

Maryland America Pageant 2025

Presents our 2024 Queens



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This Evening's Emcee Victory Ram



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.

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.

Dearest Contestants, Family & Friends, What a journey this has been!

To our Delegates — This day is yours! From the moment you took your first step on this path, you have embraced every challenge with grace, courage, and determination. We have been inspired watching you grow, witnessing the strength of your hearts, and seeing your passion shine. You are more than contestants—you are role models, changemakers, and radiant lights in your communities. No matter the outcome, know that you are already victorious. Tonight, you shine like the stars you are!

To the communities of wonderful people supporting their Queens — Behind every confident and accomplished delegate is a network of love, encouragement, and unwavering belief. Your support has lifted them, your guidance has shaped them, and your love has fueled their dreams. Thank you for standing beside them every step of the way. The impact you have made in their lives is immeasurable, and we celebrate you today as well.

To our guests in the audience — It is our honor to bring this pageant to Maryland and DC once again. Your presence here makes this evening even more special, and we are truly grateful. As you watch these remarkable women take the stage, we hope you see not only their beauty but their intelligence, ambition, and strength. Each delegate represents the best of our state, and every one of them is already a queen in her own right.

To our sponsors — Your generosity and belief in this organization make everything possible. Your support goes far beyond this stage—it empowers women, fosters confidence, and creates lifetime opportunities. We are deeply thankful for your kindness and commitment to uplifting these phenomenal women. With most profound admiration and gratitude,

Laurett, Drew and Laura

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 pageants. 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 Investing Secrets*. She and her husband David own HERO'S Strategies, a financial services company serving thousands of clients through numerous affiliate advisers nationwide. 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 seven and grandparents of 20. Their children live in Maryland, Florida, Texas, Illinois, Utah, Arizona, and Guam.



Our Pageant Directors



Drew Vanlandingham

Drew Vanlandingham is a native of Arkansas. He is a co-owner of Van

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 of 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.

Laura Everngam-Price

Laura Everngam-Price is a native Marylander and grew up in Talbot County. She was Mrs. Maryland America 2005. She also held the titles of America's Fit Mrs in 2006 and Mrs. Delaware United States in 2007.

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 and final term in November 2018. She also served as an Executive Officer on the Maryland Association of Counties Board of Directors for 8 years and was the President of the organization in 2022. She credits her pageant background and experience in helping achieve this position and devoted herself to public service and serving the citizens of Talbot County and the State of Maryland.

She was a featured dancer in the movie, "The Wedding Crashers" and also a former national level Figure Skater and soloist with the Ice Capades in Japan. 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 Data Analytics field.

Laura was a small business owner of Ship and Print Place for twenty years and loves to vacation in the Caribbean, dance, and spend quality time with her children.



Miss Baltimore



Pam Blackmon



MY REASONS



*Pamela
Blackmon*

From the bottom of my heart I thank my Village. Your support means the world to me, I don't take it lightly.

