

Maryland America Pageant 2020

Mrs. Maryland America 2019—Kayla

Miss Maryland for America 2019—Deveney



Pageant Program

Saturday August 29, 2020

7:00 p.m.

National Anthem

Introductions of the Evening—Emcee

Chit Chat Session —Emcee and Contestants

Looking Back—Mrs. & Miss Maryland 2019

Meet our Judges

Swimsuit Competition

Videos

Evening Gown Competition—Contestants

Entertainment

Final Interview- Contestants- Emcee

Final Walk - Mrs. & Miss

Director's Thank You's to our Sponsors

Special Awards

Crowning of

Mrs. Maryland AmeriCAN 2020

Miss Maryland for America 2020

Mrs. Maryland America 2020

Photos of Winners and Judges (outside)





***Kayla Schadegg—2019
Mrs. Maryland America***



***Deveney Shea—2019
Miss Maryland for America***

Mrs. America features the most accomplished married women of America. Mrs. America remains the foremost competition for married women. The renowned competition is devoted to emphasizing that America's 65 million married women are extraordinarily beautiful, poised, articulate and versatile. Each year, Mrs. America and the state titleholders make personal appearances during their reign, speaking to and for our country's greatest natural resource, and most important constituency—it's married women.

Our Mrs Maryland Family



Yolanda Stennett

2018



Jaime Trevillian

2017



Chelsea Mitchell

2016



Su Joing Sollers

2015



Zereana Jess Huff

2014



Heather Ziehl

2013



Teresa Scanlon

2012



April Proudfoot

2011



Raquel Thomas

2010



Carrie Yorkis

2009



Siobhan Davenport

2008



Adrienne Carver

2007



Patty Markos

2006



Laura Price

2005



Nikki Karl

2004



Heather Ablondi

2003



Dawn Jones

2002



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2001



Penny Richardson

2000



Donna Kramer

1998

Director's Letter

As Executive Producer and Directors for the Mrs. Maryland America Pageant, we wish to thank so many key individuals and former Mrs. Maryland Titleholders, who have tirelessly served to ensure the success of our Pageant.

To our beautiful and gracious 2019 Titleholders— What an amazing job you have done as Mrs. & Miss Maryland. Thank you for being authentically YOU. You deserve every bit of recognition and acclaim you receive! You continually went the extra mile. Sharing your gifts of intelligence, humor, integrity and a pure heart. Thank you for always being ready to step up and make appearances representing the best of American women. You always had a fabulous attitude, while following through with your duties. Your commitment to the Mrs. Maryland America family was evident as you gathered sponsors and mentored this years' contestants through to the end. You continually gave us your elegance, time, resources and heart while promoting the Pageant. May all your dreams come true. We all love you, Kayla and Deveney!



Thank you to all of our esteemed Judges, Auditors, Pageant Staff and Coordinators for giving your time selflessly.

To the Families of our Delegates: We all appreciate your support and love. Letting your wife shine for all to see can be intimidating and it takes a confident man to enable the process. Children, we hope that you have had fun reflecting on how important your Mom is to you and those around her...And how much she loves you. We know we are not perfect and we thank you for loving us anyway.

And finally, to our lovely contestants: You are all more than qualified to take home the crown tonight. The choice is going to be very difficult for the judges. You have reached out to so many and created a ripple effect of good works that will affect generations. Thank you for your flexibility, your enthusiasm, and being strong role models for our communities.

God Bless you and God Bless America!

*With affection to all,
Laurett, Laura, & Drew*



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Pageant Director



LAURETT ELLSWORTH ARENZ has been directing the Mrs. Maryland America Pageant since 2004. She is tremendously grateful for the enthusiastic support she receives from the former Mrs. Maryland titleholders. Laurett is especially grateful for the hard work of the Pageant team: Laura Price, Judges and Program Coordinator, and Producer, Drew Vanlandingham.

Laurett fell in love with the Mrs. America organization when she was crowned Mrs. Virginia America 2001 and Mrs. America 2002. She had the honor of judging the Mrs. World Pageant twice: once in Las Vegas in 2003 and again in December 2017 in South Africa.

Laurett is author of the best-selling and award winning book, *The RAFT Strategy: Your Retirement Approach Free of Tax and Other Safe Investing Secrets*. She and her husband David own HERO'S Strategies, a

financial services company which serves thousands of clients through numerous affiliate advisers throughout the country. Together they host a weekly radio show, which airs nationally. The show can also be heard from their website, WeBuildYourWealth.com.

As a Certified Life Coach and former Mrs. America, Laurett loves to help and watch others achieve their goals and to realize their potential. "I am always inspired by the Mrs. Maryland contestants and Queens because they live lives of integrity and serve their communities. They stand as stellar role-models." She says, "Thank you for promoting the magic of the Mrs. Maryland America crown and for the gift of your friendship. I feel blessed to be apart of your lives." Laurett and Dave reside in Cape Coral Florida. They are the proud parents of 7 and grandparents of 15. Their children live in five states: Maryland, Virginia, Colorado, Utah, and Arizona.

