



Hey, high school students — are you a future water influencer?

Virtual schools are not a novel idea. Institutions of higher learning have been offering online-only curriculum for years.

But it wasn't until 2020 — when the coronavirus pandemic forced everyone to isolate — that virtual education became a necessity. And now it's the norm.

That's why San Antonio Water System created the Academy of Water Influencers.

"We wanted to build something that was accessible to all students, no matter the circumstances," said Angelica Zuniga, SAWS education coordinator.

The Academy of Water Influencers aims to inspire high school students to work together and with experts to solve water issues like water scarcity and safe drinking water for all.

Beyond gaining a deeper understanding of water's impact on our lives, students will connect with professionals working in the water industry through organizations like the Texas

American Water Works Association and Water Environment Federation.

And if a career in water is a goal after high school, the academy can help with job prospects (with possible tuition reimbursement) and scholarship opportunities.

The academy's eight focus areas, or explorations, expose students to a wide range of water-related topics, from aquatic entrepreneurship to hydroengineering. How they use what they learn is completely up to them, but Zuniga hopes it brings them full circle.

"They'd be great additions to the SAWS family, working with a world-renowned utility and serving the San Antonio community," she said.

The Academy is open to ALL high school students — homeschoolers, too — in grades 9-12. Best of all, enrollment is free and you can join any time.

Start your water influencer education today! Enroll now at saws.org/academy.

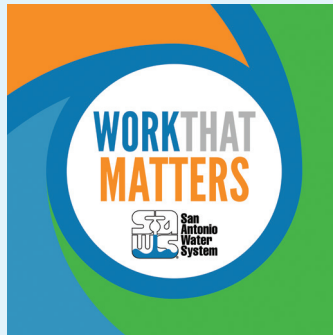


Looking for a job that makes a difference for your community?

A rewarding career with great benefits is right in front of you! Working at San Antonio Water System allows you to be part of the mission that ensures you and your neighbors have the water and wastewater service we all depend on.

Our employees provide work that matters in a healthy, safe, and rewarding environment where everyone has an equal opportunity for professional and personal growth.

SAWS offers a starting salary of \$17.60 as well as competitive health, dental and vision benefits. Other perks include vacation and sick leave, paid holidays, and career growth opportunities.



Check our job postings and apply for positions that meet your knowledge, skills, and experience. Available positions include utility technicians, equipment operators, information systems professionals and more.

Apply today at saws.org/jobs.

Fats, oils, and grease can clog pipes. After your holiday feast — don't dump scraps down the drain. Scrape, pour and wipe greasy food bits and toss them in the trash.

Event Calendar

Cinema On Will's Plaza: Elf

Dec. 9

Tobin Center
100 Auditorium Circle
tobincenter.org/cinema

Texas Winter Blooming Plants

Dec. 10

San Antonio Botanical Garden
555 Funston Place
sabot.org

Guided Bird Tour

Dec. 18

Mitchell Lake Audubon Center
10750 Pleasanton Road
mitchelllake.audubon.org

Valero Alamo Bowl

Dec. 29

The Alamodome
100 Montana St.
alamobowl.com

River Walk Winter Artisan Show

Jan. 13-15

River Walk Extension
602 E. Commerce St.
thesanantonioriverwalk.com

Customer Service and 24-hour Emergency

210-704-SAWS (7297)
saws.org/waternews

Lower your monthly sewer charge in 2023

Did you know the amount you pay for your sewer service is up to you?

It is, and here's why. SAWS sewer charges are based on your average winter water use. That means the less water you use from mid-November to mid-March, the lower your monthly sewer service charge will be for the rest of 2023.

Since your landscape is the single biggest water user, turning off your automatic irrigation system is the easiest way to save water. Plus, your landscape goes dormant in winter and seldom needs additional water. Of course, you can always turn your irrigation system on and use it manually to water once a month if there is no rain.

Watering your landscape less now can add up to big savings throughout 2023.

Note: If your sewer service is provided by San Antonio River Authority, your winter average is updated in July, based on average water use billed the previous December, January and February.

Winter Average Period 2022-2023

Billing Cycle	Winter Averaging Starts	Winter Averaging Ends	Month Billed
13	Nov. 15	Feb. 24	March
14	Nov. 16	Feb. 27	March
15	Nov. 17	Feb. 28	March
16	Nov. 18	Mar. 01	March
17	Nov. 21	Mar. 02	March
18	Nov. 22	Mar. 03	March
19	Nov. 23	Mar. 06	March
20	Nov. 28	Mar. 07	March
21	Nov. 29	Mar. 08	April
01	Nov. 29	Mar. 09	April
02	Nov. 30	Mar. 10	April
03	Dec. 01	Mar. 13	April
04	Dec. 02	Mar. 14	April
05	Dec. 05	Mar. 15	April
06	Dec. 06	Mar. 16	April
07	Dec. 07	Mar. 17	April
08	Dec. 08	Mar. 20	April
09	Dec. 09	Mar. 21	April
10	Dec. 12	Mar. 22	April
11	Dec. 13	Mar. 23	April
12	Dec. 14	Mar. 24	April

Note: Actual meter reading dates may vary slightly.

A day's work at Knights Cross



Safety vests and hardhats aren't exactly shining armor. But SAWS crew members working an emergency valve installation at Knights Cross Station Oct. 19 were no less worthy of royal recognition than their medieval counterparts. The chivalrous repair was completed in the nick of time, allowing crews to divert flows without loss of service while more extensive repairs are made. Knights Cross is a former BexarMet facility in the Stone Oak area that became part of SAWS in 2012.

SAWS honored for championing minority business success

The UTSA Minority Business Development Agency presented SAWS with the Chairman's Award during the Minority Enterprise Development Week awards luncheon in October. Marisol Robles, SMWB program manager, accepted the award on SAWS' behalf.

The prestigious honor celebrates individuals and organizations that show a commitment to helping minority businesses succeed.

The recipient is selected by the chairman of the MED Week Consortium, and the award is one of the highest recognitions from the U.S. Department of Commerce.