SAZA COMMISSION, INC.
PRESENTS

THE 32nd ANNUAL MEMBERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Saturday, May 30, 2026, 12:00 PM

Beasley-Brown Community Center
225 North Swiss Street

San Antonio, Texas 78202

MEMBERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Committee Members

Dillard D. Yates……Chairman
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Our Heartfelt Appreciation
To All That Made The
2026 Scholarship Luncheon a success

"If you're walking down the right path and you're willing to keep walking, eventually you'll make progress."
President Barack Obama

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PROGRAM

WELCOME……. ZULU DILLARD YATES
INVOCATION…….....ZULU ERIC RUGGS
THE OCCASION……. ZULU ROLAND WISEMAN

PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER
ZULU LEROY SANCE

GUEST SPEAKER
DR. RAYVYN HARDAWAY, PT, DPT

PRESENTATION TO THE GUEST SPEAKER

JASPER BLAKE

BLESSING OF DINNER
ZULU ERIC RUGGS

****DINNER****

RECIPIENTS ROLL CALL
ZULU PRESIDENT JASPER BLAKE
SAZA PRESIDENT JAMES RUGGS

AWARDS
SAZA COMMISSION, INC
PRESIDENT JAMES RUGGS

SAN ANTONIO ZULU ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT
JASPER BLAKE

RECIPIENT EXPRESSIONS

CLOSING REMARKS
ZULU PRESIDENT JASPER BLAKE

BENEDICTION
ZULU ERIC RUGGS

Dr. Ravyn Hardaway

Dr. Ravyn Hardaway was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas, where her passion for sports and physical fitness began at an early age. As a student-athlete, she participated in volleyball, basketball, and track throughout her childhood. In 2013, she graduated from MacArthur High School and was honored to receive a scholarship from the San Antonio Zulu Association.

Inspired by her love for athletics and helping others, Dr. Hardaway attended the University of Texas at Austin, where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology in 2017. During her time in Austin, she worked in a variety of roles related to health and fitness, including personal training, teaching sports classes for preschoolers, and serving as a physical therapy technician. Her experience in physical therapy inspired her to pursue a career as a physical therapist.

She later moved to Denver, Colorado, to attend the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, where she earned her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree in 2020. While living in Colorado, she embraced the outdoors through activities such as hiking and snowboarding.

Today, Dr. Hardaway lives in Dallas, Texas, where she works as a pediatric sport's physical therapist. She is passionate about helping young athletes recover from injuries and return to the activities they love. Outside of work, she enjoys weight training, Pilates, traveling, and giving back to her community.

NOTES

2026 Members Memorial Scholarship Recipients

YOUNG LADIES

MISS TIERRA BOWIE
SONIA SOTOMAYOR HIGH SCHOOL
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

MISS SYNCERE M. BOYD
IDEA BRACKENRIDGE CD
TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

MISS AVERI S. CARTER
SONIA SOTOMAYOR HIGH SCHOOL
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT SAN ANTONIO

MISS LYRIQ A. FIELDS
JOHN F KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

MISS MIKYLA C. FLEMING
JAMES MADISON HIGH SCHOOL
ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

MISS JANAY L HARRIS
VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL
ST. PHILIP'S COLLEGE

MISS JANIYAH L HARRIS
JUDSON HIGH SCHOOL
NORTHEAST LAKEVIEW COLLEGE

MISS KALIA J. KYLE
YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

MISS CHRISTIAN B LEE
VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT COLLEGE STATION

MISS SYDNEY A. PRIMM
BRANDEIS HIGH SCHOOL
NORTH CAROLINA A&T STATE UNIVERSITY

2026 *Members Memorial Scholarship Recipients*

YOUNG MEN

MR. QUENTIN X. BATTS
SONIA SOTOMAYOR HIGH SCHOOL
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

MR. LAMAR D. FIELDS
JOHN F KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL
SCHREINER UNIVERSITY

MR. KELLEN S. HARRIS
LEGACY OF EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE HIGH SCHOOL
TRINITY UNIVERSITY

MR. YANIV L. KING
YOUNG MEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
HOWARD UNIVERSITY

MR. LAVONTAE N. PERRYMAN
IDEA HARVEY E. NAJIM
ST. PHILIP'S COLLEGE

MR. MALACHI J. SMITH
G.W. BRACKENRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
UNIVERSITY OF ADVANCING TECHNOLOGY (UAT)

MR. MATHIEU SUAREZ
OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES HIGH SCHOOL
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT COLLEGE STATION

MR. GAVIN M. TUCKER
JAMES MADISON HIGH SCHOOL
ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

MR. ETHAN J. WRIGHTSIL
ANTONIAN COLLEGE PREPARATORY
THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

MR. JOCOB N. WILLIAMS
HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL
ST. PHILIP'S COLLEGE

ZULU HISTORY

We are the San Antonio Zulu Association.
Our Zulu Association membership now stands at forty-two thoroughly dedicated volunteers.

We both plan and host "A Taste of New Orleans" for the SAZA Commission Inc., which provides philanthropic outreach throughout our community and, in some instances, beyond.

Historical Synopsis:

We formally organized with ten founding members in 1976 as a social, civic, not-for-profit, and benevolent organization. These men selected the name Zulu to recognize the Zulu tribe in Africa, known for its high standards, courage, and uncompromising principles.

In 1978, we chartered our organization with the State of Texas, with twelve charter members. The mission of the Association is to develop means through which we may perform and promote activities that will favorably impact our community.

In the mid-seventies, SAZA began what eventually became an annual family-style picnic celebrating "Juneteenth" (Texas' announcement of the Emancipation Proclamation on June 19, 1865). We held these annual picnics at Carmargo Park (formerly Pablo's Grove) near Lackland and Kelly Air Force Bases. We gathered a faithful following, many of whom ordered stacks of our Bar-B-Q lunches to have delivered to their worksites.

We also used these family-oriented picnics to highlight youth groups performing dance, vocal, and other unique activities. We hired DJs and live music. We brought in amusements and a novelty vendor for the children. Over time, as the number of Juneteenth activities around the city increased,

Our attendance began to decline, making our event cost prohibitive. We reluctantly elected to withdraw from this activity.

In 1982, we joined the Fiesta San Antonio Commission as a Participating Member Organization (PMO). We began at Rosedale Park in 1983, calling our event, ***'Fiesta West".***

We had no underwriting or Sponsorships. All investments SAZA paid for from our dues and assessments. We lost all our investments in those first two years. We decided to relocate and adopted a new theme and name for our event. We relocated to St. Paul's Square, downtown San Antonio, and ***"A Taste of New Orleans"*** *was born!*

While the Association engages in many areas within our community, we are best known for our participation in the annual Fiesta event, "A Taste of New Orleans," produced through our 501c3 arm, the SAZA Commission Inc., which was incorporated in 1987.

We are proud that our event has become one of the true jewels.
of Fiesta.

Our monetary donations to our community have exceeded two million dollars in direct contributions to worthy causes, and now exceed $40,000 in annual scholarships to aspiring High School Graduates.

We cordially invite you to participate. Come and have a wonderful time enjoying some of the Tastiest Tidbits on this side of the Mississippi! And with each bite, know that a portion of your purchase will return to the enhancement of our community. Oh, and you can also enjoy the wide variety of our musical menu, ranging from Zydeco to an authentic Brass Band and many other toe-tapping favorites.

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