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Events and Book Club

Mar 4, 4pm: This is Happening without your Permission - a Women's History Month, pre-SXSW, Riot Grrrl event

Mar 8, 10:15am: Literature Live - *Little Peep*

Mar 9, 6:30pm: Badgerdog Creative Writing Workshops - Crossing America

Mar 11, 2pm: Family Movie - Finding Dory

Mar 14, 4pm: Lego Lab
7pm: Book Club - Train to Chrystal City, by Jan Jarboe Russell

Mar 15, 22, 29, 6pm: Pajama Storytime

Mar 16, 23, 30, 10:15am: All Ages Storytime

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A representative group of neighborhood stakeholders charged as stewards of the Neighborhood Plan, to uphold the implementation of the Plan's vision, goals and recommendations, and to review & vote on all proposed amendments to the Plan.

All can attend the Meetings - 2nd Monday of each month at the Windsor Park Library (subject to change) at 6:30 p.m.

Contact Conor Kenny at conor@conorkenny.net or 512-968-3050

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Letter from the President

Meghan Dougherty, WPNA President, 2017

There's so much exciting stuff happening in our neighborhood, where to even begin?

In February's Neighborhood Meeting we passed a resolution that we shared with Austin ISD regarding the future direction for schools in our community, highlighting our need and desire for a co-ed middle school to be built at a site in Mueller that would serve students in our neighborhood. We shared our resolutions with the Board of Trustee and AISD Superintendent Paul Cruz.

Rodney Ahart and the Beautification Committee organized a cleanup of Manor Road on February 18. They meet the third Thursday of each month - reach out to Rodney if you're interested in this effort and future cleanups: beautification@windsorpark.info. Stafford Gunning of the Transportation Committee and Margaret Dahl of the Revitalization and Economic Development Committee organized a workshop on February 21st to help us identify priority sidewalks and advocate for construction of these sidewalks in our neighborhood. If you'd like to do more to advocate for more pedestrian- and bike-friendly transportation, or any other transportation challenges in WP, please contact them at transportation@windsorpark.info. They typically meet the third Tuesday of each month. Extending that theme, **the focus for the March 11 WPNA Meeting is Bicycling.** We have invited representatives from Bike Austin, Urban Trails and Eastlink to participate in a panel discussion on developments in bike infrastructure in Austin. We meet the second Saturday of every month at the Memorial United Methodist Church at 10 am.

Scholarship season is upon us, and the **Windsor Park Scholarship deadline** is fast approaching. Do you know of deserving, community-minded seniors graduating from LBJ, LASA or Reagan this year? Please encourage them to apply by **March 15.** They can reach out to our Schools Committee chair, Juan Pablo Martinez, at schools@windsorpark.info. We will announce the 2017 recipients at our May General Meeting. Update: Mu Lwe Say, the hard-working alum from Reagan HS and last year's scholarship recipient, is currently attending ACC and has a 4.0 for her first semester! She's planning on transferring to either Texas Southern University or UT Austin next school year. Excellent work, Mu Lwe!

We have some new committee developments as well. Are you interested in helping develop opportunities for new businesses to come into Windsor Park and set up shop? Are you tired of seeing commercial buildings sitting uninhabited, attracting graffiti and loiterers? Then join the **Revitalization and Economic Development Committee.** Margaret Dahl is the chairwoman, and you can contact her at planning@windsorpark.info.

We also established a new ad hoc committee to revise our WPNA Bylaws, and if you're interested in helping with that effort, please contact Dan Strub at vicepresident@windsorpark.info. [Continues on page 2]



[President's Letter, continued from page 1]

Elaine Bohls-Graham has also volunteered to be our new Safety Committee chair. In this position, she will serve as a liaison between APD and our neighborhood to communicate general concerns, as well as to help educate us about crime trends and how we can make our neighborhood safer. Please contact her at safety@windsorpark.info for more information or with questions.

It's My Park Day is on March 4 - you can sign up through www.austinparks.org. While there are great projects here in the neighborhood at Bartholomew Park, please consider signing up to help our neighbors in Pecan Springs work on the as-yet undeveloped Little Walnut Creek District Park, between 51st, 183 and Springdale Rd.

