



2021 MRS. MARYLAND & MISS FOR AMERICA STRONG

September 18, 2021



WELCOME TO THE SHOW!

Dearest Contestants, Family, & Friends,

To our contestants - you are the reason we are here. This day is for all of you. It takes so much love, support, dedication, and heart to bring a pageant to life. We are so proud of each and every one of you.

To the communities here supporting their favorite lady - behind every great woman is her tribe who has her back and tells her to straighten her crown on the hard days. Thank you for being the support and the light for these AMAZING women.

To our guests in the audience - the immensely talented ladies who are here tonight are the epitome of all the beautiful things we want to highlight about our great state. Some are single, some married, some tall, some short, and from all walks of life. One thing each of these amazing women has in common is that they are remarkably dedicated to making their world a better place. We would be proud to crown any of these women as they are all worthy of the titles they are vying for tonight. You are in for a real show tonight!

With Deepest Affection,
Laurett Ellsworth Arenz
Rachel St Amour
Drew Vanlandingham



A HEART FOR SERVICE

All of our contestants are dedicated to improving their communities in big and small ways. One such way is through community service. The following causes have been the recipient of one or more of our contestant's volunteer time:

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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— its married women.







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Our Mrs. Maryland Family

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Mrs. Maryland 2020 Farewell

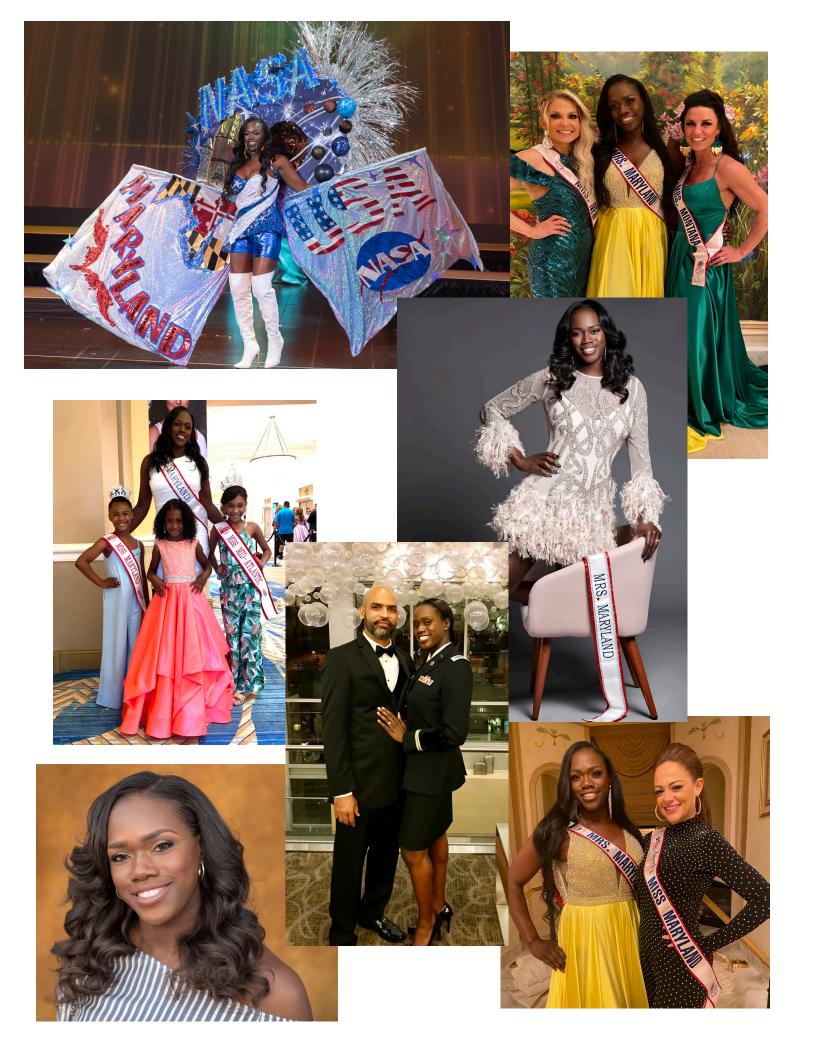
A year ago I embarked on my dream job and journey as Mrs. Maryland. While the nation battled through the COVID-19 pandemic, community service and assisting those in need remained at the forefront of my mind as a titleholder. The opportunity to share, serve and learn from the most accomplished women in pageantry is an experience I will never forget. As an officer in the U.S. Army, I represent .01% of women in my field and this experience allowed me to be an advocate for Women's Empowerment. My message was simple - A healthy work-life balance assumes great significance for working women; be patient - A thriving career and maintaining a happy family life is challenging; be resilient - You are extraordinarily blessed; be grateful for your success and failures. Words can't express just how thankful I am to the Mrs. Maryland team for entrusting me with the responsibility of upholding this prestigious title and advocating for women throughout our wonderful state.

