ZANT Upcoming Events

- June 22: ZANT Youth Group—Black & Red Night
- July 13: ZANT Jashne Tirgan
- July 24 & 31: Visit from Human Geography Teachers
- July 26-28: ZANT-ZAH Youth Camp in Houston
- Aug 4: RSVP for Farvardegan Jashan
- Aug 10: Anand Bazaar
- Aug 11: ZANT Farvardegan Jashan
- Aug 12-16: ZANT Muktaad Prayers
- Aug 17: ZANT Shenshahi New Year Function

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We welcome and encourage feedback from our community. Please send comments or suggestions to president.zant@gmail.com or mail to ZANT, 1605 Lopo Road, Flower Mound, TX 75028-1306
**MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD**

**Happy Father’s Day to all the Dads!!!**

Our Students are back from College and Classes have ended for our schools. Our Religious Classes are also taking a break for the summer. But we have a lot of activities scheduled for the summer.

Saturday June 22, 2019 – ZANT Youth Group has an all-night Black and Red Night

July 1 – July 6, 2019 – 7th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress in Los Angeles - Happy to announce that more than a dozen of our Youth are travelling to attend this Congress

July 24 & July 31 – Welcome the Human Geography Teachers visiting our ZANT Center.

July 26– July 28 – ZANT-ZAH Youth Summer Camp in Houston – We encourage our Youth to participate in this event – Houston is only a few hours away.

August 10, 2019 – ANAND BAZAAR at Addison Circle Park – Come volunteer your time and attend this fun filled event which is one of our major fundraisers.

August 11 to 16— Muktad Jashan & Gatha Prayers

August 17 – ZANT Navroze Dinner and Celebration

If you still have not become members, please renew your membership in ZANT and come volunteer, participate and enjoy our wonderful Zoroastrian Community in North Texas.

**HAVE A SAFE AND WONDERFUL SUMMER!!!!!!**

**ZANT CENTER VISIT BY HUMAN GEOGRAPHY TEACHERS**

ZANT will be hosting some teachers attending a summer institute for the Advanced Placement (AP) course in Human Geography. We have been approached by the organizers so that teachers of human geography in the DFW area will be able to learn about the Zoroastrians, both as a religion and as community neighbors. The visits are scheduled for **Wednesday July 24** and **Wednesday July 31 at 2 pm** at ZANT Center. While we will be making arrangements for the presentation, we would also appreciate having other community members present as we are expecting about 30 people each day. Please contact Anahita Sidhwa at afsidhwa@verizon.net or 972-462-1553 if you can attend and help.

**ZANT-ZAH YOUTH SUMMER CAMP IN HOUSTON**

We are glad to announce a ZANT-ZAH summer camp in Houston from **Friday, July 26th evening to Sunday, July 28th**. The camp will be held at the Zarathushti Heritage and Cultural Center in Houston for our youth between 12 -18 years (if you are between 19-25 and want to join please let us know so we can plan something for your group). It will be a fun filled, packed program for two days with all the meals. There will be a nominal fee and registration required. If you are interested to attend the camp and make new friends and have blast this summer please RSVP to Delnaaz Irani 972-398-8673 or delo.irani@sbcglobal.net by June 1st. We will directly give more registration information to all the youth that RSVP. Please note that Dallas youth who RSVP through ZANT will be allowed to stay at ZAH on Friday night. Looking forward to have all our ZANT youth make wonderful friends and priceless memories with our Houston youth.
It’s a Party!

Dress in black and red and join us.

Don’t forget to RSVP.

Register your team for the Group Dance Contest to win a prize.

Register to share your talent with your friend and win a prize.

Register to be our DJ for the night and win a prize.

For registration and RSVP send an email with names in it to ZANTYouthGroup@gmail.com before June 15th.
Jashne Tirgan

ZANT is celebrating Jashne Tirgan with

Lots of Water games for kids & adults in ZANT Center backyard

Volleyball game (Outdoor) and - Table Tennis and Carrom (indoors)

Date: Saturday, July 13, 2019
Time: 5 pm - 11 pm
Place: ZANT Center
Address: 1605 Lopo Rd, Flower Mound, TX 75028

Please RSVP to anahita.kvani@yahoo.com by July 6th.