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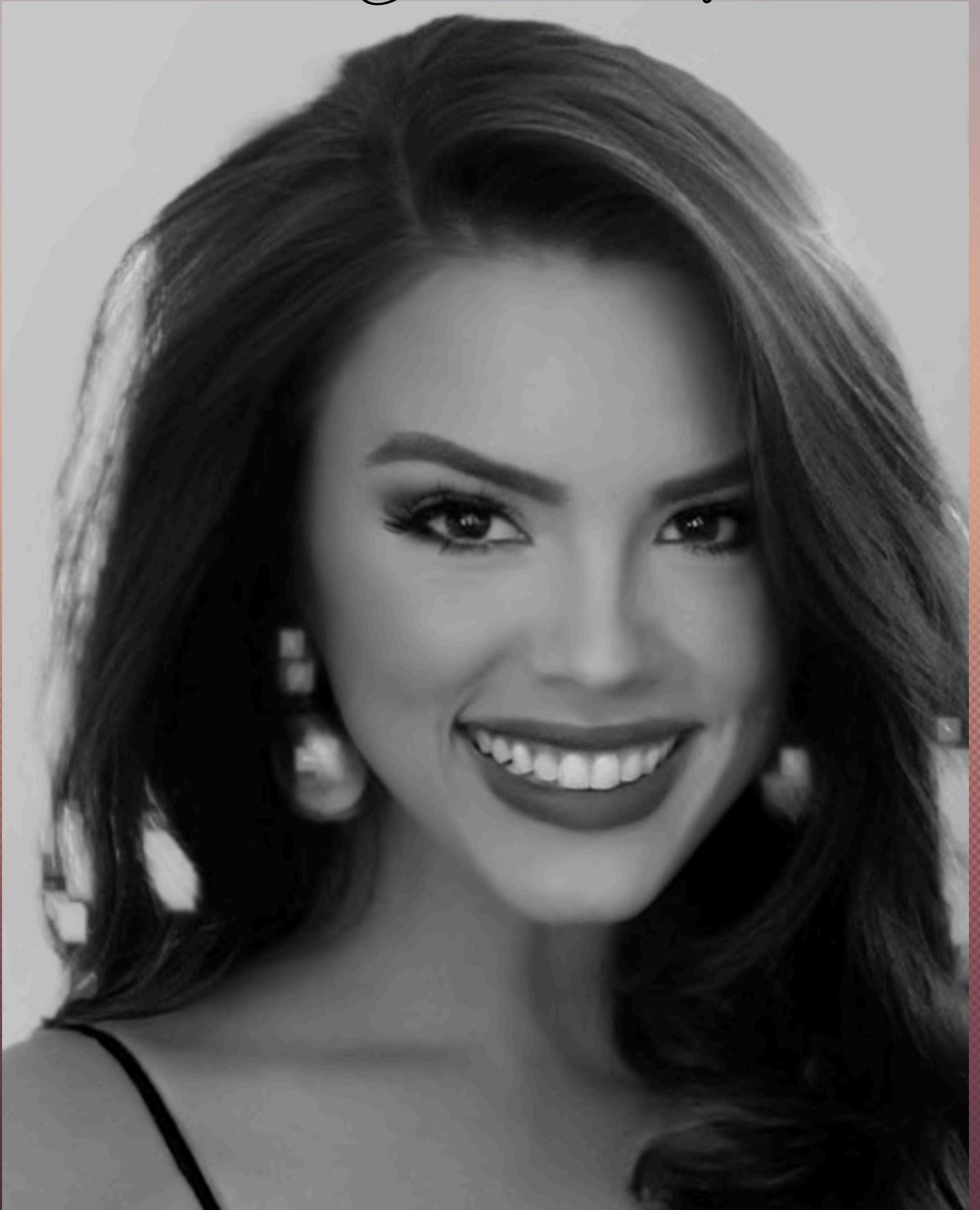
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HOLLY PLANK

Mrs. Baltimore America



Mrs
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THANK YOU TO MY AMAZING HUSBAND, JAMES—YOUR UNWAVERING ENCOURAGEMENT MEANS THE WORLD.

TO MY BOYS, ALEXANDER AND MAX—YOU ARE MY HEART AND INSPIRATION. BEING YOUR MAMA IS MY GREATEST HONOR, AND I HOPE TO MAKE YOU PROUD.

MY PLATFORM IS DEDICATED TO RAISING AWARENESS FOR CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE, ADVOCATING FOR EARLY DETECTION, SUPPORTING FAMILIES AFFECTED BY CHD, AND CHAMPIONING CRITICAL RESEARCH THROUGH THE CHILDREN'S HEART FOUNDATION.



