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BRIAN L. SPITZER

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD, MISS SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

On behalf of the entire board of directors of the Miss South Dakota Scholarship Foundation, it is my privilege to welcome you to the Miss South Dakota Competition in the newly constructed Performing Arts Center on the campus of South Dakota State University in Brookings!

Together with our producer Ray Peterson and Executive Director September Kirby, both residents of Brookings, we have a spectacular show "Believe" for our first competition held outside of Hot Springs in our 73 year history.

We have been truly well received in the Brookings community by many wonderful and dedicated people that have helped bring this competition together from the beginning which include but not limited to: Kristi Richter, Jennifer Johnson, Alex Bisson, Carolyn Knutson and Karla Eidem. Without their community ties and contacts the competition would not have the

community support needed to produce this event.

A tremendous thank you goes out to the area businesses who have graciously donated time, money and facilities to make this year's competition a truly memorable event.

Enjoy the show and "BELIEVE"!

SEPTEMBER KIRBY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As Executive Director of the South Dakota Scholarship Foundation (SDSF), the theme for this year's competition, Believe, brings it all back into perspective. In this role I have the amazing opportunity to watch young ladies Believe in their dream of representing South Dakota. Every titleholder may have a different approach to making a difference, but all want to leave the Miss South Dakota Organization with their own legacy. This year Carrie and Jessica were no different, they not only served as ambassadors to the Children's Miracle Network, but also promoted their own social impact initiatives which truly impacted hundreds in the state of South Dakota. It gives me a proud "Mom" moment to reflect on what they accomplished this year.



This year Believe became a driving force to the Brookings Planning Committee in preparation of moving the competition after 72 years. Starting in October, the committee met every other week for 2 hours to plan and prepare the details of this 3-day event. Special recognition and thanks to Kristi, Alex, Jennifer, Ray, Carolyn and Karla for their commitment and dedication to the SDSF. I truly Believe this move would not have happened without this team of individuals. You hold a special place in my heart and I am forever grateful for the time, talent and treasures you shared to make the 2019 Miss South Dakota competition a success.

The Miss America Organization Mission Statement is To prepare great women for the world and to prepare the world for great women. When people ask me "Why do you volunteer for this organization?" I respond with - I Believe in the opportunity of providing young women the chance to grow and develop lifelong skills – you don't have to be the "winner" for that . I Believe that all young women should reach for their dreams and the scholarship dollars provided through the SDSF can assist with their educational goals. I Believe those touched by the Miss South Dakota Organization are better versions of themselves because of competing – just look at the success stories from the former Miss South Dakota's. I Believe this organization creates a network of empowered women who are capable of anything they BELIEVE in.

Because every journey starts with believing, and belief will keep you going. . . Believe in yourself. Believe in your dreams. Believe you can.

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Thank You, Brookings

for inviting and welcoming the Miss South Dakota Scholarship Foundation into your thriving community.

A special Word of Thanks goes out to Jennifer Johnson and the Brookings Chamber of Commerce for believing in the vision and mission of Miss America 2.0 and for the commitment and leadership provided in marketing the Miss South Dakota Scholarship Story.

And to the SDSU Administration and the School of Performing Arts Staff for helping to make our local titleholders, cast members, technicians and loyal Family of Volunteers feel right at home on SDSU's beautiful campus.

Thanks to All. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Believe!

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2018 Pageant in Review

"And we'll come home, home again . . ."



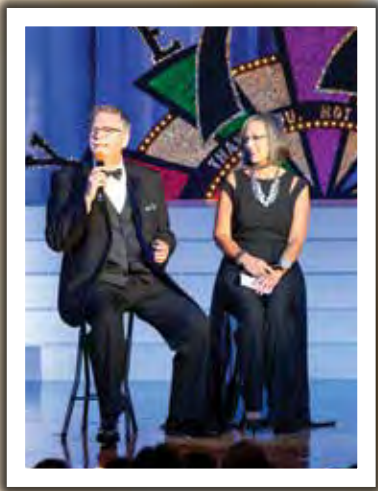
It was a year like no other. There were contestant photos in store windows up and down the street like always and there were the same friendly smiles that have greeted visiting pageant supporters for over seven decades. But behind the plastered windows and outward smiles were conversations of concern and regret and inner thoughts of what the little city would be like without the pageant; for after 72 dedicated years in historical Hot Springs, the Miss South Dakota Pageant would be finding a new home elsewhere in the Rushmore state. Where it would land remained a mystery—a deep, dark secret until Saturday night when Roselyn Anderson Ridley, our very first Miss South Dakota, would open

the envelope and hand it over to the newly crowned Miss South Dakota for the big announcement.