Mark your calendars - **Windsor Park's First Annual Block Party will be on April 8th, 1-5 pm**, rain or shine, at the lot next to Cement Loop, across from the WP Library. We will have live music, games for kids and adults, crafts and story time for the kids. Please bring a potluck dish to share and meet your neighbors. If you're interested in volunteering or sponsoring, please contact Joe Marotta - joseph.marotta@gmail.com.

With so many exciting events and opportunities to get involved, we look forward to seeing you at a neighborhood event soon!

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Changes in Digital Communications

John Hume

Hello, neighbors! You may have noticed recent posts from me on the listserv, Nextdoor, Facebook, or all of the above, announcing upcoming meetings or newly posted meeting minutes. I've volunteered to assist the WPNA Executive Committee with digital communications. The goal is to make as many neighbors as possible aware of what's going on with our neighborhood and how to get involved.

Toward that end, I'll continue to post several things a month "everywhere:" the listserv, the official Facebook page, also shared to the new official Facebook group, and Nextdoor. We don't want you to have to look in multiple places online to stay in the loop, but the goal of maximizing our reach is too important to restrict official discussion and announcements to just one forum. My posts on Nextdoor will encourage those who want their voices heard by the WPNA to discuss in either the listserv or the official Facebook group.

GARDEN SPACE AVAILABLE

If you live, shop, worship, or walk in the 'hood, Windsor Park Community Garden has six or seven vacant plots available this spring for your peppers, tomatoes, cukes, and squash. The no-sprayin', compost-pilin', deep-mulchin' gang at WPCG would welcome your participation. Added benefit: a salubrious share in our annual peach and loquat harvest!

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AVG SQ FT OF HOMES SOLD	1,297
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MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS: CHITO AND FABIOLA VELA

Martin Luecke

Our neighbors on Ridgemoor, Chito and Fabiola are a lot of stories all in one. They just got married in July. Both are attorneys. One represents immigrants, the other represents poor people. One was legislative director for a Laredo state rep, while the other was a general counsel to a state rep from Corpus Christi. One was on the board of directors of the Workers Defense Project, while the other is expecting a baby in August! And they met at UT law school a decade before they started dating.

If Chito Vela's name sounds familiar, that's because he is vying for the yet-to-be-vacated Dawnna Dukes seat in the Texas Legislature representing Windsor Park and District 46. Chito was the first democrat to publicly ask Representative Dukes to step down before the legislative session began in January. As you may know, Dukes has since refused to vacate her seat. It looks like she will represent District 46 despite being indicted by an Austin grand jury on 13 counts of felony tampering with records. There was supposed to be a special election in February or March, if Dukes had resigned as she announced last year. Chito,



while preparing for a big honeymoon, realized he might be the right guy to run for the vacated seat. Chito had to ask Fabiola for permission to run, right after he was saying "I Do." It's not a small thing to make this kind of decision, and also get married. "He announced his candidacy four days before our honeymoon" said Fabiola. It was a crazy time. But once you commit, you go for it without knowing what is actually going to happen. "I have a thousand yard signs on a pallet in my carport" Chito chagrined. But that just means he is ready for the next election, the democratic primary.

Fabiola might seem familiar to you because back in September she was instrumental in helping residents of an apartment complex at 51st and Manor deal with an unscrupulous owner set to evict families with only 30 days' notice. "It was really evil stuff" she said. Fabiola is one of 35 Austin attorneys working for Legal Aid at 51st and I35. Their efforts led to an Austin City Council resolution to aid displaced families. "We had the press conference at Blanton!"

Chito has two children from his first marriage, both of whom attended Blanton elementary, where Chito was PTA president (Chito bought his house on Ridgemoor in 2005). His decision to send them to Blanton was questioned by friends at the time. This is a big issue in Windsor Park because many neighborhood children are transferred to other schools, which hurts all the Windsor Park schools. "People are just seeing the ethnicity at the school and deciding not to go there. What they don't see is that it's a great little school." This is the part of the story we call a teachable moment: support your local schools!

Chito is currently on the Austin Planning Commission. He says he has watched Windsor Park grow a lot in the past dozen years. "I remember when Nomad used to close at midnight because no one stayed up late!" He loves the four-block walk to Nomad.