First and foremost I want to thank God for faithfulness, for my family that's so supportive, my health and the many blessings that gave me the strength to persevere. None of this would have been possible without your grace, love, and mercy.

Countless friends and family have assisted me throughout this reign and I can't thank them enough for their unwavering dedication and support. Top Tier CrossFit and Silvanna Valencia (Real Estate Pro) words fall short when I try to express my gratitude for your gracious contributions and I am so privileged and humbled to have received your sponsorship.

This is not a goodbye, I will forever wear this crown on my heart. Hysha and Anna you have been the best sash sisters a Queen could ever ask for! I love you for your kindness, your resilience and wisdom. To the next Mrs. Maryland, congratulations. You are about to embark on an experience like none other with the support of a community and team that is unsurpassable. Thank you, thank you and God bless!

Your Mrs. Maryland America 2020, Keisha Ruiz



Mrs. Maryland American 2020 Farewell

Hysha and her loving husband Jeremiah serve as active members of the church and have performed missionary work in Mexico and Haiti. Hysha enjoys volunteering for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, and started H.Y.S.H.A for women to connect and encourage one another through the twists and turns of life. Hysha was diagnosed with Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) and infertility challenges. After multiple surgeries, Hysha and her husband Jeremiah lived through a hopeful journey that resulted in the birth of their daughter, Hazel-Grey in 2015.

Hysha's greatest community involvement is my partnership with Darkness to Light and bringing education about the societal problem of child sexual abuse and using education to establish prevention. When schools closed due to the pandemic, Hysha needed to act. She wants to make each person able to identify risk, mitigate opportunity, and ability to help the children around us.

As a parent and a survivor, she desires to live in a world where every child is safe.

Hysha has worked in the field of Financial Aid for over twenty years. She has held director positions at Gallaudet University for deaf students and Johns Hopkins University. She has also worked in the financial aid offices at Rochester Institute of Technology and the University of Rochester in NY.

Hysha is honored to have served as your 2020 Mrs. Maryland AmeriCan and thankful for all she accomplished during this chaotic year. Her final plea is that people are challenged by societal issues and are spurred to find a way to make a change. She wishes her successors success, but that they have felt the burning desire to want to be the change.

Helen Keller once stated that "Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence." Hysha has been thrilled to live a life consisting of hope, adventure, and serving others and hopes that future endeavors will allow her similar opportunities.



Special Thanks to all my sponsors, supporters and loved ones. I could do none of this without you.

Don't forgot we all have a duty. It is to protect our most vulnerable, our children.

Miss Maryland for America Strong 2020 Farewell

What an honor it has been to represent the incredible state of Maryland. This year has been monumental for me in many ways including; expanding the Addy Fund, landing the Head of Sales position at EchoPark, and becoming a better version of myself.

I am grateful and proud of all I've achieved and I am excited for all that is to come.

To Hysha and Keisha, I will never forget our VIP flight to Nationals, especially our crowns made out of snack packs.

Melvin & Amanda, having best friends who live out of state isn't ideal, but you both have supported me endlessly. You make me feel like you're never really that far away.

To the Miss Maryland for America team, thank you for your encouraging words and for making me feel beautiful at Nationals.

To the contestants, I am so proud of each of you for making the choice to be here. Promoting your platform and reaching for your dreams are a win in itself.