Meanwhile, the Mueller Civic Center was a-buzz with activity in preparation for three nights of keen competition – both Miss and Outstanding Teen – within an up-lifting show built on empowerment. From the opening strains of "This is the Greatest Show" and "Come Alive" to the heart-wrenching closing song, "From Now On," Dan and Julie Aughenbaugh together with Miranda Mack and Elizabeth Nesland, the reigning Miss South Dakota and Outstanding Teen, lead a solid cast of talented vocalists and contestants in a powerful salute to today's modern woman. Song by song, the music would lead to the crowning of Jessica Benson, Miss South Dakota's Outstanding Teen





2019 on Friday night and to Carrie Wintle on Saturday, thereby becoming the 72nd lucky young woman to wear the highly treasured Miss South Dakota sash and crown.

But there was still more to come as Board President

Brian Spitzer and Miss South Dakota 1947 Roselyn Anderson Ridley entered the stage for the big reveal. The theatre was deadly silent as Roselyn opened the envelope and handed it over to Carrie. Then came the announcement. "BROOKINGS!" There were hugs and cheers and shouts of joy as people began leaving the auditorium. Leaving. Hey, wait! We were leaving, and for pageant loyalists and dedicated volunteers, leaving felt different in 2018. Leaving, yes. But whether physically or just in loving memory, we would definitely return.



And when we do, we'll be at home. Home again. **Thank you, Hot Springs, for a job well done.**



South Dakota's first Miss South Dakota, Roselyn Anderson Ridley (1947) helps Board President Brian Spitzer and the newly-crowned Carrie Wintle make the official announcement: "The new host home for the Miss South Dakota Organization will be . . . BROOKINGS!"

2018 MISS SOUTH DAKOTA PAGEANT

Final Five



MISS SOUTH DAKOTA

Carrie Wintle
MISS STATE FAIR



Miss SD	\$9,400
Prelim Talent	\$500
Wardrobe	\$3,000
CMN	\$300
Quality of Life	\$250
Total	\$13,450

FIRST RUNNER-UP

Amber Hulse
MISS CHRISTMAS IN THE HILLS



1st Runner-up	\$4,300
Community Service	\$250
CMN	\$200
Top interview	\$500
Total	\$5,250

SECOND RUNNER-UP
Heather Egbert
MISS USD



2nd Runner-Up
Prelim Swimsuit \$2,500
Total \$250
Total \$2,750

THIRD RUNNER-UP
Evy Johnson
MISS CENTRAL STATES FAIR



3rd Runner-Up \$1,500
Prelim Talent \$500
Sylvia Tannehill Scholarship \$1,000
Total \$3,000

FOURTH RUNNER-UP
Kaitlin O'Neill
MISS SIOUXLAND



4th Runner-Up \$1,200
Total \$1,200

2018 Semi-Finalists



Carly Goodhart
Miss Rolling Plains
Semi-Finalist \$1000



Cameron Schroder
Miss Wheel Jam
Semi-Finalist \$1000
Ray Peterson Rookie Award \$500



Annie Woodmansey
Miss Once Upon A Festival
Semi-Finalist \$1000

Additional Scholarship

Chesney Garnos
Non-Semi-Finalist \$750
Quality of Life \$250
People's Choice \$250

Sarah Scott
Non-Semi-Finalist \$750
Most Talented Non-Finalist \$400

Jackie Bossman
Non-Semi-Finalist \$750

Rachel Evangelisto
Non-Semi-Finalist \$750

Rachel Black
Non-Semi-Finalist \$750

Miranda O'Bryan
Non-Semi-Finalist \$750

Alex Smiley
Non-Semi-Finalist \$750
Prelim Swimsuit \$250

Samantha Gervais
Non-Semi-Finalist \$750
Miss Congeniality \$500

Carrie's Year in Review

As I reflect on my year as Miss South Dakota, there are several events that stand out among the others. The past twelve months were filled with once-in-a-lifetime moments, little moments, and all the glitz and glamour I could dream of.

