

## PRESS RELEASE

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### Judson STEM Academy Students Win Big at Film Festival



Converse, TX – A simple video project for JSTEM 8th graders Natalia Vela and Aracely Quiroz to wrap up reading *The Giver* led to their teacher entering the video into the [6th Annual 90 Second Newbery Film Festival](#), which was held on April 2, 2022 at the Tobin Center for the Performing Arts.

Vela and Quiroz’s [video](#) won Best Sound in the High School and Middle School Sound category.

“This is actually my first experience with them winning an award, even being nominated for an award. I entered five total from the 8th grade and this is the one that got picked up (by the organization),” English teacher Ms. Jennifer Gilson said.

The [festival](#) is put on by the Bexar County All Digital Public Library, BiblioTech. The mission of the festival is to entice students to read and discuss Newbery books, encourage the close

reading necessary to write a script that creatively sums up a book in 90 seconds, and give students opportunities to use new technologies, such as video equipment and editing software, in a creative way that promotes literacy.

The full story and link to the video submission is available [HERE](#).

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**About Judson ISD**

Judson Independent School District is a Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade public school district in the San Antonio area. Prior to its current form, the district was known as Judson Rural School District No. 8. The rural district was created on June 25, 1958, by the Bexar County School Board and combined the existing districts of Converse, Kirby and Selma. The new district was named after Moses Campbell Judson. Today, Judson ISD serves over 23,000 students within the incorporated cities of Converse, Kirby, Live Oak, San Antonio, Selma, and Universal City. Judson ISD produces excellence throughout all campuses and builds strong connections with the community. The district earned a B rating from the Texas Education Agency and is constantly working on innovative ways to enhance the learning for its students. Judson ISD believes in providing a strong foundation for early learners by offering full day Pre-Kindergarten programs beginning at 3 years old. Being a district of choice provides Judson families to customize their own educational experiences through the multitude of programs the District has to offer. For more information, visit [www.judsonisd.org](http://www.judsonisd.org)

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