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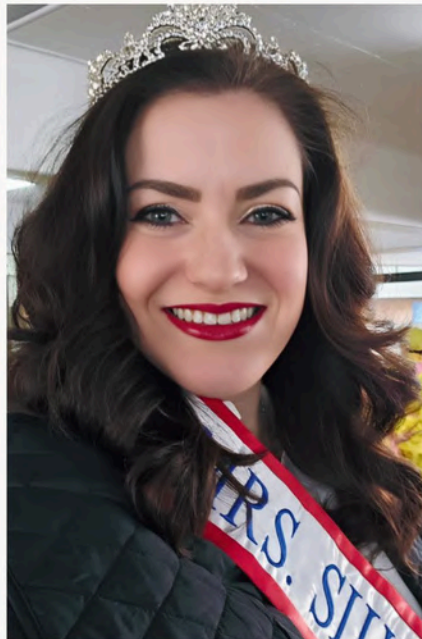
Madeline makes
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Mrs Maryland America 2024

“What you do is your history; what you set in motion is your legacy” has been my motto for my reign as Mrs. Maryland America. I am forever proud to be a part of Charlie and Lena’s legacy—helping couples in 47 states and 14 countries through our non-profit, Operation Little Angel, has been an honor.

Tonight, I am closing one of the most beautiful chapters in the book of my life. Representing Maryland on the national stage and placing in the top 15 was an honor, but the most memorable part of my reign was expanding Operation Little Angel and continuing the legacy of my angels, Charlie and Lena.

They say it takes a village, and they are right. This journey would not have been possible without the support of my family and friends. Laurett and Drew, thank you for your love and support—and especially for believing in me long before I was ever your queen. To my Sister Queens, thank you for enhancing my experience—from our community service with the Maryland Police to the events at Nationals—I couldn’t imagine this experience without you both. Coco, thank you for the glam—but more importantly, for the laughs and your friendship. Landon and Elle, thank you for always reminding me that a smile can shine brighter than any crown jewel. And most importantly, to my husband James—thank you for believing in my dreams like they are your own.

As I start this next chapter, I will continue to hold my Mrs America family near and dear to my heart. To the next Mrs. Maryland America, I wish you a reign filled with joy, growth, and unforgettable moments. Embrace every opportunity, trust in your strength, and know that you carry a legacy of grace and purpose.

For the last time, I am Julie Cangialosi, your Mrs. Maryland America 2024.

Julie Cangialosi

It has been an absolute honor to serve as your Mrs. Maryland American 2024! This year has been nothing short of phenomenal, and I am beyond grateful for the opportunity to share my message of body positivity and self-love through my platform, "Raise the Barre." Though this chapter is closing, my mission to empower women and young people to elevate their self-esteem and self-worth is far from over. Thank you for your support—this is just the beginning! Signing off, Mrs. Maryland American 2024.



MRS. MARYLAND AMERICAN 2024
TOP 15 MRS. AMERICAN

BRITTNEY
JORDAN, ESQ.

Miss Maryland for America Strong 2024

AS MY TIME AS MISS MARYLAND FOR AMERICA COMES TO A CLOSE, I AM FILLED WITH GRATITUDE FOR THIS INCREDIBLE JOURNEY. REPRESENTING THE STRONG, AMBITIOUS, AND INSPIRING WOMEN OF MARYLAND HAS BEEN THE HONOR OF A LIFETIME.

OVER THE PAST YEAR, I HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF CONNECTING WITH MY COMMUNITY, CHAMPIONING CAUSES CLOSE TO MY HEART, AND GROWING IN WAYS I NEVER IMAGINED. FROM THE GLITZ OF THE STAGE TO THE HEARTFELT MOMENTS OF SERVICE, THIS TITLE HAS BEEN MORE THAN JUST A CROWN—IT HAS BEEN A

MISSION, A PLATFORM, AND A FAMILY.

TO MY FELLOW QUEENS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR ~~SISTERHOOD TO SUPPORT~~ AND FRIENDS, YOUR LOVE HAS BEEN MY FOUNDATION. TO THE NEXT MISS MARYLAND FOR AMERICA, STEP INTO THIS ROLE WITH CONFIDENCE, GRACE, AND A HEART READY TO SERVE. THIS JOURNEY

WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE IF YOU LET IT.