Not long after I was crowned, I spent an afternoon at Mount Rushmore, one of South Dakota's iconic landmarks. I went right around the 4th of July, so the monument was packed with people from around the globe. It was an honor to shake hands with so many visitors and welcome them to my home state. The summer ended with another hallmark of SD, the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.



In July, I attended Miss America's Outstanding Teen to support Jessica. It was surreal to think that ten years ago I was competing at MAOT, and what a reunion it was. This was also the first time I met my Miss America sisters. We spent the entire week together – preparing for Miss America, attending events, and supporting our teen queens.



Another bucket list item for me was the Miss South Dakota Pheasant Hunt. You would think, after living on a farm my entire childhood, I would have spent at least one Fall hunting pheasants. Before this year, I had never been pheasant hunting! The day was particularly special because five of my family's hunters came from Minnesota. They have always been incredibly supportive of my journey to Miss South Dakota, so sharing the day with some of them made it extra special.

Of all my appearances this year, I was most honored to attend the commissioning of the USS South Dakota in Groton, CT. It was particularly special to share this experience with my dad, who served in the US Army for 20 years. I loved learning more about the newest, most advanced submarine in the Navy fleet, plus it was a thrill to see it in person.

These once-in-a-lifetime appearances made my year as Miss SD particularly memorable; however, the "little

moments" are the ones that filled my soul. For example, I spent many of my days at schools talking about financial education centered around Money \$heep. Last year, I sent out over 10,000 copies of Mr. Money \$heep to students in SD, and this year I



visited many of the schools that received the donation. Another of my favorites from the past year was "Lunch with Miss South Dakota." The half-hour lunches I spent with kids lit up my soul and warmed my heart.

A year as Miss South Dakota would not be complete without a little glitz and glamour. Some of my fondest memories come from attending local competitions with my sister queen, Jessica. We enjoyed emceeing together and added fun every now and again by roller skating across the stage. The biggest challenge, which also turned into the biggest reward, was planning the Miss USD competition at my alma mater. It was fulfilling to step onto the other side of the competition and help more young women experience some of the same life-changing opportunities I have.

It is hard to put 360 days into just a few words. That's 360 days filled with a lifetime of experiences. Miss South Dakota is not the peak – it's the launching pad.



MISS AMERICA

Do you know that feeling when you can't quite figure out if a dream was really a dream? You wake up and ask yourself, "Did that really happen, or did I dream the whole thing?" Well folks, I find myself reminiscing about my time at Miss America and asking myself that question over and over. I dreamed of going to Miss America and representing South Dakota for over 10 years. This year, that dream became a reality.

The preliminary competition started on September 5. Early in the week I completed my personal interview with a panel of 7 judges. I competed in on-stage question the first night. I was asked about who's responsibility it is to teach financial education. Night two I competed in evening wear, one of the most unforgettable moments

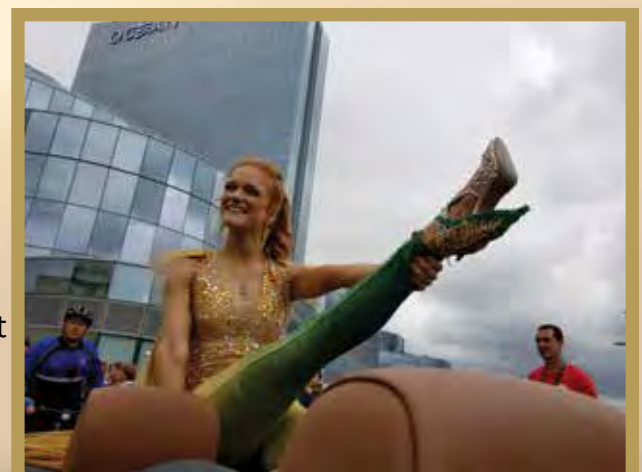


of the entire experience. I chose my gold, Oscar-like, gown, because when I first tried it on, God's peace washed over me. The same thing happened as I stepped onto the Miss America stage - an overwhelming sense of gratefulness filled my soul as I glided down the runway. The final night of preliminary competition I played "The Final Countdown" on the piano for my talent.

