

THE RISING STAR

SAN ANTONIO WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

"Today's leaders preparing tomorrow's Rising Stars"

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The Romo Report



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As incoming President, I am very excited about the future of the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame! We have a great executive committee, lots of energy, and new ideas and ambitious goals to take our organization to the next level. We are building upon the strong foundation established by prior Presidents.

As you've likely noticed, we have re-branded the SAWHOF by introducing a modern new logo and tag line, "Today's leaders preparing tomorrow's Rising Stars." This new branding speaks to our mission of honoring our local stars, while developing the next generation of Rising Stars who will lead our community into the future.

We have a set of exciting plans to raise the profile of the SAWHOF and provide first-class support to our community. We need your help to ensure these plans come to fruition. With your assistance, we will honor another great new class of inductees in the spring, increase the amount of revenue generated by the induction ceremony and other fundraising events & activities, and boost the number of sustaining members of our organization.

What we're most excited about is our goal of increasing the number of scholarships provided to graduates of the Young Women's Leadership Academy, which is a nationally recognized, county-wide, college preparatory charter school in the San Antonio Independent School District. With your help, we have funded **nearly \$40,000 in scholarships** for YWLA graduates – 90 percent of whom are first-generation college students. These young women are on the path to success, as 100% of them are on track to graduate on time; nearly half are seeking a degree in a STEM field of study; and nearly a quarter of them are attending Tier 1 universities. We are looking forward to helping even more YWLA graduates fulfill their dreams of a college education.

I hope that all of you will help us reach our goals by nominating an extraordinary woman for the upcoming class of inductees, paying your membership dues (information is below), contributing your time and talent by serving on one of our committees, and advocating actively for our organization.

It's incumbent upon all of us to pave the way for the next generation of young leaders. Thank you for all you do for the SAWHOF and our community.

Don't Forget!

The deadline is approaching for nominations for the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame. To nominate an outstanding woman, please go to www.sawomenshalloffame.org and complete and submit the nomination forms by midnight on September 30. Nominations can be sent via email to angonzalez3811@yahoo.com or mailed to **Adela N. Gonzalez, PhD, First Vice President, San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 461104, San Antonio, TX 78246.**

Award-Winning Women

Alma Lopez-Cavazos (2003 HOF Inductee) was presented with the Inspire Award for Leadership by the SAISD Foundation for her many years of leadership in the community.

Becky Hammon (2015 HOF Inductee) became the sixth member of the New York Liberty Ring of Honor for leading that franchise to three WNBA Finals appearances. Hammon also was the first woman head coach during the Spurs Summer League where she led the team to victory.

Rosemary Kowalski (1985 HOF Inductee) was honored by the San Antonio Parks Foundation for her support of the parks and her many contributions to the community.

Carri Baker Wells (2012 HOF Inductee) has been named one of the 2015 Texas A&M University Distinguished Alumnus, the highest honor bestowed upon a former student, for her many contributions to the university and success in her career.

Tracy Wolff (2014 HOF Inductee) was honored as a Guardian Angel by the Center for Family Relations for the lasting impact that she's made on the lives of Bexar County children.

Mary Rose Brown (2006 HOF Inductee) will be honored as a 2015 Texas State University Distinguished Alumnae for her achievements in her career and contributions to the community.



Mark Your Calendar

December 1, 2015 Holiday Party & Introduction of 2016 Women's Hall of Fame Inductees

March 19, 2016 2016 Women's Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Pearls of Wisdom

"Just because something's never been done doesn't mean it can't be done. Leadership has no gender."

-- **Becky Hammon**, Assistant Coach for the San Antonio Spurs

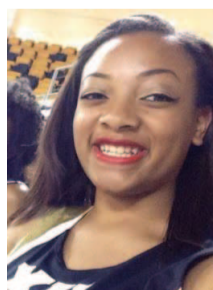


Scholar Spotlight

The San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame has awarded \$40,000 in scholarships to graduates of the Young Women's Leadership Academy, a 6th-12th grade, county-wide, college preparatory charter school in the San Antonio Independent School District. In each edition of *The Rising Star*, we will spotlight one of the Hall of Fame Scholars.

Dominique Cameron, 2014 Scholarship Recipient

School: Xavier University of Louisiana
Major: Biology
Career Aspirations: Gynecologic Oncologist
School Activities: Golden Girl Pom Squad, Freshman Honor Society & Mobilization at Xavier (Community Service Club)
College Brag: Participated in a research program at the University of Southern California this past summer.
Quote: "Thanks to the Women's Hall of Fame, I can focus on my studies without worrying about how I am going to pay for my books. I am very grateful to have received a scholarship from such an empowering and giving organization."



Membership Has Its Privileges!

It's a privilege to be a past inductee of the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame, so we hope you'll support the organization by becoming a member. It's only \$50 per year (\$100 for two years or \$150 for three). You can pay by credit card by going to <http://www.sawomenshalloffame.org/Dues.html> and following the prompts, or sending a check (made payable to San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame) to P.O. Box 461104, San Antonio, TX 78246. As a reminder, the deadline for dues is July 1st of every year.