Pageant Coordinator



LAURA EVERNGAM PRICE, has been married for 27 years to her husband Richard. They are the proud parents of two boys, Nicholas, a graduate of William & Mary and currently working in the Biology field, and Justin, a graduate of Elon University, working in the Political Science field. Together they own a family business - Ship and Print Place, which is where she creates the Mrs. Maryland program book, in addition to many types of print design.

Laura entered the political arena in 2010, running for and winning a seat on the Talbot County Council and was re-elected for a third term in November 2018. She also serves as an Executive Officer on the Maryland Association of Counties Board of Directors.

She credits her pageant background and experience in helping achieve this position. Laura's former titles include Mrs. Delaware United States 2007, America's Fit Mrs. 2006 and Mrs. Maryland America 2005. She also was a featured dancer in the movie, "The Wedding Crashers." Laura is also a former national level Figure Skater and soloist with the Ice Capades. She loves to vacation in the Caribbean, dance, and spend quality time with her family on the Tred Avon River and is devoted to public service.

Event Production



DREW VANLANDINGHAM is a Native of Arkansas. He is the Owner of The Vanlandingham Design Studio in Baltimore, MD. Being a performer on the Classical Professional stage he holds degrees in Vocal Performance-Opera, Counseling, Floral, and Master's Degrees in Floral and Vocal Performance from The Peabody Conservatory of Music. Mr. Vanlandingham began his Career at the age of 16. Drew has performed his two career roles Nationally and Internationally. One Career is that of a Counter Tenor/Baritone and the other being a Celebrity Event Designer. He has performed some of his greatest roles Musically in Le Nozze Di Figaro, Tales of Hoffman, Big River, and The Music Man just to name a few. His Role as an Event Designer has been published in All Local Publications as well as featured on all Maryland/DC Television even TLCs "Curvy Brides". His Client List go all the way from The Baltimore Ravens, Fashion Designer Steve

Madden, Under Amours own Kevin Plank to many more. His work can also be seen in not only in the social event arena but many corporate national charities such the Gala Designer for Brigrance Brigade with leading retired football star O.J. Brigrance and many more. Mr. Vanlandingham's work has been published in The Knot, Style me Pretty, Engaged, Baltimore Weddings, Washingtonian, Marhai Weddings and so many more. He was named in 2009 Event Planner to Watch of the Year by Unforgettable Weddings and several awards for his work as the Man for Color and Texture. Mr. Vanlandingham has had the honor of speaking for the Association of Bridal Consultants, Virginia Bridal Consultants, NACE National Design Experience, The Planner's Suite, Wedding 411 and Privately appearing all over the US for what he calls "Devils are in the Details". He is in the process of growing his career national with TV, Books, Performances and producing more and more events all over the Country. You can find him designing away in his Baltimore Studio preparing to do more great things with finding new trends and working with color for a fabulous Soiree.



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Mrs. Maryland 2019 Farewell

I have never been a believer in the saying “everything happens for a reason.” However, looking back over the past 16 months of my life, I just cannot deny that so many things in my life lined up just so to create this past year as your Mrs. Maryland. For every door that was closed, for every “no,” I received, for every time I stared up at the sky and wondered “why me?” or “how on Earth am I supposed to do this,” there was this one enormous and life-changing YES coming my way. This began as an opportunity to let myself shine after 3 years of barely treading the water of special needs motherhood. Yes, it’s a crown and a sash, but it’s also a foot in the door, and an opportunity to speak, educate, and advocate for a community I care about so passionately. That experience alone has been worth more than the Mrs. Maryland team could ever know, and I’m so endlessly grateful for their support this past year.

Being a titleholder may look like a “solo” activity, but if I’ve learned one thing it’s that pageantry is a team sport, and I have been blessed with the best! I’ll never get tired of saying thank you to Team Maryland...so here I go!

My biggest and most important thank you will always go to my husband, Kelly, and our sweet daughter, Kerrigan! My sweet girl, every single moment of this journey has been for you! I am so happy we got to create so many unforgettable memories this past year. I could not have been Mrs. Maryland without my Mr. and Mini Maryland!

My beautiful soul sister, Deveney: I couldn’t have imagined a better woman to walk through this past year with! We have created a friendship out of such a seemingly random pairing, and I am incredibly proud to not only be able to stand onstage with you as your sister, but to also call you my friend.

To all of my sponsors, words are never enough to thank you for your generosity!