The last night was special because I was awarded the Women in Business Scholarship, only two women out of 51 were selected. I completed an interview where I talked about my education in

accounting and finance, my future career plans in public accounting, the women who have shaped my life, and my non-profit organization called Money \$heep.

Saturday, the day before finals, was probably one of the most memorable days I had at Miss America. I woke up early, anxious for the iconic "Show Me Your Shoes Parade." My costume was designed to highlight my childhood as a farm kid and my favorite thing about South Dakota, the landscape. One of my favorite things to do in South Dakota is to drive across the state just to take in the beauty (and, trust me, I spent my year as Miss SD doing just that). I love the way the prairie and farmland grows into a luscious green in the Spring and transforms into a golden ocean in the Fall right before harvest. It is breathtaking to look across God's country, take





in the vast expanse of His glory, and realize I get to represent this state. To capture South Dakota's beauty, my costume gradually changed from green to gold, was draped with a cape that flowed like the wheat fields in the breeze, and was topped with a wheat collar and corn husk heels. Not to mention, having Callee Bauman Wachter, Miss SD 2006, accompany me through the parade was the cherry on top of the entire experience.



After every night of competition, all the candidates were escorted to the visitation room, a huge ballroom with hardwood floors. We spent about an hour hugging our loved ones and talking with friends and family that travelled to cheer us on. This hour, every night, was one of my favorite things from the competition week. I had poured my entire heart and soul into preparation for Miss South Dakota and Miss America. To see a group of people that recognized that hard work, recognized my potential, but loved me unconditionally, regardless of the outcome, was humbling – to say the least. It was an honor and privilege to represent the state that made me into the person I am today.



2018 Miss South Dakota Carrie Wintle



Thank you, South Dakota~

Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes. One year, when compared to the magnitude that life has to offer, seems so short. And yet, five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes ago, I was crowned Miss South Dakota. One year of time, but a lifetime of experiences.

Eleven years ago, Miss South Dakota 2006 saw something in me that I didn't know existed. Callee Bauman Wachter dared to ask a timid, yet awe-inspired, twelve-year-old girl, "Have you ever considered competing for Miss SDOT?" It was a simple question that changed the trajectory of my life. To Callee – my role model, my friend, my sister – thank you for asking the hard question. Your belief in me when I didn't believe in myself gave me the courage to dream impossible dreams.

The hidden treasure in winning Miss South Dakota was gaining 71 sisters. To each of my Miss South Dakota sisters, my appreciation and love for you is infinite. You have been my backbone this year. To this day, I look to many of you and think, "Gosh, I want to be just like her when I grow up." You are poised. You are gracious. You are kind. You are supportive. Thank you for letting me represent you this year. The greatest gift a Miss South Dakota can give is her heart. From Roselyn to Miranda, you set the bar high because you gave your heart. I am eternally grateful.

To the Miss South Dakota Board – thank you for believing in this organization. You give generously of your time and resources to the Miss South Dakota program. Thank you for supporting me and all the young women who seek to push beyond their comfort zones into their best selves. To Ray, Mr. South Dakota – thank you for believing in me (see what I did there?). You created a beautiful show that captures the heart of the organization. Thank you for the years of service you have given to Miss South Dakota. To

September and Carol – you cheered me on at my peaks and picked me up in my valleys. You were a listening ear and an encouraging hand. Thank you for being my biggest cheerleaders from start to finish.

To the generous sponsors who continually support the Miss South Dakota Organization – thank you. The best part is that every young woman who competes within this organization feels the effects of your generosity. The Miss South Dakota program is a launching pad for young women, and you have contributed to helping each of us reach our fullest potential.

To the CMN family – thank you for allowing me to be a part of so many events throughout the year. Thank you for the selfless work you do to help kiddos who have hearts bigger than the mind can conceive.