WHILE THIS CHAPTER CLOSES, MY DEDICATION TO EMPOWERING WOMEN AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE DOES NOT END HERE. I AM EXCITED FOR THE FUTURE AND ALL THE WAYS I CAN CONTINUE TO UPLIFT AND INSPIRE.

WITH LOVE AND GRATITUDE,

Marla Henderson

MISS MARYLAND FOR AMERICA 2024



NAVAL BAGELS



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FAMILY•

AND SO MANY MORE WHO SUPPORTED ME ON THIS
ADVENTURE



Helene Meister



MRS. DC AMERICA 2024



**To My Dearest Friends, Supporters,
and the District of Columbia Community,**

As I close this incredible chapter of my life, I do so with a heart full of gratitude and unforgettable memories. Serving as Miss District of Columbia for America Strong 2024 has been a once-in-a-lifetime experience—one that I will cherish forever. It has been an honor to be the first Salvadorian to hold this title, a milestone that reflects the beauty of diversity and representation in our nation's capital.

From the moment I was crowned, I knew this journey would be about more than just me. It was about the friendships I built, the voices I was able to uplift, and the privilege of representing my state on the national stage in Las Vegas. Standing among so many incredible women, I felt not only proud but also deeply humbled to be part of something greater than myself.

This platform has blessed me with the opportunity to advocate for women and minority-owned small businesses, a cause close to my heart. Elevating and supporting these entrepreneurs has been both a duty and an honor, and I hope to continue this mission beyond my reign.

To the Mrs. America Pageant organization—thank you for providing a space where strong, passionate, and resilient women can shine. To Laurette and Drew, your unwavering support and guidance have meant the world to me. I could not have walked this path without your encouragement and belief in me.

As I pass on this title, I do so with excitement for the next Miss District of Columbia for America Strong. To my successor—may you embrace every moment, stand confidently in your purpose, and continue to inspire those around you. This is your time, and I cannot wait to see you shine.

With love and gratitude,

Monica Granados
MISS DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

AMERICA STRONG 2024



Miss Maryland for America Strong 2023



I am incredibly honored and grateful for the unforgettable experience of the 2023 MFA pageant year. Winning the 2023 Miss Fitness Award at Nationals has been a true testament to the hard work, dedication, and commitment I've put into pushing myself to be the best version of myself, inside and out.

I want to express my deepest thanks to Laurrett, Drew, my sister Queens, and, most importantly, my family and friends for their unwavering support. The year 2023 was one of the best years of my life, filled with so much fun, opportunities, love, laughter, and new friendships. It only gets better from here.



RUTH CASTRO

Mrs. District of Columbia American 2023

What an incredibly blessed year it has been as your Mrs. District of Columbia American 2023! This journey has been nothing short of extraordinary, filled with wonderful memories, experiences, and friendships that I will cherish forever. Serving as your Mrs. DC American 2023 has truly been a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity—one that allowed me to represent our nation's capital, to serve, and to evolve into the best version of myself. A heartfelt thank you to my friends, family, and fellow queens; your unwavering support has been vital to my success. To my husband Pablo, thank you for also cheering me on and being my plus one at all events. Lastly, I extend my gratitude to our directors, Drew and Laurett.

Farewell

TAMEKA

Young

As I reflect on my reign, I am filled with gratitude and pride. When I first embarked on my journey, I had no idea that I was about to get a crash course in pageantry. Luckily, I was no stranger to having dedication, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to something greater than myself.

I called upon my sister queens, and they graciously answered the call. The friendships I built with my fellow queens, especially at nationals, are friendships I will cherish forever.

One of the greatest joys of this experience was the opportunity to share my passion and my platform—the National Association for Kidpreneurs. Being able to empower young entrepreneurs and advocate for their dreams has been my proudest achievement. I will continue to use my voice, my influence, and yes, even my title, to make a difference in the lives of others.

To my village—words cannot express the appreciation I continue to feel. I would never have been able to do it without you.

Thank you Laurett and Drew, my pageant directors for the opportunity.

