

# Education Impact for FY21 & Education Programming FY22

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# **Education & Engagement Team**



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# FY2021 Education & Engagement Impact Data

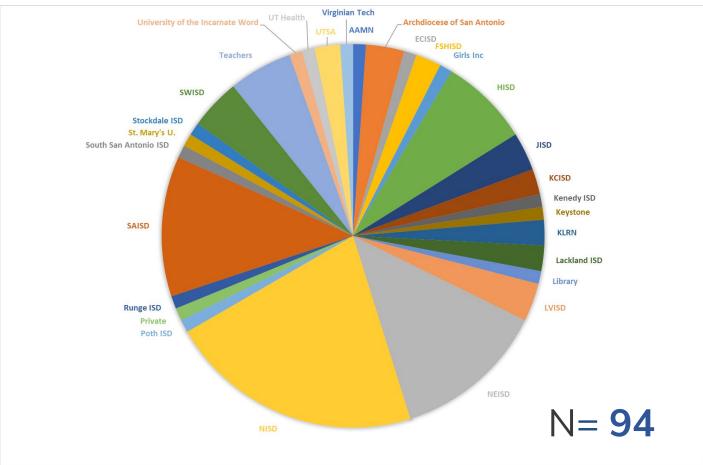
Number of Education Events = **94** 

Total Education Impact = **5,027 students & educators** 

County	Number of Programs
Bexar	84
Goliad	0
Karnes	5
Wilson	5



# FY2021 Number of Organizations & School Districts Served





# **Partners Served**



# **Developed New Education Tools**

- Freddie the Fish Virtual Book
- Confluence Park
  Virtual Field Trip Video
- 12 Novel Education Lessons & Presentations







# New Educator Professional Development

- 6 Professional Trainings
  - Freshwater Mussels
  - Wastewater Treatment
  - Citizen Science
  - Project WET
  - Pollinator Festival
  - River Stewardship
- State Board Continuing Education Credits





# New Online Education Classroom Programs

### 6 Virtual Classroom Programs

- Freshwater Mussels
- Ecology
- Water Quality
- Erosion
- Nonpoint source pollution
- Careers

"That was fantastic! The participants loved it!" – Dona Kotzur Director of Development, The Arc of San Antonio



Today we want to give a shout out and a thank you to the San Antonio River Authority for their terrific

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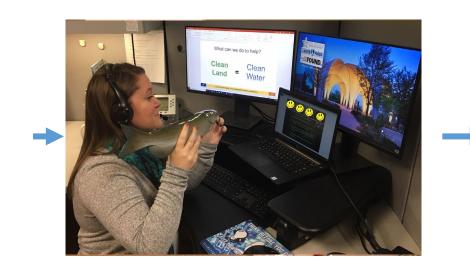
presentation on Freshwater Mussels in the San Antonio River!

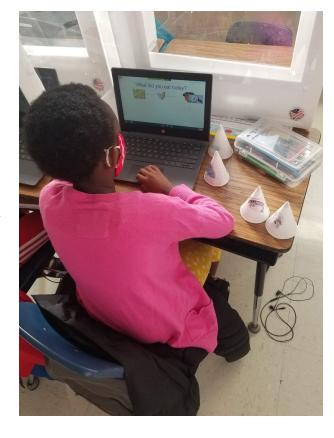
Many thanks to our new friend Carrie for helping us create our very own clay freshwater mu... See More





## Online Environmental Education Programs









# Online Environmental Education Research Study

- Nationwide Study
- Rated 2 River Authority Education programs
- River Authority education programs <u>excelled</u> over other organizations in the study.





# Online Environmental Education Research Study

### **Excelled** in the outcomes of:

- Environmental Learning
- Stewardship
- Motivation
- Enjoyment
- Self-efficacy
- Environmental Attitudes

"The [River Authority] program **was so inspiring**. For me, the emphasis on conservation practices and how kids can have a positive impact on the animals and plants that live there was a wonderful component that **I hope others will ponder**."

- Eileen Merrit, PhD, Research Lead, Virginia Tech





# **Recognitions Received**

- Watermark Award\*
- Urban Waters
  Learning Network
  Signature Award
- Invitations to speak at two international conferences

The Watermark







\* Awarded by American Water Works Association and the Water Environment Association of Texas



# New School Year





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# **New Litter Campaign Education** Programs

### 1. Be River Proud Field Trip Program

### 2. Campus Cleanup **Service-Learning Program**

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# Field Trip Study

- Pre- and post-field trip surveys
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up
- Assessing 3 threads
  - Individual actions and beliefs
  - Collective actions and beliefs
  - Belief that environmental problems are real
- Analyze data in December





# Works of Art with Pollinators: an Educator Workshop



### October 9, 2021









# Summary

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One of the many reasons I love working @CASTtechSchool is because of the amazing partnerships with organizations like @sanantonioriver that provide authentic, immersive experiences to our students. Today we learned about watershed & water quality.

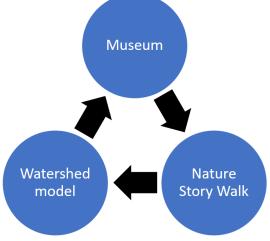


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# **Questions?**