One of the most rewarding parts of my year was traveling to schools and promoting Money \$heep. Thank you to the sponsors that see financial literacy as a priority and enabled me to write a book and deliver it to kids throughout South Dakota. To Rayna – thank you for believing in Money \$heep as much as I did. You brought the story to life, and I am grateful you shared your artistic abilities with me. You are creative, thoughtful, and selfless in all you do and share.

Behind every Miss South Dakota is a team of people who helped her grow and prepare for the opportunity of a lifetime. Alexis – you gave me advice that has carried me through the year by saying, “You’ll never regret investing in yourself.” Thank you for redirecting my perspective and giving me courage to continue reaching for my goals. Valerie – thank you for understanding that I need to feel 110% prepared before I can confidently step into the interview room. Your expertise and encouragement allowed me to leave Miss Mmerica with no regrets. Melissa – thank you for testing my physical and mental limits. With each push-up, ab exercise, and squat, I not only became physically stronger, but I also developed the mental clarity I needed to compete at an elite level. Your friendship and workout-turned-therapy sessions guided me throughout. Linda – thank you for standing beside me from the very beginning. You served as my executive director when I was Miss SDOT and have continued to embolden my journey. You are a class act.

My journey in piano is one that could have only come by the grace of God. I played piano when I was Miss South Dakota’s Outstanding Teen; however, shortly after, I walked away from it. My childhood piano teacher, Mrs. Ruedebusch, told me, “One day you will regret quitting,” but young, stubborn Carrie thought she knew better. Ten years later, I find myself back at the piano with a greater appreciation for it than I ever imagined. Don’t you hate it when adults are right? Mrs. Ruedebusch – thank you for sitting through my childhood piano lessons when I did everything possible to avoid touching the keys. Thank you for supporting me from the Miss South Dakota stage to the Miss America stage.

When I finally gave in to God’s nudging and started taking piano lessons again, He led me to Kathryn and Andy Karg at 2gether Productions. You have become like family. You took me on as a new student, opened your home to me for piano-intensive weekends, and recorded my first piano album, *Noted Gratitude*. To Kathryn – I don’t think words will do this justice, but thank you. I never dreamed I was capable of playing piano on the Miss America stage. As I sat at your piano recital this spring, tears streamed down my face. You have touched the souls of so many young musicians, mine included. You have given me a vision for where I can go with piano, and God has given me the gift to share it. Getting to share the stage with you at Miss South Dakota was a dream come true. You started as my piano teacher, but you have become my sister. I love you, dearly.

To my Miss America Class – thank you for being you. This year was filled with some turbulence and change. If I could do it again, I would do it exactly the same way. Through the challenges, we leaned on each other. We let our guards down, changed what we could, accepted what we couldn’t, and supported each other through it all. Julia, Miss Vermont – you were a dynamo roommate at Miss America. Your spunk, courage, humor, and zest for life allowed me to break out of my shell. Thank you for your friendship. Grace, Miss Illinois – your faith in God, bravery to surrender to Him, and heart to share His love are admirable. Thank you for being such a gracious friend.

Although there is only one Miss South Dakota every year, she gets to share it with an Outstanding Teen. To Jessica – this year surpassed my expectations, in large part thanks to you. You, too, after competing for ten years, understand the perseverance it takes to compete within this organization. That also means you understand and appreciate the rewards and responsibilities just as deeply. The memories we shared this year are ones that will last a lifetime – from local pageants, to going to the wrong hotels, to cheering each other on at nationals. Your wisdom, maturity, selflessness, compassion, and heart far surpass your age. You are my role model, my teen queen, my friend, but most importantly, you have become my sister. All my love to you, sweet friend.

To my dearest friends – you have been my stronghold behind the scenes. Thank you for cherishing this year with me. Thank you for the late-night phone calls and the long walks. Thank you for filling my life with joy and my heart with purpose.

To my mom, my dad, and my brother – this year was just as much yours as it was mine. You have felt the sting of disappointment and the burst of success as deeply as I have. You gave me courage when I needed it, but most importantly, you gave me love. You loved me through it all and promised to come out on the other side with me. Well, here we are – on the other side. We are stronger. We are braver. We are more faithful. We are thankful.