To the Grandest Entourage that ever existed: thank you for trekking across the country twice to ride this rollercoaster by my side! Whether it was serving as the best glam squad the pageant world has ever seen or screaming so loudly I could hear you backstage, your support and energy were the absolute best parts of competing.

To the incredible Down syndrome community: thank you for helping me continuously build my platform, Strong Over Wrong, and for trusting me to shout the worth of our loved ones not only here in Maryland, but on a national platform at Mrs. America last fall. I promise my voice won’t stop shouting after tonight.

Tonight, I pass the crown onto the next Mrs. Maryland America. I am so excited to watch her shine the same way I was given the opportunity to this year, and to step into the next chapter of my life knowing how much I have been encouraged and empowered by this experience. In the words of the wise Dave Grohl, “No one is you, and that is your super power.” With that, for the final time, I am Kayla Schadegg, your Mrs. Maryland America 2019.

Kayla



Miss Maryland 2019 Farewell

How can I even begin to wrap up this entire life-changing experience into one page?

I will start out by saying Thank You! Thank you to my friends who encouraged me to enter into this pageant system and stood behind me when I prepared myself to compete and as I spent my year as the first Miss Maryland for America. Thank you to Laurett and her team for welcoming me into the Mrs. Maryland family and supporting me as I represented the state at nationals in Vegas.

As a person who has never competed in pageants, I had no idea what to expect. This year has far exceeded my expectations on what it is like to be part of a community of beauty and grace. I have pleasantly learned that competing in a pageant is not what it appears on TV. It is not about perfection, but rather celebrating our imperfections. That is why I love this pageant system. It celebrates women of all ages, backgrounds, and family status. Competing at 36-year-old as a "Miss," I am proof that we all can accomplish our dreams at any age.

To Operation Renewed Hope Foundation, which provides Veterans with housing and job assistance: I am honored to have supported your organization over the past 16 months and look forward to continuing that relationship. What you do for families in our community is truly amazing.

To the next Maryland Queens: Welcome to the family, you will love it here! This journey you are about to go on will be a fun and rewarding ride. You will gain two new sisters here in Maryland and countless all over the U.S when you compete at nationals. I just encourage you to enjoy it and never forget the reason that you entered this journey. May you have the best year of your life!

Lastly, I want to give the biggest hug and shout out to my sister Kayla. I would have never known how to spend this year without you by my side. You were a natural at being QUEEN! Maryland had a great "Mrs." representing them. I am so happy and thankful for you. Just two girls from Kansas representing Maryland! And now we are sisters forever.

Signing off as your first Miss Maryland for America; thank you all for making my reign as Miss Maryland for America the year of a lifetime!

Love to all,

Deveney



Judges



Dr. Penny Austin-Richardson, Mrs. Maryland 2000 was a Top 10 Semi-Finalist at Mrs. America.

An avid altruist, Penny contributes more than 600 hours annually to Maryland 4-H where she is a leader and coach of the Queen Anne's County Marksmanship Club. She coaches children between the ages of 8-18 in Olympic-style precision rifle shooting.

Penny is the mother of 23-year-old twins. Her daughter, Mekenna Jade, is a graduate student at Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Alabama, and her son, Nash, graduated from the United States Naval Academy and is currently in an Ensign in flight school in Milton, Florida.

An educator in Delaware for 22 years, Penny resides in Rhodesdale, Maryland with her husband of 26 years, Steve.



Su Joing Sollers, Mrs. Maryland 2015 grew up as an Army brat and graduated as a junior from High School then enlisted in the US Air Force and served our country as an Airman during that time, she won numerous awards and most notably the Air Force Achievement Metal.

She attended Bellevue University in Nebraska and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management and Master in Business Administration. Sue has been in the banking industry for twenty years as a banker and currently is employed at First Citizens Bank as a Vice President Business Loan Officer.

Sue is the owner of Su Joing's Jewelry Boutique where she enjoys \$5 jewelry fashion styling. She is married to a US Air Force Veteran Royce Sollers where they have two children India and Ava. She is a member of Leadership Howard County Class of 2018. Sue is Miss Nebraska USA Pageant 2001 and Mrs. Maryland America 2015.

Judges



Donna Kramer, Mrs. Maryland America 1998. For over 30 years, Donna has worked in new home construction building single family homes throughout Anne Arundel County and surrounding areas. Donna is a licensed Realtor and President of Baystar Homes.

As an advocate for The Alzheimer's Association, Donna raises thousands of dollars each year helping families affected by this disease and to fund research.

Donna has 3 adult children and 4 grandsons. She has enjoyed mentoring her daughter, Jaime, who was interested in pageantry as a young teen. Jaime went on to

become Miss Maryland USA 2003 and Mrs. Maryland America 2017. Donna currently resides in Severna Park with her family.



Jaime Trevillian, Mrs. Maryland America 2017.