Fabiola's law practice specialty is "employment/worker's rights" and now has a new project for organizing tenants who are being displaced all over East Austin.

Of course, the big story in this Age of Trump is the dramatic change in immigration policy coming out of the White House. With ICE agents rounding up "the bad ones", according to the President, hundreds of immigrants, mostly very law abiding, have been swept into the first deportation net. Chito says this has been the busiest time of his entire career as an immigration attorney. "The phone doesn't stop ringing" at the office he shares with two law partners. "It is gut wrenching" he remarks after describing grown men weeping at his desk, and fathers saying from detention "better me than my daughter." [Continues on page 4]

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Chito is watching Windsor Park families get torn apart, undocumented immigrants being returned to Mexico, leaving behind their American born children. "What is going to happen to the kids?" Chito laments. "We're going to have a generation of orphans" responds Fabi. "I feel an obligation to put up a fight" says Chito. After talking about federal litigation challenging ICE constitutionality, Chito says "I feel like I'm in the middle of a new civil rights era." Fabi follows "and just like back then, they organized, they had law suits, it wasn't just one strategy. That's what we need to do now." Fabi's year working as a political organizer fits perfectly in this house!

What can Windsor Park do to help the kids today? Chito says Youth Rise Texas is where you can get involved as a mentor or a patron. "There's going to be kids at Blanton, Harris and Andrews that are going to need help right now." How many days are we into Trump I ask? "This is just the first wave" Chito responds. "Trump says 3 million deportations are his target." It's a big deal everywhere in America, and especially in Windsor Park, where the schools are 85% Hispanic. To fight darkness, add your light to the sum of light, I say. Chito and Fabi are doing just that.

WPNA March 11, 2017- meeting special focus:
bicycles and bike transit through Windsor Park

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Yard of the Month – March 2017

Sara Jane Lee

Rich C. is our March winner. He lives at 1505 Ridgemont Drive. He has lived in Windsor Park since late in 2001. He wanted a good-looking landscape that did not require constant work. He also considered our unpredictable weather. His yard already had Burford Holly Bushes, a Crape Myrtle, and a Chinquapin Oak, which his neighbor had planted. Rich planted a Yaupon Holly, a Sago Palm, Lirope close to the house, a Fig Tree, Japanese Iris, and Cats Claw. Near the street there is a small berm planted with Berkeley Sedge.

The sedge is separated from the rest of the yard by a meandering stream bed that controls runoff. The bed also catches some runoff from the eaves of his house. Though its purpose may be practical, it is an attractive addition to the landscape. Stones throughout the yard add interest and breakup the plantings. He has also thoroughly mulched his planting beds with dark mulch which provides more contrast.

Rich waters when the plants need it. He rakes leaves and cleans up the yard. He advises choosing xeric plants so that you can enjoy your yard. He works full-time and wants his yard to provide him pleasure, not take up all his free time. Rich will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate from our sponsor, Shoal Creek Nursery

Pictures of the Yard of the Month are displayed on our website, www.Windsorpark.info as well as on our Facebook page. Check them out. Do you like a certain yard, or yards, in the neighborhood? You can nominate more than one. Tell us. We cannot visit every yard in the neighborhood every month. We may not have seen your great yard. Don't be humble. We love to get nominations. To nominate a yard or yards, e-mail us at yom@windsorpark.info, call 928-0681 or write WPNA YOMC, P O Box 16183, Austin, Texas 78761

Update from CM Greg Casar

Protecting our immigrant & refugee neighbors: At the last Council Meeting of 2016, my office authored and the Council passed a resolution to identify emergency funding for immigrant legal services for more people in our community. This item was prepared in anticipation of harshening federal immigration policy that we felt would result in an increasingly urgent need for legal services for immigrants and refugees in our community. We want all of our neighbors to be protected to the fullest extent of the law.

At the Feb 16th council meeting, Council was slated to approve an expanded contract to grant emergency funds to a nonprofit legal provider in Austin so community members can begin accessing these services. Hopefully by the time you read this, Council will have approved this item. Austin is a Welcoming City that values the contributions of people of all backgrounds—and we will not back down on our principles of justice, public safety, and constitutional rights.

