

INSTITUTE FOR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Early Learning | K-12 | Partnerships



Winston Intermediate School of Excellence (WISE), a premier 3rd - 5th grade university prep campus is now enrolling students! This campus, powered and operated by The Institute for School and Community Partnerships at A&M San Antonio, provides a rigorous literacy, math and STEAM curriculum approved by Texas Education Agency and supported by university faculty daily. This campus offers scholars opportunities to work alongside award winning university faculty and campus educators. The campus also provides opportunities for parent engagement in the newly established WISE Family and Community Center. WISE is in the heart of the Westside of San Antonio near PortSA where a STEAM partnership gives scholars the opportunity to learn coding, cyber security and robotics. This campus is free and open enrollment, but seats are limited.

Enroll NOW!

Supporting learning through data analysis

Continuous learning is how the Winston Intermediate School of Excellence faculty and scholars understand their progress toward high achievement.



Campus leadership designed and facilitated half days for continuous learning using data assessments, daily check-ins, and curriculum specific data to help campus faculty understand the learning and development of scholars. Data Days were held in early November and will be held again in the Spring.



Welcoming Early Matters to the Institute

Mark Larson entered the education reform work early, teaching five years at the International School of the Americas, one of the first schools of choice in San Antonio. With the base of small school entrepreneurism, he then launched and served as principal of the first KIPP school in San Antonio, KIPP Aspire Academy. Following a successful tenure, Mark was appointed CEO of the newly formed KIPP San Antonio Public Schools and oversaw the expansion to seven schools and over 3,500 students.

After ten years leading KIPP San Antonio, Mark and the other KIPP leaders in Texas led the merger of the four KIPP regions into a new KIPP Texas Public Schools entity. He stayed on for a year to lead advocacy, fundraising, and marketing and communications before focusing closer to home as the CEO of City Education Partners, working to bring about a cohesive strategy to improve public education in the educationally underserved areas of San Antonio.

Then moving upstream in the educational journey, Mark took on leadership of Early Matters San Antonio, a backbone organization committed to improving the early learning and development ecosystem in San Antonio through a partnership between United Way, Workforce Solutions Alamo, and PreK4SA. And now, Early Matters San Antonio is part of the **Institute for School and Community Partnerships at A&M San Antonio** The Institute welcomes both Mark and the Early Matters San Antonio work to the Institute to further build the cradle to career model for South Bexar County and the region.

Mark is thrilled to be married to Stacy Pozza Larson and to be on the adventure of raising their kids, Haley (22), Elijah (19), Samuel (17), and Ashlan (4).

Burleson Blooms is Open!

The Burleson School for Innovation and Education powered by A&M San Antonio reopened their student-led micro enterprise, Burleson Blooms just in time for the holidays. You can order your holiday floral arrangements while supporting the Burleson young adults as they learn and experience work with their on-campus employment sites.



Order Here!



Message from the CEO

It is the season of gratitude and celebration. During this time, I often reflect on the many blessings I have, from my family to our incredible team working daily for students in South Bexar County and the region.

We see our roles with campuses and partners as the greatest privilege. It is a privilege to work alongside students and educators in the pursuit of better, more equitable postsecondary opportunities.

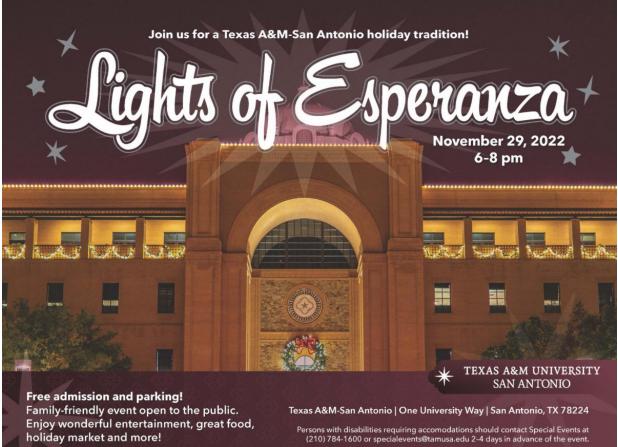
In this reflection I think about my own education journey and how although I had the loving support of my parents and an extended family, I had to learn how to do education and most especially college alone.

Our time with students is to help alleviate the burden of walking an education journey alone and to eliminate being the "first".... the first to graduate high school, the first person of color siting in that class, the first to attend college, the first to have a livable wage. Our work is to ensure our community has choice and the opportunity to do more than survive but to thrive.

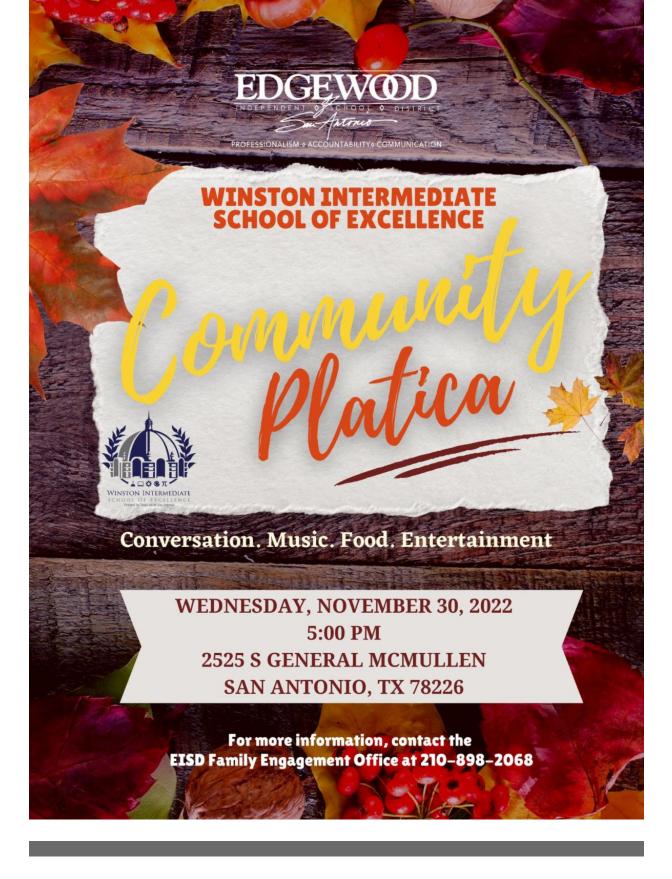
In this celebratory season, I want to thank you for your support of the Institute, of the Innovation Lab Schools, and of the scholars that are committed to thriving.

Mil Gracias Dr. Henri Muñoz

UPCOMING EVENTS



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ANNOUNCING

Texas A&M University-San Antonio, Texas A&M University Health Science Center and University Health Partnership

Join us for a signing ceremony.

Thursday, December 1, 2022 | 12 p.m.

Texas A&M University-San Antonio Central Academic Building, Vista Room, 4th Floor One University Way, San Antonio, TX 78224



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