A special thanks to my husband, sons, and 11 yr designer Gabby,

💞 ***The best part of this role is that it encompasses everything I hold dear—family, philanthropy, community, and modeling—allowing me to unapologetically serve with purpose and passion.”***

**Mrs. District of Columbia
2023**



District of Columbia Queens



**Tameka Young, Mrs.
DC America 2023
Crowning Helene
Meister, Mrs. DC
America 2024**



**The crowning of
Gift Hughes, Mrs.
DC America 2022**

DC Queen Speaks:
 “Being a pageant queen was a childhood dream. I watched pageants on television, secretly wishing that one day, I would be **THAT** girl. Who knew that dream would become reality? When asked why I wanted to be Mrs. District of Columbia, I never hesitated. This title reflected who I am—a devoted wife and mother, a philanthropist, a professional model, and a passionate advocate for my community. It wasn’t just a crown; it represented the dedication, resilience, and hard work I pour into every part of my life. Serving in this role has been an honor, it has enabled me to fulfill a dream and challenged me to think outside the box. I will always carry the lessons, friendships, and purpose that this journey has given me.”

**–Tameka Young–
Mrs. DC America 2023**



**Miss Lilly Rivera,
2023, crowning
Monica Granados,
Miss DC for
America Strong
2024**



**Mrs. DC Queens: Gift ‘22
, Anchy Wei 2021,
JeanAnn Roberts, 2020**

Our Mrs Maryland Queens

Donna Kramer Barnes – Mrs Maryland America 1998



Being crowned Mrs. Maryland America has impacted my life in many ways. First, and foremost, it has helped me and my family advocate and raise money for charities such as the American Cancer Society and the Alzheimer's Association. Secondly, by competing four (4) times, trying to improve myself each year, in different ways, I learned a valuable personal lesson that is to never give up no matter what the personal challenge is. This is something I have shared with my family and friends. By overcoming my own personal obstacles, I hope that I have helped to inspire other women to feel confident, good about themselves and to continue to pursue their goals. Lastly, I have been fortunate to make many valuable lifelong friendships through competing in the pageant that I will cherish for the rest of my life.



Penny Austin Richardson – Mrs Maryland America 2000



I loved being Mrs. Maryland! Nationals were in Honolulu, Hawaii. It felt like I wasn't at a pageant, but rather the contestants won a sweepstakes from their respective states, and we were all there to relax and enjoy a girls trip. The national pageant was so well organized that it gave us so much time to spend with each other doing whatever we wanted to do. We reported when our production group had a promotion to shoot or competition, but the rest of the time was a fantastic vacation with an amazing group of women. After I saw and got to know all the women, I knew the probability of making the Top 10 was bleak, so I just enjoyed my time and had a blast! On the final night when the Top 10 was being called, the announcer listed facts about the next lady to be called, and she said, "...and a mother of twins..." I remember thinking to myself, no one else told me they had twins. All of a sudden everyone was looking at me, the spotlight was on me, and my name was called! Wow! I actually made the Top 10! Being Mrs. Maryland impacted my life by opening doors or putting me to the front of the line to speak to legislators and change-makers who would have dismissed me otherwise. It also enabled me to connect and collaborate with so many like-minded women on initiatives regarding everything from parenting to policy. It's hard to believe it has been 25 years since I was Mrs. Maryland!