After that time the non-member price would be charged.

Program

5 pm: Meet & greet
6 pm: Water games / Inside games
7 pm: Volleyball tournament
8 pm: Dinner
9 pm: Dance

Dinner

Chicken Kebab, Veggie Kebab (Veg), Rice & Salad

Members: $7
Non-members: $10
Kids 13 and under: $4
Kids under 4: free
Shehenshahi Muktad prayers will be held during the Gatha days from **August 12, 2019 to Aug 16, 2019 at 7 p.m. at ZANT Center.**

This is a tradition we had followed at ZANT for more than twenty years, and its purpose is to venerate the fravashis of our dear ones.

A table with fresh flowers will be set up in the prayer room with offerings of satum (food) and we will recite a few short Avesta verses with their translations to welcome the fravashis. It is an opportunity to remember our ancestors and give thanks for the gifts we have received and renew our commitment to lead a good life.

While many of us probably do our prayers and set up the table at home also, what is the significance and importance of doing it at ZANT Center? Its because the ZANT Center is our second home, and we think it is important to welcome the fravashis in a location that is so dear to us.

In the spirit of communal well-being, please join us for the prayers and bring fresh flowers and your satum (food) offering for the muktad table.

To make it convenient for everyone, a simple meal will be served after the prayers. RSVPs for dinner are not required but would be appreciated. Please call **Anahita Sidhwa at 972-462-1553.**

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**Farvardegan Jashan & dinner**

ZANT will have Farvardegan Jashan on **Sunday, August 11, 2019 at 5 pm.**

We would like to thank **Mrs. Daisy F Presswalla,** for sponsoring the Jashan & dinner in memory of her late husband, Dr. Farokh Presswalla.

Although the dinner is being sponsored, the ZANT Board requests **RSVP by Sunday, August 4, 2019 to ppbalsara@gmail.com** & contributions to meet the ZANT Center Operating expenses…..

Details to follow in a Flyer…..

Please make check payable to ZANT & send it to ZANT Center, 1605 Lopo Road, Flower Mound, TX 75028.

Members $10
Non-Members $15
Kids (4—14 yrs) $5
ZANT knows that our Graduates have worked hard to achieve what they have accomplished so far. ZANT is very proud & wishes them well in their future endeavors! We’d like to share a little about some of them that we have the information on, with our community....

Amy Chinoy graduated from Frisco High School. Amy actively participated in DECA, progressing to State level in the individual category, National Honors Society, National Technical Honors Society, Business Professionals of America, Amnesty International, UNICEF and HOSA. She played club soccer for Liverpool FC America and volunteered for six years with the National Charity League racking up 250 hours! Amy will be attending Baylor University as a Dean’s Gold Scholar and plans to major in Medical Humanities and minor in Non-profit Studies.

Arish Pardiwalla graduated Magna Cum Laude from The University of Texas at Dallas with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting, finishing the Professional Program in Accounting. He has had three internships at PricewaterhouseCoopers over the course of his college career and has accepted a full-time offer to work as a tax associate for the company starting in July 2020. During his four years at UTD, Arish was a member of the Undergraduate Dean’s Council - holding the position of Committee Chair of the Student Engagement Committee. As part of his role, he developed projects to boost past, present and future student involvement with the School of Management. He was awarded Member of the Year in 2018 and has been on the Dean’s list for four semesters. He also participated in dance competitions with various teams, winning first place at the World of Dance Dallas competition. By 2020, Arish will complete his Masters of Science degree in Accounting and will be a certified CPA accountant in the near future.

