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UPCOMING DATES

June 29-July 3, 2012

13th Zoroastrian Games
Toronto, Canada. For info
www.zso.org or
zgames2012@yahoo.ca

July 8, 2012

Seminar: *Gathic
Zoroastrianism &
Achaemenid/Sasanian
History and Social Justice.*
Calgary. For info or to
register fdjmehta@shaw.ca

July 14, 2012

*A Celebration in honor of
FEZANA's first 25 years
including Lagan-nu-bhonu.*
Hosted by Zoroastrian
Association of Chicago
www.zac-chicago.org

August 1, 2012

Submission deadline for
2012-13 FEZANA Academic
Scholarships.
www.fezana.org or
academicscholarship@fezana.org

August 2-5, 2012

16th North American
Zarathushti Congress 2012,
Rye, New York. For
registration or more info
<http://nazc.zagny.org>

August 2, 2012

*FEZANA 25th Anniversary
Gala Evening;* Rye New
York; 7:00pm.
<http://nazc.zagny.org>

August 3, 2012

25th FEZANA AGM;
Rye, New York. To register
or for more info
<http://nazc.zagny.org> or
admin@fezana.org

AROUND FEZANA...

FEZANA Academic Scholarship Program

During the academic year 2011-2012 the FEZANA Academic Scholarship Program Committee received 23 applications for the FEZANA scholarships: the Mehraban and Morvorid Kheradi Endowment Scholarship, FEZANA 20th Anniversary Endowment Scholarship, the Banoobai and Maneckshaw Kapadia Endowment Scholarship and the Khorshed Panthaky Endowed Scholarship for Undergraduate studies.

The FEZANA scholarships are awarded for a combination of academic excellence, need, extracurricular activities and community service.

The Mehraban and Morvorid Kheradi Endowed Scholarship is awarded for ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE (\$5000) and the recipient named the **FEZANA SCHOLAR**. (This is for Academic Excellence PLUS involvement in the community services. Financial need is factored out).

The FEZANA 20th Anniversary Endowed Scholarship is awarded for Academic Excellence plus involvement in community service (\$3000) to a graduate student.

The Banoobai and Maneckshaw Kapadia Endowed Scholarship (\$1000) is based on academic standing and need.

The Khorshed Panthaky Endowed Scholarship for Undergraduate studies (\$3000) is based on academic excellence and need.

As the committee had decided earlier, the applications were divided into two categories: undergraduates (15) and graduates (8).

To make the judging process more objective, we added four judges for the undergraduate and graduate category.

Based on the cumulative scoring of the judges in each category, the following were awarded the scholarships.

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

THE FEZANA SCHOLAR FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT

THE MEHRABAN AND MORVORID KHERADI ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP (\$5000)

Dinshaw Mistree, Ph.D Candidate in Political Science at Princeton University
Dissertation on Corruption in the Indian Political System

20th FEZANA ANNIVERSARY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP (\$3000)

Sheena Driver Business Administration with emphasis on leadership
Masters program at John F Kennedy University, CA.

THE KHORSHED PANTHAKY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FOR UNDERGRADUATES (\$3000)

Bahman Zohour Chemical Engineering, University of California, Los Angeles;



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Zenia Tarapore *Business Administration (specializing in Marketing and International Business), Sir Wilfred Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario*

THE BANOUBAI AND MANECKSHAW KAPADIA ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000)

Ervad Cyrus Panthakee Economics, Sir Wilfred Laurier Univ., Waterloo, Ontario

FEZANA SCHOLARSHIPS GRADUATES (\$2000 each)

Azvin Mehta *Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine, Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine, Toronto, Ontario*

Azar Noorifirouz *Master in Physical Therapy at California State University, Northridge*

Maziyar Boustani *Master in Geography Information Service, California State University*

UNDERGRADUATES (\$2000 each)

Navzad Dabu *Broadcast Journalism, Boston University, MA*

Shiavax Rao *Major in Life Sciences, University of Toronto, Ontario,*

Ervad Bahrum Firozgary *Biochemistry and Cellular Biology, Rice University, TX.*

TOTAL OF ALL FEZANA ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS: \$15,000

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Each year the candidates are exceptional and there is always a good geographical spread among the winners. We hope the program will continue to attract this high caliber of applicants.

This year the scholarship program received 2 additional endowments, totaling \$125,000.

\$100,000 from Aban Rustomji in memory of her husband and scholarship committee member, Purvez Rustomji. The scholarship of \$5000 will be named **Purvez and Aban Rustomji Endowed Scholarship** for an undergraduate student who demonstrates financial need as well as academic achievement.

\$25,000 was received from the **Trust of Morvord Guiv** which will endow 2 scholarships of \$1000 each to a graduate and an undergraduate student.

\$15,000 was received from Cawas Kapadia as an addition to the **Kapadia Endowment Fund** in memory of his parents. This will enable the scholarship to be increased to \$2000 to an undergraduate student who demonstrates financial need with academic achievement.

To commemorate the 25th anniversary of FEZANA, Dr and Mrs Jerry Kheradi has increased the award for *the FEZANA Scholar* to \$10,000 for the 2012-2013 competition only.

It is also heartening to see the mushrooming of scholarship programs across the continent by associations as well as by private individuals. We continue to receive requests for scholarships from students all over the world.

To give more publicity and raise more awareness of this scholarship program, efforts were made by the Dr. Jerry and Celeste Kheradi and the committee members to present the scholarship cheques and special certificates at community functions where and when possible. An article with the bios of the winners together with their photos is published each year in the spring issue of the FEZANA Journal. The Spring 2012 issue of the FEZANA Journal contains information on all the scholarship winners. We hope this will attract and generate more funds for this program.



CELEBRATE WITH
FEZANA!

*FEZANA's Silver
Jubilee Gala*

*An Evening of
Dinner and Dance*

*Rye, New York
August 2, 2012, 7:00pm*

This year, we are requesting the FEZANA Board to allocate a sum of \$15,000. This will maintain 6 scholarships of \$2,000 and the endowed scholarship of \$3000. The Academic Scholarship fund has received \$2892 in donations.

We encourage other families and past recipients to think of the Scholarship program in their donations, legacies and bequests.

*What advances a community is not so much to prop
up its weakest and most helpless members, but to
lift up the best and most gifted, so as to make them
of greatest service to the community*

-- J.N. Tata

Starting from the 2011 annual competition, the applications were filled on line. This eliminated mailing costs to both the applicants and scholarship committee. The committee would like to thank Coomi Gazdar and Aban Rustomji for their help in creating an electronic form.

The Panthaky fund was a time-limited fund with an initial donation of \$30,000 from which 2 scholarships of \$3000 were to be given till the money lasts. This scholarship has been given to 2 students for the past 4 years. And this will be the last year for awarding this scholarship. We hope that another donor will come forward.

The Academic Scholarship committee thanks the FEZANA officers for giving us this opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the future generation of Zarathushti youth. We also thank the webmaster and the FEZANA Journal for publicity on the web and in the journal.

On my personal behalf, I would like to thank each and every member of the committee and all the judges for the excellent work they do so diligently and with such professionalism. My special thanks to Ratan Mistry, the FEZANA Treasurer for his diligent work in sending out the cheques to the winning candidates in a most timely and efficient manner and for maintaining records and clarifying the fund balances at the present time. Thanks also to Zenobia Damania, our office administrator for handling the certificates to the winners.

Respectfully submitted

Dolly Dastoor Ph.D Chair FEZANA Academic Scholarship Committee

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Shernaz Bamji Ph.D	(British Columbia)
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