



## **I Am SAC Proud**

### **Ciara Zurita**

Biography

The youngest of nine children, Ciara lived in a nice home on the Southeast side of town, but was surrounded by drugs and violence. When she was only 10 years old, she lost her older brother when he got in between two friends during a street fight.

Naturally, her family was crushed with his death, but her father pushed her to focus on school. She attended Highlands High School, and soon became involved with the Upward Bound Math and Science program, and later, San Antonio College's TRIO program which helps students pursue a bachelor's degree.

In addition to being a full-time student, Ciara has two part-time jobs, is a member of the SAC Honors Academy, and recently completed an internship with the City of San Antonio's Ambassadors Program. Plus, she is married and has a one-year old daughter named Amiyah whom she had when she was a senior in high school.

Planning to graduate in May 2018, Ciara wants to become a probation officer and plans to transfer to Texas A&M – San Antonio.

"I just try to push myself. I do it for my family, but also for myself. I have to make it. There's no other choice."

Ciara is driven, motivated, confident, mature, successful, generous, positive and SAC PROUD.