To the next queen, I am beyond excited for you to make your year everything you want it to be!

Tonight you not only win a crown,
but you also gain a new sister- one who will always support and encourage you.

As I pass on the crown, I reflect on all the memories I have had throughout the year.

I will carry these memories in my heart forever.



Meet your 2021 Pageant Direction.



Laurett Ellsworth Arenz

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 and all pageant s

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 the author of the best-selling and award-winning book, The RAFT Strategy: Your Retirement Approach Free of Tax and Other Safe Invest-ing Secrets. She and her husband David own HERO'S Strategies, a financial services company that 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 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 a part of your lives."

Laurett and Dave reside in Cape Coral Florida. They are the proud parents of 7 and grandparents of 17. Their children live in are spread-out between Maryland, Florida, Washington, Illinois, Utah, Arizona, and Guam.



Laura Everngam Price

Laura Everngam Price, was Mrs. Maryland America 2005. She is the proud parent 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. She has been a business owner of Ship and Print Place since 2002.

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 has served as an Executive Officer on the Maryland Association of Counties Board of Directors and is the President-Elect of the organization.

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 and she is devoted to public service and serving the citizens of Talbot County.

Production, and Coordination Team



Rachel St Amour

Rachel St Amour is a Maryland native and the co-owner of Van Saint Group - a bespoke event planning and interior design company.

Rachel specializes in event design and production having degrees in Culinary Arts and Interior Design. She has spent the majority of her career working with luxury hotel brands and entertainment travel.

Rachel has had the privilege of traveling extensively through Europe and the United States creating beautiful installations and memorable events. Rachel enjoys mentoring and providing educational support to women in the hospitality industry.

Rachel entered the pageant arena in 2020 with her business partner, Drew Vanlandingham. Together, they have traveled the country in pursuit of pageant excellence.

When she's not working on event productions or interior design installations, Rachel lives with her husband Adam and their two dogs in Harford County.



Drew Vanlandingham

Drew Vanlandingham is a native of Arkansas. He is a co-owner of Van Saint Group with Rachel St Amour. Drew holds degrees in Vocal Performance-Opera, Counseling, Floral, and Master's Degrees in Floral and Vocal Performance from The Peabody Conservatory of Music.

Drew began his Career at the age of 16. He 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.

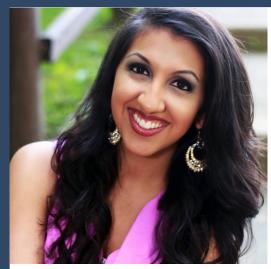
His Role as an Event Designer has been published in All Local Publications as well as featured on all Maryland/DC Television, TLCs "Say Yes to the Dress", and "Curvy Brides". His Client List go all the way from The Baltimore Ravens, Fashion Designer Steve Madden, Under Amours own Kevin

Plank to many more. His work has been published in several Local Publications and in 2009 being named Event Planner of the Year by Unforgettable Weddings.

Drew has had the honor of speaking for the Association or Bridal Consultants in 2011, Virginia Bridal Consultants in 2012, NACE National Design Experience in 2014, Speaking Privately all over the US for "Devils and the Details" in 2015 to present and many more.

You can find him designing away in the Van Saint Group studios preparing to do more great things with finding new trends and working with color for a fabulous Soiree.

Meet your 2021 Emcee



Victory Ram (Ram, like BAM) is a 15-year pageant veteran who has captured numerous awards, including countless interview, talent, spokesmodel, and acting awards, in addition to state and national titles across various systems.

Passionate about about pageantry and what it can do for young women, Victory has helped to prepare her clients for over 135+ local, state, national, and international title and award wins through her company, Be Victorious Prep. In addition, her clients have gone on to compete international events, like the World Championships of Performing Arts, bringing home gold medals and honorable mentions in the modeling, acting, and talent competitions, which are judged by agents from around the world.

For five years, Victory served as the the Director of Education at the Barbizon School of Modeling, Acting, and Personal Development in Baltimore, Maryland. Using her

15 years of experience in the pageant, modeling, acting, and talent worlds, Victory was able to share her expertise with her students to help prepare them for success in the industry. In fact, many of her students have been featured in magazines, Atlantic City Fashion Week, Baltimore Fashion Week, commercials, and more.