Jaime earned the title of Miss Maryland USA 2003 at the age of 18. While traveling our beautiful state, Jaime realized her love for Real Estate. She has been serving her community as a licensed Realtor since 2005.

Jaime met her husband Brandon, a home builder in 2006. Since then, they've been working together providing single family homes to Anne Arundel County and the surrounding areas of Maryland. Jaime and Brandon have three sons. Bran 10, Maverick 8 and Charlie 1.

Jaime prides herself as both a successful Realtor, Home Builder and stay-at-home mom. When Jaime's father was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, she began advocating to raise awareness and funds so that breakthrough research continues to develop.



Yolanda Stennett, Mrs. Maryland America 2018 made top 12 at the 2018 Mrs. America pageant. She is a native Marylander and currently resides with her husband and youngest of her three children as their oldest two children are both proudly serving in the US Navy. Yolanda has over 20 years of experience in pageantry and has held numerous international, national, and state titles, including Mrs. Earth 2008.

2020 Mrs. Maryland Contestants



Keisha Ruiz—Mrs. Annapolis



Jessika Williams—Mrs. Baltimore

2020 Mrs. Maryland Contestants



Ruth Vinga—Mrs. Bel Air



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Hysha Nesmith—Mrs. Prince Georges Co.



Mrs. Maryland America

2020 Miss Maryland Contestants

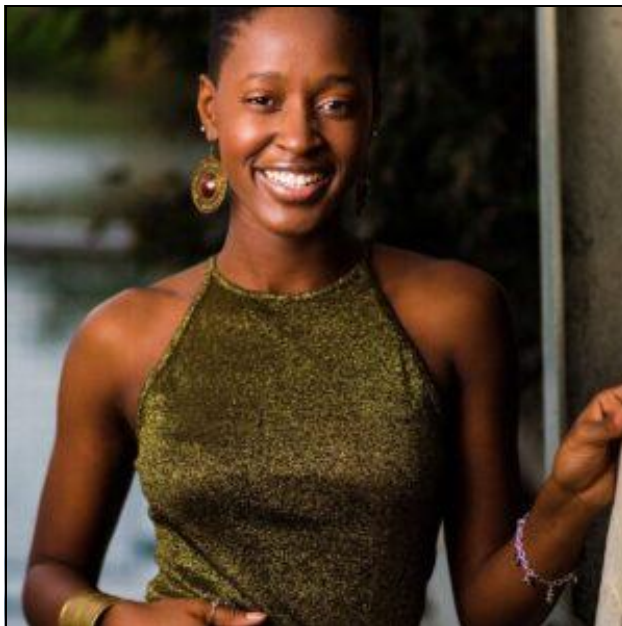


Kema Levine—Miss Baltimore Co.



Stephanie Bendoraitis—Miss Baltimore

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Seraphina Cromwell—Miss Bel Air

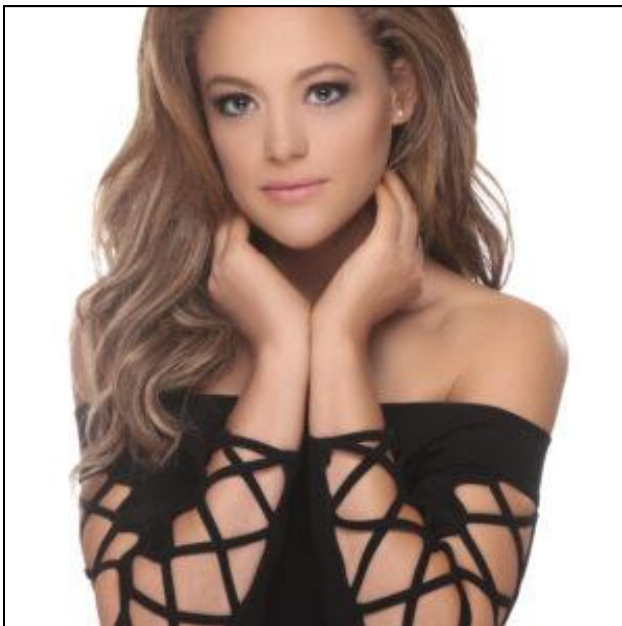


Charlene Shoetan—Miss Edgewood

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Assa Bama—Miss Ellicott City



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- Revise plan to meet changing needs and markets

BIOGRAPHY

Education

- University of Baltimore
- Master of Business Administration, 1982
- Bachelor of Science, 1981
- The Johns Hopkins University ROTC, 1981

Securities

- Series 7 – General Securities Representative
- Series 63 – Uniform State Exam
- Series 65 – Investment Advisory Agent
- Maryland State Life Insurance
- Certified Plan Fiduciary Advisor (CPFA)

Military

- U.S. Army Veteran, Captain 1992
- Three U.S. Army Commendation Medals

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