Concerns regarding potential closure of Windsor Park Library: Thanks to everyone who reached out to my office regarding the potential closure of the Windsor Park Library. My office was able to verify with library staff that, while there is a need for improvements at the library, there is currently no confirmed closure date in the near future. If and when a closure occurs, City staff will be conducting significant outreach, and will work with surrounding schools & neighborhoods to collaborate on providing an alternative space to allow access to books and library amenities.

CodeNEXT draft released, upcoming engagement opportunities: The first draft of the City's new land development code is now released. Over the coming weeks and months, we'll be reviewing this to ensure that our new code accomplishes the policy goals our existing code is failing to achieve. I campaigned on the promise of fighting for equity and social justice in our community. The status quo must change if we want to become a just community with more integrated neighborhoods and greater opportunities for all. I'll keep you updated about opportunities for you and your neighbors to be involved and engaged. There will be specific opportunities for District 4 constituents to learn about and provide feedback on the draft land development code in the coming months— you can find more updates at <http://www.austintexas.gov/codenext>

In-District Office Hours: My next set of Office Hours will be held on Friday, March 24. If you would like to set up an appointment, please email District4@austintexas.gov or call my office at 512-978-2104.

Your Neighborhood Needs You!

Margaret Dahl, chair



Come join your neighbors in a newly created WPNA committee: **The Revitalization and Economic Development Committee**. The focus of this committee is to understand the cause of the limited types of development in Windsor Park and to encourage the development and revitalization of small and diverse businesses in our neighborhood and other enterprises that will benefit the population of Windsor Park.

The committee's efforts so far:

- The implementation of a sidewalk workshop to create a sidewalk plan to get us places, get the development of places and things to walk to, and to get to know one another. Sidewalks are crucial in the development of successful and vibrant urban areas.
- A Grant proposal that will help revitalize, renature and rehumanize select sections of our neighborhood: A. Briarcliff at Wheless; B. Briarcliff at Linda and Westminster; C. Cameron Rd from 51st to Broadmoor Dr.

Please join us and share your ideas, input, suggestions and assistance to completing these and other not yet discovered projects that will benefit WP. For more info please email planning@windsorpark.info.

March 2017 Mueller Update

Rick Krivoniak

The debut of Mueller's Alamo Drafthouse Cinema will likely get a lot of media attention, but with no opening date yet announced, chances are it will be later than March. However, two Aldrich Street District businesses are aiming for March openings. BD Riley's Irish Pub & Restaurant, with a bar constructed in Ireland and recently installed by Irish workers, hopes to be serving up ale by St. Patrick's Day. And Youngblood's Texas Chicken, a revival of the popular 1940s-to-1960s Waco-based chain, also touts a March opening on their website. Both of these are located in the "Diamond Building" across from the Thinkery. Aldrich Street District parking information is available at <http://www.aldrichstreet.com/location/parking/>

The fate of a Mueller school is still undetermined. While AISD is definitely interested in the 10 acres set aside for a school at Mueller, having even considered a District-wide use, they have yet to commit to anything definite due to various political, social and economic pressures. A middle school has been a community preference for some time, though an elementary school, or some combination of either or both with other functions, remain as options. The Master Development Agreement (MDA) between the City and Catellus specifically says "the School Property cannot be used for any other purpose than as a neighborhood school and accessory uses reasonably related thereto," the latter part a reference to the possibility of a joint or civic-use facility on an adjacent 10-acre site. The MDA also notes that the school property will be conveyed for the school development within not less than 120 days of a written request addressed to the City and Catellus, and that a neighborhood school will commence construction within three years of the request. So, any school at Mueller is likely at least three or four years away.

Mueller's Illustrative Plan is being revised and should be available by the end of March. The revision incorporates increases in the number of allowable residential units from 5,900 with 1,475 affordable units to 6,000 with 1,500 affordable units. The commercial square footage will also increase from the 4.3 million square feet allowed in 2013 to 4.5 million square feet. The plan still retains the 140 acres of green space designated in the original 2000 plan. Last revised in May of 2013, the Illustrative Plan is posted online at <http://www.muelleraustin.com/uploads/plan/mueller-illustrative-plan.pdf>

The Mueller Commission approved a recommendation that the City Council support Foundation Communities' application to the State for a low-income tax credit to finance a family-oriented housing complex. The project is still a few years off, but these apartments will be located at the future corner of Tilley and Robert Browning Streets, across from the Mueller school site and within the Blanton Elementary School attendance zone.

