

## ZURI AKI



**Date of birth:** 1982-06-08

### **Hawaiian ancestry**

Aki 'Ohana and Makulu 'Ohana on father's side (from grandfather), great great grandmother was Emma Kahuila Wilcox.

Ka'apana 'Ohana and Ahia 'Ohana on mother's side (from grandfather).

### **Educational background**

Kamehameha High School Kapālama

BA Hawaiian Studies (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa)

JD Candidate at William S. Richardson School of Law (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa)

### **Employment history**

Myron B. Thompson Academy

Leeward Community College

Disney Imagineering

Ka Papa Lo'i 'o Kānewai (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa)

Research Assignment at William S. Richardson School of Law

### **Criminal record**

None

## Personal statement

Aloha mai kākou.

My name is Zuri "Z" 'Aki and the 'āina for whom I belong is Waipi'o, O'ahu. I am a Hawaiian Studies graduate from the University of Hawai'i and a J.D. candidate at William S. Richardson School of Law.

This process is about you and your 'ohana. It is also about us, the nation, the Lāhui Hawai'i - those who came before, all those here now, and all those who have yet to be born. This process has everything to do with our best interest and our continued existence as a people in perpetuity. This is our moment in time to better our condition and advance ourselves. Let us do that together.

As a law scholar, my area of focus has been in constitutional law, international law, environmental law, federal Indian law, Hawaiian law, and the legal status of the Hawaiian State - disciplines necessary for the level of expertise needed at this up-coming convention. As a traditional cultural practitioner, I can better serve our progressive movement through the guiding principles in our cultural values - so that our foundation is firmly rooted no matter how great we grow.

This is our time. Ua mau ke ea o ka 'āina i ka pono. Mahalo nui loa.

**The delegate candidate represent these 10 people are eligible voters who have nominated them :** Brandi Hyden

Seana Piilani Ah Kee

Mokihana Pearl Aki

Timothy Henry Aki

Alaina Naomi Mahone

Sean Kaleikohano Mahone

Ian Michael Ikaikaloa Mahone

Moani-Lehua Maria Aki

Kainoa Daniel Aki

Electra Rebekah Aki