For 20 years, Trina Williams worked in security. While it was a job that paid the bills, it never offered the fulfillment that Trina desired. When she learned that her mother was diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer, Trina took care of her. This is where Trina discovered her passion to take care of others, especially the elderly and patients.

She was intrigued by the idea of being a nurse, but that seemed like wishful thinking, not a real possibility. Then Trina discovered the Goodwill Good Careers Academy. “Good Careers Academy changed my life. I feel wonderful!”

Today, as a Certified Nurse’s Aide, she has the competitive advantage when applying for nursing school. Trina set her new career in motion by following her dream; The Good Careers Academy provided the training and support she needed to make it a reality.

How Your Donations Helped Trina Fulfill Her Career Goal

“Goodwill put me on the right journey. There’s a difference in doing a job versus doing something you love to do.”

Trina Williams, Good Careers Academy Graduate, Certified Nurse’s Aide
San Antonio has seen tremendous growth in High School graduation rates in the last decade. However, many students leave high school unprepared to enter the workforce or post-secondary education institutions, as indicated by single digit college readiness rates. This has contributed to low college graduation rates, and job candidates not meeting the skill requirements demanded by local employers.

To tackle this challenge, Goodwill San Antonio developed a program focused on increasing career awareness, job readiness, and college success. The Career Navigator program launched this year in partnership with six high schools in Harlandale ISD and Southwest ISD. In only two months, over 800 students have received classroom instruction, individualized case management and one-on-one career coaching, in addition to participating in career-centric events.

Each student was provided the opportunity to research career fields and build an individual career plan. The Career Navigators also assisted the students with applying for colleges, completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and guiding them through their college application checklist.

Employers were invited to speak with the students as a way to expand the students’ career interest. Starbucks, a Goodwill Partner, shared with students the benefits and potential career paths it provides team members and offered any student interested in working at Starbucks an interview.

The Career Navigators are currently working with the schools during this summer, assisting students enrolled in summer school or who need career or college assistance. In addition, they are hosting student events, FAFSA 101 and college enrollment assistance as a way to keep students engaged in the program.

For the 2016 – 2017 school year, the Career Navigator program expects to assist over 3,000 students from 8th to 12th grade. In addition, a Career Navigator representative will work on the Palo Alto College campus, where the largest percentage of our students attend college, providing support to college freshmen as they navigate through their first year of college. This focused support will hopefully increase the student retention rate, and eventually the graduation rate.
There is **always something new, something for everyone** at our Goodwill San Antonio stores. This is definitely true this summer. We are excited to announce the following NEW additions:

### 15% Discount for Seniors, Active Duty Military, Veterans, and Gold Star Families
Every Wednesday starting this month, customers 55 years and older, Active Duty Military personnel and Veterans will receive a 15% discount off of their total purchase. Gold Star family members will receive the 15% discount every day. This discount will be honored at all 19 full-retail stores located in San Antonio, Kerrville, Laredo, New Braunfels, and Seguin. The discount excludes the Goodwill San Antonio Clearance Outlet located on East Commerce Street in San Antonio. For more information on the discount program, please visit [http://www.goodwillsa.org/shop/store-finder](http://www.goodwillsa.org/shop/store-finder).

### In-Store Auctions Showcase Treasures and Collectibles
Many of our customers love to shop at Goodwill in search of treasures. We have now made it easier to find these treasures with our in-store auctions. Silent auctions occur every week at all full-retail stores, with the exception of the DeZavala store, which conducts a live auction every other Friday. In addition, most items up for bid have a “Buy Me Now” option.

These auctions are another great opportunity to purchase great treasures at amazing prices and support our mission of changing lives through the power of work. Stop by and see!

Learn more about our in-store auctions and view a selection of items up for bid at [goodwillsa.org/shop/in-store-auction](http://goodwillsa.org/shop/in-store-auction).

### Bling is Back in Selected Goodwill Stores
Your wishes have been granted! Customers can once again purchase jewelry at our Blanco, Bulverde, DeZavala, Kerrville and Walzem stores. Additional jewelry items are always available for purchase online at [goodwillsaonline.com](http://goodwillsaonline.com).

Remember, when you shop at any of our Goodwill San Antonio stores or online, **you are a job creator.**

Learn more about our mission of changing lives through power of work at [goodwillsa.org](http://goodwillsa.org).
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Honoring a family member who has died while on active duty.

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There are 1,200 Gold Star family members living in Bexar and surrounding counties. The Goodwill San Antonio Veterans Resource and Career Center is honored and privileged to work with the Joint Base San Antonio Survivor Outreach Services to bring awareness in our communities about the sacrifices our Gold Star families have endured for our country.

If you know someone who needs support or if you would like to learn more about Joint Base San Antonio Survivor Outreach Services, please visit www.samhouston.army.mil/asa/SOS.html.

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