Aryana Jamshidi graduated from McKinney High School in the top 10% of her class. She became involved in Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID) in 6th grade and has continued this course through her senior year of high school. This program has allowed her to prepare for college starting at a young age. Through her involvement in Health Occupations Student of America (HOSA) and Key Club Aryana has been supporting her community through volunteering over 100 hours a year. This experience has led her to become empathetic for others that are underserved, making her choice for helping people in the medical field an easy decision. She has also been involved with Independent Study and Mentorship (ISM), which involves extensive research over a specific career choice. As Aryana was selected to be in this course, she was able to shadow and get hands on experience in a dermatologist office and OR’s preparing her for her future career. ISM reassured her desire to be in the medical field and then led her to apply to the physical therapy program. Through the physical therapy program she attained her CPTA which is certification to be a physical therapist aide. With her CPTA, she spent her second semester of senior year in clinical settings working, shadowing and learning under physical therapists. Aryana’s hard work was rewarded her with 3 academic excellence awards and 2 outstanding achievement award from McKinney High School. She also was awarded scholarships from the McKinney Education Foundation, HOSA, and Key Club. Next year, Aryana will be attending Texas State University in San Marcos as a sophomore due to all of her enrollments in dual credit in high school. She will be studying to achieve her degree in Biology with a minor in kinesiology in hopes to get into Texas State's Physical Therapy School.

Cyrus Buhariwalla graduated in the top 5% of his Flower Mound High School class of 2019. He was part of the Varsity Tennis team, National Honor Society and Math Honor Society. He earned his Eagle Scout rank earlier this year. Cyrus will be going to College Station in August, where he will attend Texas A&M University and will pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering.
Daryus Dorabshaw received a degree in Finance from the University of Texas at Dallas. During Daryus' four years at UTD he was the recipient of multiple scholarships including the Jindal School of Management honors scholarship, the State Farm scholarship prize, the National African Americans in Insurance Excellence Award, and the International Risk Management Society's Student scholarship. In addition to these honors Daryus also took on two major leadership positions as a officer in his business fraternity, Gamma Iota Sigma, and as a teacher and curriculum writer for his very own class at UTD. Daryus will be starting a full time position at Marsh & McLennan Risk Services in August.

Farzaneh Dindar graduated from Tarrant County Community College with the Associate Degree of Art and has completed all the requirements to transfer to UTA in Fall of 2019 and continue her education in the accounting field.

Harshika Jha is in the honors graduating class of 2019 at Plano West Senior High School. She is the founder of Refugee Care Initiative, a Regeneron Semifinalist and a state level swimmer. She will be starting Electrical and Computer Engineering program at UT Cockrill Engineering School this fall.

Hrithik Jha is in the honors graduating class of 2019 at Plano West Senior High School. He is a part of the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra and also placed in the National BPA Competition. He will be starting the management program at UT McCombs School of Business this fall.

Kiana Menguita graduated from Reedy High School. Kiana has been accepted to New York University (NYU) and will be joining their Class of 2023 this Fall. She will be enrolled in the NYU Tandon School of Engineering studying Integrated Digital Media. Kiana’s objective is to obtain a Bachelors of Science degree with the goal of one day working for a well renowned company within New York City’s media industry.

Manijeh Rustomji graduated Suma Cum Laude from Texas Woman’s University with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with an early childhood to 6th grade certification, in addition to her English as a second language certification. During her time at TWU she was given two experiential student scholar grants in order to carry out educational based projects in the community. She has also presented at a state level educational conference known as the TexTESOL which is a conference for English language educators. During her free time she has also enjoyed working as a volunteer teacher for a book club that has students from around the world who are learning the English language and also served as the Vice President for the Student Council of Exceptional Children. Manijeh will begin teaching dual language Kindergarten in the fall in Lewisville ISD.

Piran Vaharwala graduated this summer with a FT- MBA and a MS in Supply Chain Management from UTD. He is starting as a “Pathways – Operations Manager” for Amazon in California in June. “Pathways” is Amazon’s leadership program for MBA grads interested in supply chain.
Dear Family and Friends,

I am thrilled and honored to announce that I will be biking 4,500 miles from Austin to Alaska as a part of the longest annual charity bike ride, Texas 4000, in 2020. Please help me by supporting Texas 4000 for Cancer by helping us fundraise for our campaign:

http://bit.ly/burzin2alaska or

This cause means a lot to me because: Fulfilling my dreams began a long time ago with my childhood experiences in my family. Today, it continues to grow as I start this journey riding for my high school science teacher and science fair sponsor, who suffers from an advanced form of lung cancer that has spread to other organs. My passion for science began in my childhood with simple robotics, but now I know one day I want to push the boundaries of human capabilities by integrating robots into the lives of those who have suffered great losses through cancer and many other immobilizing diseases. I can only strive for these goals with the support of family, friends, and most importantly, my teachers along the way.