Victory also has experience all across the entertainment industry, having been a promotional model for Almay Cosmetics, featured in the movie "Step Up", within the pages of I Am Modern magazine, and on the cover of Supermodels Unlimited Magazine. She is also a certified makeup artist with MAC makeup and she owns The Bravado Boutique. You can also catch her on various episodes of local TV, as she was the host for School Court TV on Fox Baltimore and has been on HBO's VEEP.

Expanding her horizons, in 2015, she launched the International Empowerment Academy and became the proud author of "Why People Fail and How You Can Learn to Succeed," which is available on Amazon. She is also a sought after public speaker on confidence, dressing for success, branding, and personal development. Most recently, she became the Director of the Baltimore Small Business Meetup Group.

Victory is currently the Business Director of the Miss Baltimore, Miss Annapolis, and Miss Anne Arundel County Scholarship Pageants, which are official local preliminaries of the Miss America Organization. She also serves as an advisor for the Miss Eastern Shore and Miss Ocean City Scholarship Pageants and for the Miss Globe United States Pageant, where she serves as the Assistant National Director.

With a Bachelors degree in Political Science and a Masters in Communications and Public Relations, Victory is leading the pageant and personal development industries, by helping others 'be victorious' in ALL that they do.

Please find our additional esteemed judges in your program insert

and Judges Panel



Dr. Daniel Markmann is an established and highly skilled plastic surgeon, board certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery. With over 25-years of experience and recognition from beauty experts across the nation, Dr. Markmann is one of America's and Maryland's top plastic surgeons. His extensive training focuses on both, Body Contouring, such as breast & buttock augmentation, 6-pack Ab Etching, skin tightening after bariatric weight loss surgery, as well as Facial Rejuvenation such as facelift surgery and minimally invasive facial rejuvenation procedures.

Known for his old-fashioned style, Dr. Markmann has devoted his career to taking care of the cosmetic surgery needs of his patients at his practice Metamorphosis Plastic Surgery & Medispa, located in Ellicott City, Maryland. He takes the time to work with every patient through personalized consultations using the newest surgical techniques and the latest technology to provide the best results possible.



Owner of The Patio Salon. Patty specializes in thinning hair and is certified in several extension methods, giving confidence back to people who otherwise had lost hope in their thin hair.

Patty is wife to her husband Dean, of 26 years and the mother of two children, Andrew 21 and Elaina 19. Patty and her daughter fought together with Decoding Dyslexia to get Senate Bill 734 passed. This bill is to ensure by 2021, children are screened early to identify if the student is at risk for reading difficulties.

Dyslexia has become Patty's passion, because of Elaina's dyslexia. However, her platform was heart disease prevention. Keeping up with cardiovascular health led her to run 6 marathons around the world. Including the 2500 year anniversary of the first marathon. She ran the original route from Marathon, Greece to the old Olympic stadium near the Parthenon to be crowned with a laurel wreath.

Patty is a formal model, with a love for acting. She studied acting at The Woolly Mammoth Theater in Washington, DC., and also the Martin Blank Studio for 4 years, where she learned on camera acting. She hopes to continue acting now that her children are grown.



Nikki Tanner is the Middle Years Program and Diploma Program Coordinator at the Maryland International School in Elkridge, Maryland. She is passionate about education and in the span of her 30 year career she has been a French and Spanish teacher, she is the author of an online textbook series and has led study abroad immersion programs in Europe, Central and South America. Nikki has been a leader in the world of philanthropy, not only in education by establishing scholarship and service learning programs around the world, but she also established the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition of Maryland and has served on the board of various other non-profit organizations. She is a long standing sister of the Mrs. Maryland America family as Mrs. Maryland America 2004, pageant choreographer, Emcee, coach and various other roles. Leading up to her role as Mrs. Maryland America, Nikki was also crowned Mrs. Maryland International 2003, and Super Model with Style in United States system.