Our Mrs Maryland Queens

Jimalatice Thomas – Mrs Maryland America 2001



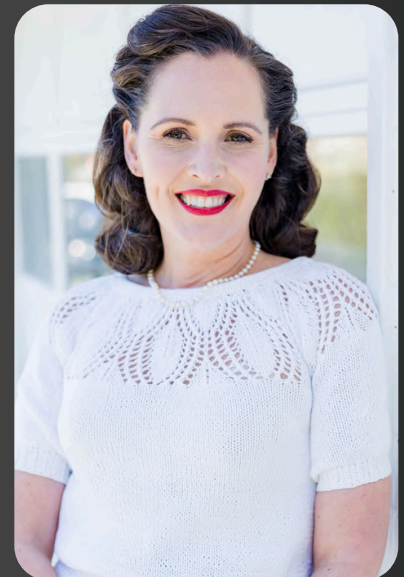
I attended my first Mrs. Maryland Pageant and watched the 2000 Maryland Queen win her title. I was a newlywed, excited about marriage and wanted to be a part of a married women's network. My platform "Public Education Works" was an easy choice because I had been an advocate within the industry for seven years. This experience had a lasting impact because I am in my 34th year as an activist for Public Education. Learning from other queens; my role as a wife and full-time bonus mom to Louis's son Zachary was a blessing. Our daughter Amaya was the best prize we received eight months later after competing at the national Mrs. America Pageant in Hawaii. Finishing in the Top 10 was a great second prize. The positive bonds Louis and I made during that time has contributed to us being empty nesters celebrating our 25th wedding anniversary this year!!!



Heather Ablondi – Mrs Maryland America 2003



Winning Mrs. Maryland 2003 allowed me to continue championing a cause close to my heart — the eradication of drunk driving. As a volunteer and spokesperson for Mothers Against Drunk Driving, I was able to speak with young people and adults across the state about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. One of the biggest lessons pageantry taught me is the importance of staying true to myself while tuning out the voices trying to tell me who I should be. The Class of 2003 was the last to travel to Hawaii for the national pageant, and I am thankful for the friendships and memories I made as a newly married young woman. Twenty-two years later, I still look back on this experience as one of the best of my life.



Our Mrs Maryland Queens

Nikki Tanner Karl – Mrs Maryland America 2004



It's hard to describe in 150 words what such a life-changing experience can truly mean to you. They say hindsight is 2020 and as I begin to look back on what that accomplishment truly meant to my life; only now do I begin to realize that it was so much more about other people than it ever was about me. Winning Mrs. Maryland was like a lightning strike, maybe a lucky strike, that sparked a fire in me. It's not a sash and crown to prove your self-worth. The true nature of a queen is helping others, giving back, and doing your part to leave things better than you found them. I could never put into words how grateful I am to be part of this sisterhood; A tribe of women setting out to make the world a better place. World Peace ya'll!



Laura Everngam Price– Mrs Maryland America 2005



It's amazing how one chance meeting can change the course of your whole life. I met Nikki, Mrs Maryland 2004 on the set of the Wedding Crashers in my home county. At 5 am, as a movie extra, we talked on the bus, about our passion for making a difference in the lives of others. She twisted my arm that I should compete for the title. Fast forward one year later and I found myself amongst such inspirational women and was truly humbled that I was chosen to represent them at Nationals. The confidence this gave me, that I didn't have before, set me on a path to believing I could make a difference in a bigger way. Then this "pageant girl" without a college degree, decided to run for political office and in 2010, I became truly humbled again. Having the chance to advocate for my citizens was when I learned how to be a true public servant. Life wasn't about "me", it was about learning to listen first, before you could effectively speak on behalf of others. Twenty years later, here we all are, pageant sisters who love each other and we change the world. All because of one morning on a bus....



Our Mrs Maryland Queens

Patty Markos – Mrs Maryland America 2006



Before becoming Mrs. Maryland America, I was so deeply devoted to my family and career that I lost sight of myself. Reading *The Artist's Way* sparked a journey of self-discovery, where I began journaling, taking myself on little adventures, and reconnecting with what truly brought me joy. That's when I met Laurett, who introduced me to the pageant. I had never done anything like it before, but I was drawn to the opportunity to not only grow personally but also use my voice for causes close to my heart, like heart disease awareness. What I didn't expect was the incredible sisterhood I would gain and the confidence to chase my dreams without hesitation. This experience reminded me that when we take care of ourselves first, we can pour even more love into the world. I will forever cherish this journey and the amazing people I've met along the way.