South Dakota – it has been a privilege and my greatest honor to serve you. Although only one girl wins the Miss South Dakota crown, we are all crowned by His grace. God – thank you for this year. Thank you for trusting me with the responsibility to lead and serve. Thank you for filling my soul with your peace at every turn. All the glory goes directly back to You.

All my love,

Carrie Wintle, Miss South Dakota 2018

2019 NOTES FROM THE PRODUCER



Believe!

A simple one-word theme
with an exclamation point to express and convey
importance.

You will hear it at the top and throughout the show. “We all need something to believe in.”

As a kid growing up in nearby Oldham, South Dakota, I learned early on from my parents the values of honesty and integrity, and there were beliefs I picked up as I grew older, like the importance of an education. More recently, I was reminded once again that some beliefs take much longer to become reality than others, and some beliefs change rather abruptly

because of change. From the age of nine, when a young lady from my small home town was named First Runner-up to Miss South Dakota, I have always believed in the Miss America program and what it stands for. But the recent changes -- both within the Miss America system at the national level and the move from Hot Springs to Brookings on the state level -- came about rather quickly, causing my belief to waver, and I found myself questioning if such monumental changes were really in the best interest of the program. Hot Springs was home to the Miss South Dakota Pageant for 72 years and throughout my 52 years as a volunteer within the Miss America Organization, I believed the competition would stay in Hot Springs forever. Then, within one year after the Board requested proposals to host the pageant and Hot Spring chose not to submit, Brookings was named Miss South Dakota’s host city. Exciting? Yes! But was it really the right thing to do? You’ll hear more in detail and can decide for yourself when watching tonight’s show.

In contrast time-wise, when I first came to SDSU back in 1971, the first committee assignment handed to me was the Performing Arts Committee and it was no surprise to actually find this new performing art center on the agenda way back then. SDSU President Sherwood Berg jumped on the bandwagon in 1976, and thus began some serious talk but with little or no action. Meanwhile, I just kept believing and believing and believing that it would, in fact, someday happen. Well, 48 years and six administrations later, that 1971 agenda item has finally become a reality with incredible results. We can now sit back in comfort and enjoy the luxury, sheer beauty, and visual artistry now made possible with the state-of-the-art technical equipment found within the proscenium theatre of the Oscar Larson Performing Arts Center. Look and Believe! It’s yours to enjoy.

And so we believe in whatever is near and dear to us. For some it’s music. For others it may be money, perhaps a career, or, for those die-hard sports fans, their favorite team. And thankfully, most of us tend to share a common belief -- in faith, family and friends.

In closing, I wish to share with you a wise and inspirational quotation from well-known media executive and talk show host, Oprah Winfrey -- a quote that reinforces and gives extra meaning to this year’s Competition theme.

“Create the highest, grandest vision possible for your life, because you become what you believe.” -- Oprah Winfrey

As Executive Producer and Production Director of tonight’s Competition, I hope you enjoy our show, but more importantly, I hope you all have something very special to believe in.

Most Sincerely,

Ray

PAGEANT HOST - SHAWN CABLE

Shawn has been a familiar face on South Dakota television for nearly 25 years. He is an Emmy award winning meteorologist, storm chaser and morning show co-host at KSFY Television, the ABC affiliate in Sioux Falls, SD.

Shawn grew up in the small town of Morgan, MN and received his training and certification in broadcast meteorology from Mississippi State. He is a member of the National Weather Association, and is the chairperson of the broadcast seal recertification committee for the NWA. Shawn has twice been named "Best Weathercaster in South Dakota " by the Associated Press.

Shawn also has a degree in choral and vocal music from SDSU. For nearly 20 years, Shawn has been a host of the Miss South Dakota Pageant.

When not predicting storms or singing and dancing on the Miss South Dakota Pageant stage, Shawn stays busy with his talented and way too smart for her age 9-year-old daughter Norah. He also plays the piano and the accordion.



ENTERTAINERS



Autumn Simunek Conrad
Miss South Dakota 2015
Miss SD Outstanding Teen
2007
K-5 Music Teacher
Apalachee Tapestry
Magnet School of the Arts



Kyra Korver Mentele
Miss South Dakota 2004
Part-time worship director
Stay-at-home mom of 3.