Meet the Contestants

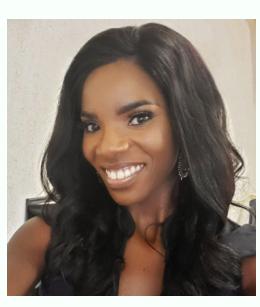


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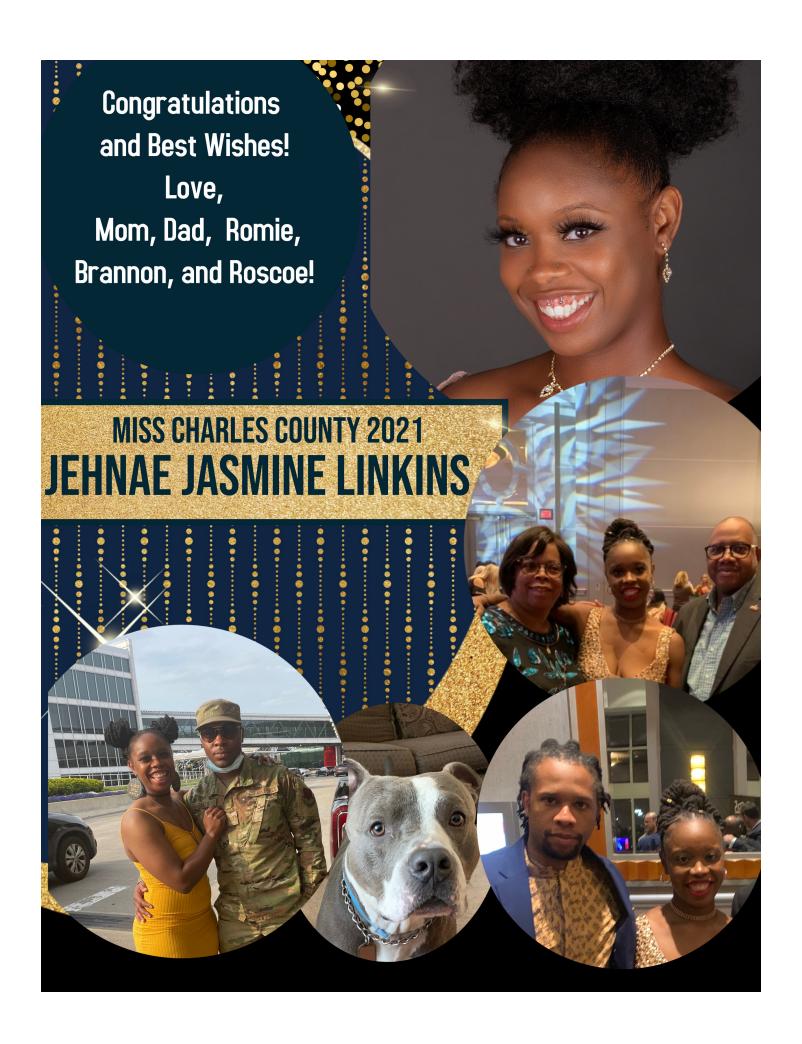
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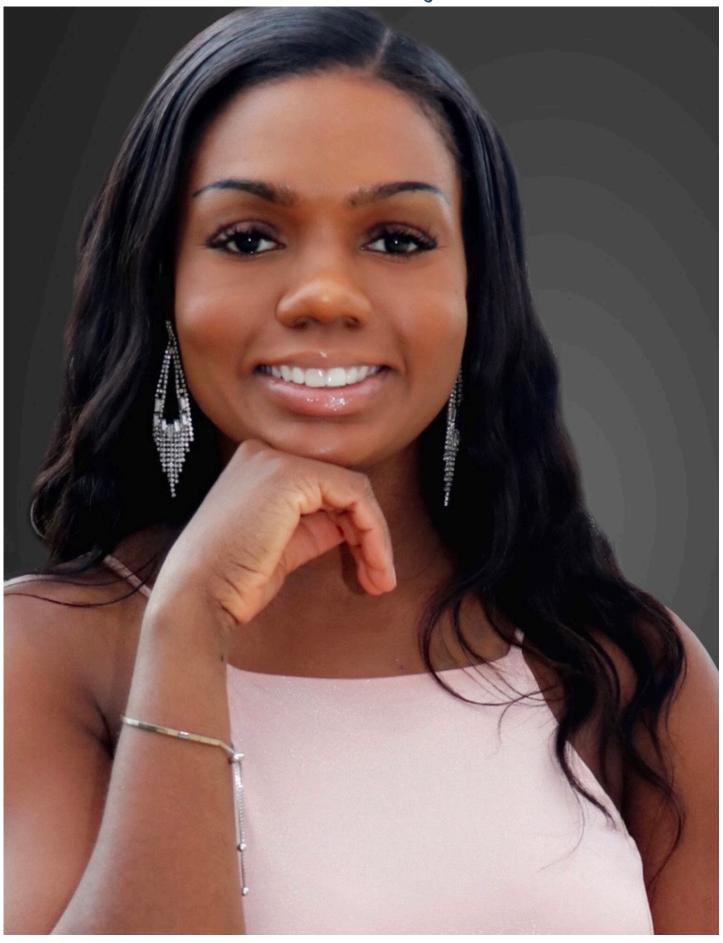