Adrienne Watson Carver Mrs Maryland America 2007



Siobhan Davenport Mrs Maryland America 2008



Carrie Glidden Yorkis Mrs Maryland America 2009



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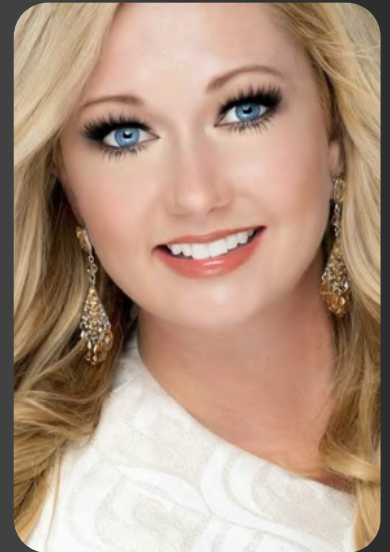
Raquel Riley Thomas
Mrs Maryland
America 2010



April Proudfoot
Mrs Maryland
America 2011



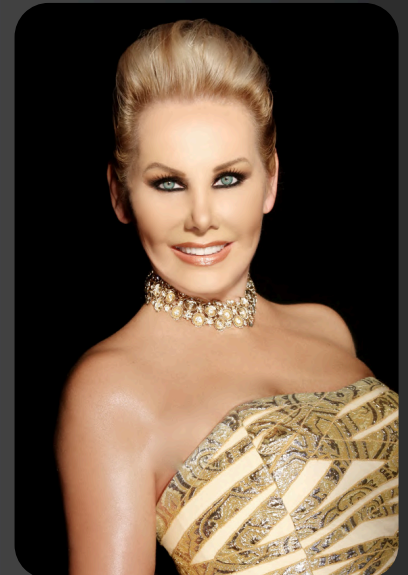
Being chosen as Mrs. Maryland 2011 was one of the greatest moments of my life. Having this platform allowed me to share my life experiences with others and gave me the confidence to build a successful career. This experience also provided me with valuable insights to pass along to my children and friends. I am forever thankful for the opportunity to serve my community.



Tes Scanlon – Mrs Maryland America 2012



Happy 20th Anniversary to our Mrs. Maryland America State Directors, Laurett and Laura. It's very challenging to put a pageant together. The fact that for two decades they have continued to put in the hard work with patience and pride speaks to the commitment they have to their contestants. It was an honor and privilege to represent our beautiful state along with 50 other contestants in Tucson, Arizona at the 2012 Mrs. America pageant. It's been 13 years since I won the Mrs. Maryland America title at the age of 53. During my reign I was named Ambassador of the Johns Hopkins Brain Tumor Center and taught many Americans how to become their own "Healthcare Advocates." Congratulations to the new Mrs. Maryland and Mrs. District of Columbia America 2025. I wish them both a year full of incredible experiences. Within you, you have the strength to accomplish anything!



Our Mrs Maryland Queens

Heather Ziehl– Mrs Maryland America 2013



Participating in the Mrs. Maryland America Pageant was an experience of a lifetime that reshaped my perspective in countless ways. As a newcomer to pageants, I was genuinely touched by the enthusiasm and warmth from everyone involved. Making over fifty appearances throughout my reign not only taught me about the power of community but also the significant responsibilities that come with representing Maryland. It was about much more than just wearing a sparkly crown and sash; it was about using that visibility to foster awareness and drive true change. What really made this journey unforgettable was the incredible support from my family, friends, and community. Their encouragement helped me navigate both triumphs and challenges and the friendships I made are etched in my heart forever. The experience strengthened me, filled me with hope, and left me grateful for every moment of connection. It was a truly remarkable year.



Zerena Jess Huff Mrs Maryland America 2014



Su Joing Sollers – Mrs Maryland America 2015



The Mrs. Maryland America pageant has truly been transformative for me. It allowed me to refine my identity as a wife and mother while encouraging me to pursue new goals. One of the highlights of my journey was my time spent with Laurett, who helped me uncover aspects of myself that I hadn't recognized before. Returning year after year to witness the new Queens has been a joy, and I feel incredibly grateful for the positive impact this experience has had on my life.