If you have an interest in serving on any City board or commission, visit www.austintexas.gov/department/boards-and-commissions. The RMMAPIAC (Mueller Commission) will next meet on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 6:00 PM at Parque Zaragoza Recreation Center, 2608 Gonzales Street. Visit <https://austintexas.gov/rmmapiac> to see RMMAPIAC agendas, minutes and other documents. Address Mueller questions and comments to bc-rick.krivoniak@austintexas.gov

Beautification Committee Holds First Manor Road Cleanup

About a dozen volunteers turned out on Saturday morning, Feb. 18, for the Manor Road Cleanup project, organized by the Windsor Park Neighborhood Association Beautification Committee. The volunteers picked up garbage, mowed grass, and trimmed trees and shrubbery along Manor Road sidewalks between Westminster Drive and Rogge Lane.

Keep Austin Beautiful provided trash grabbers, gloves, orange safety vests and garbage bags. Windsor Park resident Brian Graham also contributed lawn waste bags, and the KIND company donated snacks for volunteers.

The event was the third in a series of cleanup efforts aimed at improving the appearance of major thoroughfares in the neighborhood. Previous cleanups focused on Cameron Road and Berkman Drive.

The Beautification Committee plans to hold six cleanups per year, in addition to other projects focused on beautifying the Windsor Park neighborhood. The cleanups will rotate among Cameron Road, Berkman Drive and Manor Road.

Volunteers are essential to the success of cleanups, and all Windsor Park neighbors are invited to join the effort. The next cleanup is scheduled for **March 18, 8-10 a.m., on Cameron Road**. Please check the Windsor Park Facebook page, Yahoo email group, and Nextdoor for information on the meeting location closer to the event date.

The neighborhood cleanups give students the opportunity to give back to their community and fulfill their volunteer service hour requirements. Moreover, strong neighborhood participation can help Windsor Park in obtaining future grant funding.

All Windsor Park residents are invited to join the Beautification Committee. Meetings are typically held the third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. Meeting location varies – check the social media sites listed above for information on the monthly meeting place. For more information on the committee and its activities, email Rodney Ahart at beautification@windsorpark.info.

Mark your calendar! Plan to come to our 1st annual



The deets:

Saturday April 8th

1pm - 5 pm

We'll gather in the grassy lawn by Cement Loop, which is just across the street from the Windsor Park Library on Westminster Drive.

Plans include (so far):

A stage! With music! And demos!

Activities for kids

Games for all ages (expect to find a little friendly competition!)

Local vendors

Please plan to bring:

A chair, and/or

A picnic blanket

A refillable water bottle

A potluck dish to share

Your family...and your neighbors!

A side note:

This gathering of neighbors is being created by neighbors, for neighbors. If you would like to join the evolution, either in the ideation stage or during the event itself, we welcome your participation. Please contact Joe Marotta: joseph.marotta@gmail.com

Please come. We look forward to meeting you!

Austin Achieve Public Schools

Christian Cabazos

As part of our commitment to ensuring our scholars have access to a variety of extracurricular activities, we often participate in community forums and events around town. Recently, a group of our 10th-grade scholars were very excited to attend the Texas Conference for Women. Their favorite parts included the self-esteem workshop by the non-profit, I Am That Girl, meeting soccer superstar and World Cup champion, Abby Wambach, and listening to the inspiring lawyer Amal Clooney talk about the fight for human rights for women around the world. We are incredibly grateful to Intel for inviting us to this wonderful conference.

Calling All Families for the 2017-18 School Year

Austin Achieve will grow next year to include a new class of rising 6th grade students. This month, interested families with students currently enrolled in elementary school are invited to attend an enrollment information session. During these events, parents will have the opportunity to learn more about our unique curriculum, free after school activities, and special education programs. To sign up for an information session, please contact Lizett Ternes at 512-287-0345.

Upcoming Events

Please join us at one of our upcoming New Student Information Sessions

- Saturday, March 18th, 2017, 11am at Austin Achieve Public Schools, 5908 Manor Rd.
- Saturday, April 22nd, 2017, 11am at Austin Achieve Public Schools, 5908 Manor Rd.