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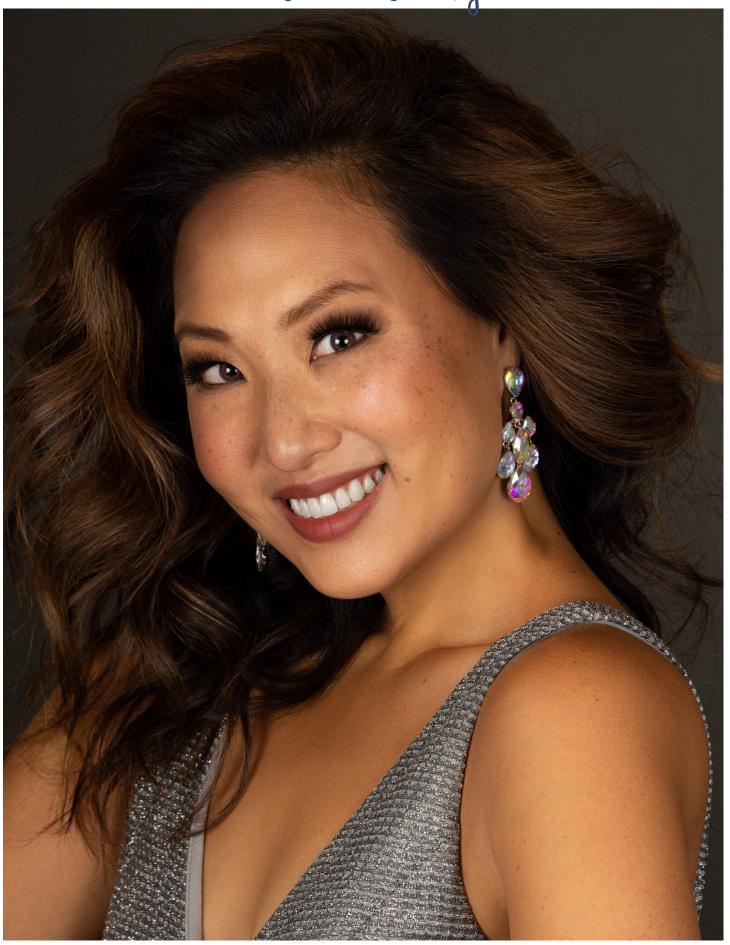
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Julia Chang