My science teacher's battle with cancer began in 2017 with her diagnosis of Stage IV Leiomyosarcoma right around Thanksgiving. After one round of failed chemo, she had surgery and was free of the tumor in February 2018. Unfortunately, with the reoccurring fight against cancer, the tumor returned in May 2018 along with more failed chemo regimen. After a second major surgery in August, she has been placed in a clinical trial for a new drug. Her battle continues as you read this today.

I owe it to her and each cancer victim, past and present, to ride.

So first and foremost, I ride for CHARITY that funds cutting-edge cancer research to give individuals a fighting chance against this debilitating disease. Second, I ride for HOPE because I love meeting new people and ensuring those affected by cancer that I will ride for a cancer-free world. Lastly, I ride for KNOWLEDGE by advocating for the dissemination of life-saving cancer prevention information to communities along the way from Austin to Alaska.

I hope you can consider supporting me in this endeavor by donating. Every little bit counts.

Thank you,

-Burzin P. Balsara
**Treasurer’s Corner**

Memberships, donations and balances listed below are accurate as of May 25, 2019

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**Memberships**

No new members this month

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The cost of maintaining the center is approximately $2,500 to $3,000 per month. If anyone would like to help with that, please contact the board.

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**Kroger Rewards for ZANT!**

**Linking Your Kroger Rewards Card with ZANT:**

Just a reminder to all new and existing ZANT members - ZANT has established a Community Rewards Partnership with the Kroger family of stores. Please link your Kroger Rewards Card with ZANT so that ZANT gets a donation from Kroger every time a member shops at the store. The new Non-Profit Organization number for linkage is WT-497. Please feel free to contact a board member if help is needed to create the link.
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[Images of children playing tug of war at the carnival]
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FEZANA Announces the opening of its Scholarship cycle. Applications are now being accepted for FEZANA Scholarships in the following categories:

- Academic Scholarships
- Performance and Creative Arts Scholarships
- Excellence in Sports
- Religious Education

Each of these scholarships have different application processes, requirements and deadlines. Please visit the Scholarship page to get the most current information.

Check out more information at the link below:

https://fezana.org/scholarships/academic/
Dear Parents,

Due to popular demand and positive feedback from parents, North South Foundation is offering a series of targeted ONLINE workshops for college admissions. College Admissions Planning (CAP) process is not well known to many of the NRI parents. Getting into college has never been more competitive. With tens of thousands of qualified candidates, every aspect of an application is critical for success. **Guide to Pre-Med Admissions is a highly sought after workshop from NSF parents.**

Please register online by selecting “Register for Online Workshop” on the Parent Functions page after logging into NSF as a parent. Do not use the link “Register for Onsite Workshop”, which is a different tool.

2. **Guide to Pre-Med Admissions, choose one from April 13 or April 14 @ 1 pm EST (Deadline without late fee April 6th)**

Pre-med programs, and combined BS/MD programs are some of the most competitive in the United States. In this webinar, you will learn:

- The various types of pre-med programs offered and the advantages of each
- Specific requirements - academic, extracurricular and otherwise - for pre-med applicants
- How to improve an application through certifications and volunteer programs

3. **How to Gain Admission to Ivy League Universities, May 11 & 12 @ 1 pm EST**

Ivy League universities are among the most rigorous, selective and coveted in the United States. Most now have acceptance rates in the single digits. In this webinar, you will learn:

- What Ivy League admissions officers are really looking for in applicants
- Why essays are often the key to admission - and how to write essays with impact

4. **Writing a Standout College Essay, June 22 & 23 @ 1 pm EST**

The college essay can be the determining factor for admissions officers in deciding whether applicants should be admitted or rejected. In this webinar, you will learn:

- How the essays are evaluated by admissions officers - and what they are looking for
- The way to select a topic that will enable applicants to stand out from the pool
- Examples of truly exceptional application essays as well as common mistakes to avoid

5. **Tips & Tricks to Completing the Common Application, July 27 & 28 @ 1 pm EST**

Whether your child is applying to college this year or in several years, it is beneficial and helpful to view and understands the college application. In this webinar, you will learn:

- About each section of the application and how students should approach completion
- Why the order in which students list their extracurricular activities is so important
- How a student’s declared major plays a critical role in the admissions process
6. Building a Standout Extracurricular Profile, September 21 & 22 @ 1 pm EST
Admissions officers seek applicants with the most compelling and interesting extracurricular profiles. Leadership is critical, too. In this webinar, you will learn:

- The importance of a student extracurricular profile in the college admissions process
- Activity recommendations: academic, competitions, pre-professional, travel, athletic
- Which activities have the most impact and when students should get started

1. Planning Early for College Admissions, March 9 & 10 @ 1 pm EST (Completed. recording available for a fee)
Freshman or sophomore year is the right time to lay the foundation for a successful college admissions process. Earlier is always better! In this webinar, you will learn:

- How students can narrow down and identify an academic area of interest/future major
- What extracurricular, summer and leadership activities have the most impact
- Why the key to gaining admission to highly selective schools is starting early

For more details, visit: https://www.northsouth.org/public/uscontests/workshops/workshop.aspx

Since these workshops are online, you can be anywhere as long as you have a desktop/laptop with high speed Internet connection and a headphone.

- After you register, you will see the Join Webinar button on the View Status for Online Workshop & Download page after you login into NSF as a parent. You will also receive a Video/Audio link to join the workshop a few days prior to the workshop.
- There will be a chat line and a whiteboard for the teacher to write on.
- A workshop booklet will be made available a few days before the date of the workshop. You can review it before joining the workshop.
- Your child and you can use the question panel to communicate with the presenter.
- There will be an interactive Q&A session at the end of the presentation.
- Recording of the session will be available to registered users for about a week after the session.

All inquiries regarding Online Workshops should be sent to workshops@northsouth.org
Register for the 2019 Zoroastrian Youth Congress

Who: 18-35 year old Zoroastrian Youth from around the world
What: Sign up for the World Zoroastrian Youth Congress today!
When: July 1-6, 2019
Where: Los Angeles, CA USA
Why: Learn about the Zoroastrian religion, network with peers and other professionals, and make new friends from around the world!
How: Click on this link: https://wzycongress.org/register/details/

In precisely 4 months from today, nearly 600 Zoroastrian youth from all over the world will gather for the opening of the 7th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress. Organized by the youth of California Zoroastrian Center (CZC), the Congress shall be held at the beautiful Pacific Palms Resort in City of Industry in the greater Los Angeles area. CZC is a member association of the Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America (FEZANA).

7WZYC Schedule

Speakers: The initial first set of speakers for the Congress is:
- Dr. Mickey Mehra: *Humata Hukhta Hvarshta: Wellness, Wellbeing, and Healing*
- Rosheen Kabraji: *Home and Belonging: Reimagining the Global Zarathushti Youth*
- Arman Ariane: *The Future God: An Introduction to Zoroastrianism*
- Ervad Jimmy Madon: *Practical Zoroastrianism: The way of Life for Our Generation*
For the First Time Ever at a World Zoroastrian Youth Congress!!

WZCC YOUTH Wing along with 7WZYC bring you

ZOROASTRIAN SHARK TANK 2019

Are you a young entrepreneur?

If yes, are you looking to get that extra capital to catapult your business into success?

Apply now to the first ever WZCC Zoroastrian Shark Tank 2019 held at the 7th World Zoroastrian Youth Conference in Los Angeles, July 2019.

To Apply

Fill in the application form here: https://goo.gl/forms/4iX3XcbB5PXrjB622

[Please upload relevant documents through the above form]

Stand a chance to pitch your idea in front of a panel of investors at the 7th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress in Los Angeles in July!

Don’t let this opportunity slide!