Kate Wismer Likness
Miss South Dakota 2007
Professional Actor/Entertainer



Seth Pierce
2018 USD Graduate in Sport
Management
Director of Volunteer Services
Special Olympics Nebraska

2019 MISS SOUTH DAKOTA COMPETITION

Believe!

7:00 p.m.

"THE NATIONAL ANTHEM"

Carrie Wintle, 2018 at piano; Miranda Mack, 2017; Julia Olson, 2016

"Something to Believe In" / "Gee, But It's Good to Be Here!"

Introduction of Show Theme, Candidates, Cast, and Competition Host Shawn Cable

Announcement of Scholarship Awards, Volunteer of the Year, etc.

CARRIE WINTLE, Miss South Dakota 2018

and JESSICA BENSON, Miss SD's Outstanding Teen, 2018

"If I Ruled the World"

MISS ON-STAGE INTERVIEW COMPETITION: Sigma – Thurs, Delta – Fri Semi-Finalists - Sat

"When You Wish Upon a Star" / "Thank Heaven for Little Girls"

Introduction of Miss SD's Princess Participants

MISS SD'S OUTSTANDING TEEN QUESTION IN EVENING WEAR COMPETITION: Thursday Only

MISS TALENT COMPETITION: Delta – Thursday; Sigma – Friday; Semi-Finalists – Saturday

Part 1 Finale: *"I Believe In Music"* Medley

INTERMISSION

Call-Back Production Number, Announcements and Acknowledgements

OUTSTANDING TEEN LIFESTYLE & FITNESS COMPETITION – Thu; **TALENT** – Fri

"Happy Talk" Medley

MISS EVENING WEAR/SOCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT COMPETITION

Sigma Group – Thursday Delta Group – Friday, Semi-Finalists – Saturday

Most Talented Non-Semi-Finalist – Saturday Only

Spotlight on our Miss South Dakota and Outstanding Teen Alumni

Part 2 Finale: *"I Believe" / "When You Believe"*

Thursday: Announcement of Preliminary Winners in Teen Onstage Question in Evening Wear, Miss On-Stage Interview, and Miss Talent

Friday: Announcement of Prelim Winners in Teen Talent, Miss On-Stage Interview and Talent

"Gee, But It's Good to Be Here!" – Reprise

Friday

Farewell and Final Walk – The Crowning of Miss SD's Outstanding Teen 2019

Saturday

Farewell and Final Walk – The Crowning of Miss South Dakota 2019

Believe!

MISS SOUTH DAKOTA CANDIDATES



JACKIE BOSSMAN
MISS RAPID CITY

Age: 24
Hometown: Humboldt, SD
Education: Juris Doctorate candidate at Creighton University School of Law
Social Impact Initiative: The Democracy Project
Talent: Jazz Dance
Parents: Dennis and Della Bossman



ELIZABETH HOFER
MISS SIOUX FALLS

Age: 18
Hometown: Bruce, SD
Education: 2019 Estelline High School Graduate
Social Impact Initiative: Think Head First
Talent: Vocal
Parents: Eli and Rita Hofer



ANNA BONNSTETTER
MISS USD

Age: 21
Hometown: Slayton, MN
Education: Media and Journalism major at USD
Social Impact Initiative: Adopt Don't Shop
Talent: Flute
Parents: Mark and Ruth Bonnstetter



CARLY GOODHART
MISS MITCHELL

Age: 23
Hometown: Sisseton, SD
Education: Graduate from SDSU with Bachelor Degree in Nursing
Social Impact Initiative: It Took Three: A Promotion of Heart Health
Talent: Vocal
Parents: Robert and Lori Goodhart

MISS SOUTH DAKOTA CANDIDATES



SARAH SCOTT
MISS CHRISTMAS
IN THE HILLS

Age: 23
Hometown: Forest Lake, MN
Education: Human Development and Family Studies major at SDSU
Social Impact Initiative: Swimmers Chance
Talent: Contemporary Dance
Parent: David Scott