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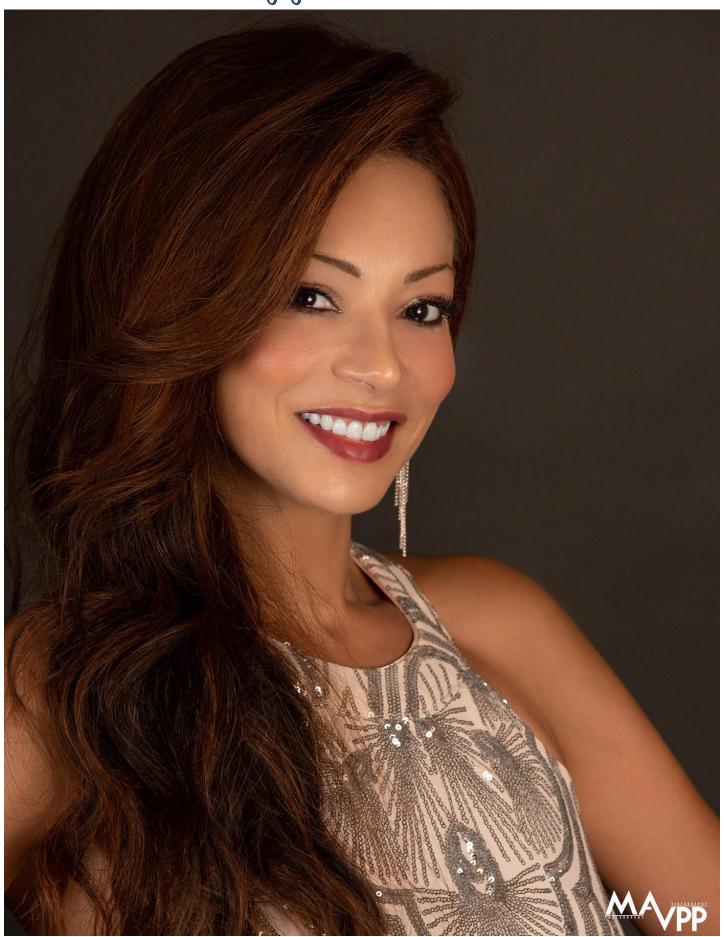
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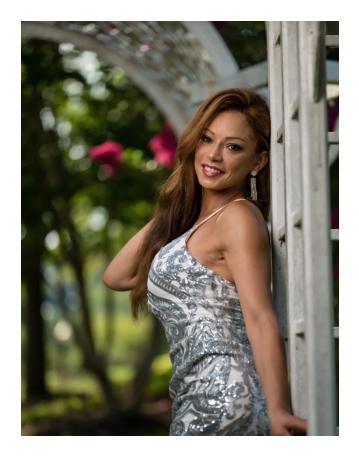












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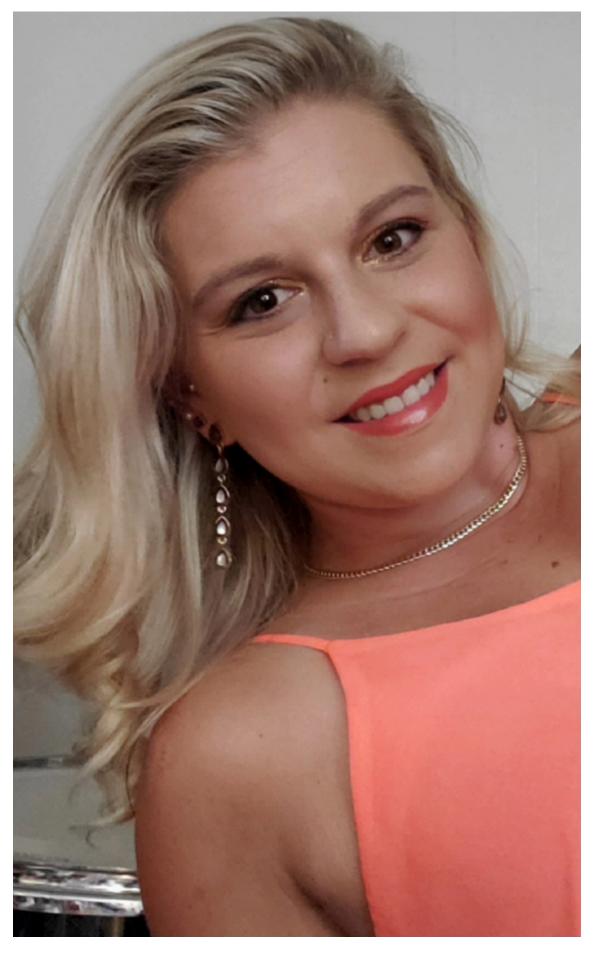




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