Volunteer Opportunities: Achieve Mentors

As a mentor, you will work with students in a one-on-one or small group setting. Mentoring opportunities are available in multiple class subjects throughout the day, Monday–Thursday. We ask that mentors make a consistent commitment by volunteering at the same time and on the same day each week, for a minimum of 6 weeks. Please call 512-522-4190 for more information.

Blanton Elementary

Karon Smutzer, ACE Site Coordinator

In February students began more intense studying preparing for the testing season ahead; trying to hone their skills in every subject. March will be shorter, thanks to spring break, but learning and fun continue at Blanton. Please feel free to visit the school, ask questions and learn more about what Blanton Elementary can offer for your student.

Important March dates for parents and community:

- March 1, and every Wed: Adult ESL Classes, 8:00-10 a.m., room 108.
- March 2, and every Tues & Thurs: Adult Zumba, 4:45-5:45 p.m., in the gym
- March 12: Daylight Savings begins... 'Spring Forward'
- March 13 – 17: Spring Break, NO SCHOOL
- March 20: School Resumes
- March 24: Principal's Coffee, 8:45 a.m.

Blanton has a very busy school year planned, we encourage the Windsor Park community to join us to enjoy any special events - just keep an eye on this column to find out what has and will be happening at Blanton Elementary. For more information, please feel free to contact Karon Smutzer, ACE Site Coordinator at karon.smutzer@austinisd.org

Harris Elementary

Lori Cordaway, School Counselor

March is Texas History Month and Music in Our Schools Month!

- March 1-2 Vision & Hearing Screenings for students
- March 2 Dr. Seuss Celebration Day/Parade at School. Math & Science Night from 5:30-7 p.m. and Read Across America Day

- March 3 Orchestra Assembly-Kinder-Second grade
- March 4 Garden Workday for Harris
- March 9 Choir Concert Finale at 6 p.m.
- March 13-17 Spring Break for AISD schools

Bertha Sadler Means YWLA

Liena Garcia, Parent Support Specialist

- March 7, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm - Principal's Coffee
- March 9, 5:30 pm -7:00 pm - Parent Night
- March 11, 10 am - 12:00 pm - PTA Garage Sale
- March 13-17, SPRING BREAK
- March 21, 6:00 pm -7:00 pm - Culture Night
- March 23, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Salsa Night
- March 24, 5:30pm - 7:30pm - Family Fun Night (Movie Night)

Congratulations to our Business Professionals of America (BPA) students who have qualified to go to state competition the first week of March. Best of luck girls!

Information for 2017-2018: Please remember that Online Registrations are around the corner. To be able to register the students for school, the parents need to have an active Parent Cloud account set up. Some registration workshops will soon be provided at our school.

Choice Letters have also been mailed out by the Elementary Schools. Please make sure they are filled out and turned in by March 10th to be considered for admission at the school.

Future Parent Courses at Sadler Means YWLA

- ESL (English as a Second Language) / SSL (Spanish as a Second Language) / Basic computer classes

If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Ms. Liena Garcia, Parent Support Specialist at 512-841-5788.

John H. Reagan Early College High School

Julia Remington, LCSW Bilingual Social Services Specialist

- March 2 and 3 at 6:00 pm- The theatre department presents "Candid" a one act play.
- March 8 at 5pm- FAFSA Night
- March 13-17- Spring Break

Congratulations to the Soul Strutters! On February 11, they participated in the Westwood Dance Classic at Westwood High School. They took 1st place in Team Jazz, 1st place in Team Pom, and 1st place in Team Contemporary. They also received the High-Class award!

In more good news, Reagan is 1 of 2 schools within AISD chosen for the Innovative Academies Grant! The competitive grant award will be used to establish an Innovative Academy to provide educational opportunities for students that lead to direct employment in high-demand occupations, including Advanced Technologies and Manufacturing, Aerospace and Defense, Biotechnology and Life Sciences, Energy, Information and Computer Technology and Petroleum Refining and Chemical Products. The aim of the grant is to promote, engage, and expand the development of partnerships between regional employers, ISDs, community members, and local colleges.