Our Mrs Maryland Queens

Chelsea Thomas Mitchel
Mrs Maryland
America 2016



Jaime Trevillian
Mrs Maryland
America 2017



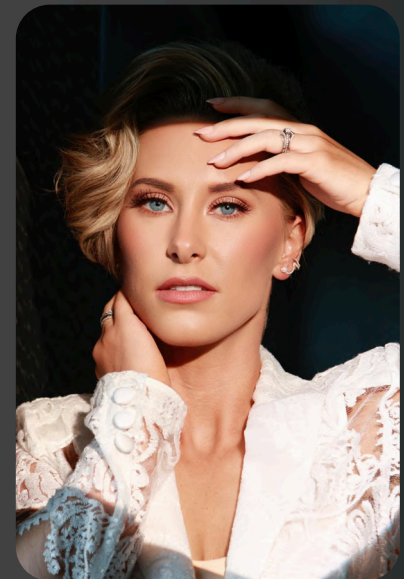
Yolanda Makle Stennett
Mrs Maryland
America 2018



Kayla Shadegg – Mrs Maryland America 2019



Kayla competed at Mrs. Maryland America in 2019 in her first pageant EVER, and was honored to represent the state of Maryland at Mrs. America later that year. As the proud mother to a daughter with Down syndrome, Kayla's platform, Strong Over Wrong, improves the diagnosis experience for families everywhere. She continues this work as the Medical Outreach Coordinator for Down Syndrome Innovations based in Kansas City, and owns To The Stars Play Cafe, a fully inclusive playspace & coffee shop, in Topeka, KS. In addition, Kayla serves as the Chairperson for the Board of Ms. Wheelchair Kansas, and recently ended her 3-year tenure as the Co-Chair of the Children with Special Healthcare Needs Committee for KDHE's Family Advisory Council. She was named Kansas Mother of the Year and one of Topeka's Top 20 Under 40 in 2024, a YWCA Woman of Excellence in 2023, and a NextGen Under 30 Honoree in 2022.



Our Mrs Maryland Queens

Julia Chang – Mrs Maryland America 2021



Being crowned Mrs. Maryland America 2021 was more than a crown – it was a God-given opportunity to amplify my mission of helping others bust through fears and live boldly. This achievement was a testament to God's grace, reminding me that when we surrender our fears and step into His calling, He equips us for the journey. As a motivational speaker and 5th-degree Taekwondo master, I've dedicated my life to helping others break through barriers – both mental and physical. This title gave me a powerful platform to share my testimony of faith, resilience, and transformation. I used it to encourage others to replace fear, self-doubt, and hesitation with courageous faith and action. True strength doesn't come from within – it comes from trusting God and stepping forward despite fear. This journey reaffirmed my belief that when we master our mindset and lean on Him, we unlock our boldest, most fearless selves.



Keisha Ruiz Mrs Maryland America 2020



Daniella Peeler Mrs Maryland America 2022



Judith Kinnie Mrs Maryland America 2023



Miss Maryland Queens

Deveney Shea
Miss Maryland
America 2019



Anna Belcher
Miss Maryland
America 2020



Aziza Howard
Miss Maryland
America 2021



Gabby Richmond
Miss Maryland
America 2022



Kema Levine
Miss Maryland
America 2023



Marla Henderson
Miss Maryland
America 2024



Mrs Maryland American

Hysha Nesmith
Mrs Maryland
American 2020



Aisha Hinton
Mrs Maryland
American 2021



Megan Myers
Mrs Maryland
American 2022



Nadine Jones
Mrs Maryland
American 2023



Brittney Jordan
Mrs Maryland
American 2024



Mrs DC
American Queens
2021 – 2022 – 2023



District of Columbia America Pageant 2025 Presents our 2024 Queens



*Mrs. DC AmeriCan
Hysha Nesmith*



*Mrs. DC America
Helene Meister*



*Miss DC for
America Strong
Monica Granados*