dorado y Montwood van conforme al plan. El distrito está por finalizar el diseño de las 16 gimnasios auxiliares para primarias. Todo el trabajo de construcción está siendo coordinado muy de cerca con los directores de las escuelas para asegurar que los proyectos se leven de la mejor manera y que el impacto en los estudiantes sea mínimo.

La planeación de nuevas construcciones va avanzando. Esto incluye una secundaria combinada de primaria y secundaria y un nuevo Complejo de Actividades Estudiantiles (SAC, por sus siglas en inglés), Por motivos de rentabilidad, el distrito ha desarrollado una escuela combinada en lugar de una primaria y una secundaria independientes. Esta nueva escuela combo atenderá a estudiantes del área de Eastlake. El nuevo SAC será construido en un lote de 60 acres, adyacente al SAC existente. Contará con instalaciones de vanguardia que serán utilizadas por todas las preparatorias.

Para más información y estar al tanto de las actualizaciones, visite la página www.sisd.net/Bond2017.