

Education matters. It mattered to our key note Speaker, **Dred Scott Madison II**. It has played a pivotal role in the lives of our honorees. And education is one of the goals of our annual dinner. Our goal is to raise funds that will enable endowment of a UTSA scholarship while honoring local heroes who have made significant contributions to our community.



Dred Scott Madison

Key Note Speaker

Dred Scott Madison II

is a great-great grandson of Dred and Harriet Scott. He is retired from the Air Force and is currently a member of the Air Traffic Control staff at Randolph AFB, Texas. He has been a resident of San Antonio, Texas since 1991.

Honorees

Shokare Nakpodia

Sho is a founding Partner and Creative Director of The Mighty Group. His diverse professional and academic training in civil engineering, fine arts and graphic design have taken him to four continents around the globe.

Jackie Gorman

Jackie is the Executive Director for SAGE (San Antonio for Growth on the Eastside), a non-profit that serves as the growth engine for San Antonio's Eastside. She is serving on the Promise Neighborhood Advisory Board and is a member of the United Way Strengthening Families Issue Council and was inducted into the San Antonio Women's Hall of

Marie Pannell Thurston, Phd & Charles Thurston, M.D.

The Thurston's are the parents of 4 accomplished daughters, and 10 grandchildren.

Marie Purnell Thurston earned her second Masters at UTSA. Later, she and their oldest daughter attended The University of the Incarnate Word, where they both earned doctorate degrees. Presently, Marie Thurston is employed at St. Philip's College, where she is the Coordinator of the Oral History Program and the author of the history of the school entitled *St. Philip's College: A Point of Pride on San Antonio's Eastside*.

Dr. Charles Thurston retired from the military in San Antonio and is a practicing Dermatologist.

Event Details

Date: June 19, 2013

The landmark Dred Scott decision (1857) affirmed that the U.S. Constitution intended that Blacks were not citizens, but be considered chattel (property) and therefore had no standing to sue in federal court and the federal government had no power to regulate slavery that was primarily occurring in the South. Our speaker a direct descendant of Dred Scott will share his insight. Information is the key to freedom continues to ring out on the 19 of June.

Time: Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner starts at 7:00

Place: Beasley Brown Community Center
225 North Swiss street (next door to Bethel AME Church)

Individual Ticket Price: \$50

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