MIRANDA O'BRYAN
MISS SDSU

Age: 21
Hometown: Martin, SD
Education: Journalism and History double major at SDSU
Social Impact Initiative: A Family for Everyone
Talent: Musical theater
Parents: Chris and Mikaela O'Bryan



AMBER HULSE
MISS STATE FAIR

Age: 20
Hometown: Hot Springs, SD
Education: Political Science major at USD
Social Impact Initiative: Operation Overload
Talent: Piano
Parents: Raymond and Kristina Hulse



BAYLEE DITTMAN
MISS CLAY COUNTY

Age: 23
Hometown: Spearfish, SD
Education: Graduate from SDSU with Bachelor Degree in Communication Studies
Social Impact Initiative: Breaking the Barcode: Ending Human Trafficking
Talent: Musical Theatre
Parents: Gregg and Sarah Dittman



KAITLIN O'NEILL
MISS HOT SPRINGS

Age: 22
Hometown: Groton, SD
Education: Dance and Marketing double major at Minnesota State University Mankato
Social Impact Initiative: Eat Right, Reenergize your Life
Talent: Irish Dance
Parents: Steven O'Neill and Robin O'Neill



CAMERON SCHRODER
MISS RAILROAD JUNCTION

Age: 21
Hometown: Huron, SD
Education: Communication and Speech Education major at SDSU
Social Impact Initiative: That's Garbage!
Talent: Musical theater
Parents: Chad and Jennifer Schroder

MISS SOUTH DAKOTA CANDIDATES



COURTNEY REMICK
MISS BROOKINGS

Age: 21
Hometown: Prior Lake, MN
Education: Medical Laboratory Sciences major at SDSU
Social Impact Initiative: Feeling Safe during Emergencies
Talent: Original Monologue
Parents: Patrick and Mary Jo Remick



EVY JOHNSON
MISS SIOUXLAND

Age: 24
Hometown: Firesteel, SD
Education: Master of Music in Opera Theater student at University of South Carolina
Social Impact Initiative: Hidden Treasure: Valuing Senior Citizens
Talent: Opera Vocal
Parents: Allen and Leota Johnson



ANNIE WOODMANSEY
MISS ROLLING PLAINS

Age: 21
Hometown: Pierre, SD
Education: Music Education major at Northern State University
Social Impact Initiative: Fine Arts for all Hearts
Talent: Flute
Parents: Kent and Susan Woodmansey



HUNTER WIDVEY
MISS WHEEL JAM

Age: 20
Hometown: Rapid City, SD
Education: Biology and Government/International Affairs double major at Augustana University
Social Impact Initiative: More than Four: Pediatric Cancer Awareness
Talent: Broadway Vocal
Parents: Brett and Cami Widvey



SYLVIE LARSON
MISS MISSOURI VALLEY

Age: 21
Hometown: Harrisburg, SD
Education: Music Education major at SDSU
Social Impact Initiative: Life for the Challenge: Applying a Growth Mindset
Talent: Clarinet
Parents: Mike and Nedra Larson, and Amy DeHeer Larson



RIA GUALANO
MISS CENTRAL STATES FAIR

Age: 18
Hometown: Rapid City, SD
Education: Creative Writing major at Johns Hopkins University
Social Impact Initiative: Bridging Generations: Holding the Hands that Held Us
Talent: Original Vocal
Parents: Gary and Lan Gualano

2019 MISS SOUTH DAKOTA JUDGES



McNeil Chestnut McNeil is a 45 year veteran of the Miss America Program. He has judged and taught judging workshops through-out the United States and judged more than a dozen state title holders who placed in the top 10 at Miss America.

McNeil was Chief Judge of the panel that chose Laura Kaeppler, Miss America 2012, as Miss Wisconsin. McNeil established and is Chairman of the Board of the North Carolina Education Scholarship Fund, Inc., which will provide over \$100,000 in scholarships for the 2019 Miss North Carolina Program.

A patron of the arts, he has studied music for most of his life and is widely known for his expertise on the history and orchestras of the swing band era. In 2017 he put together the Mc3 Jazz Trio which performs traditional American jazz.

McNeil is a member of the North Carolina and U.S. Supreme Court Bar, engages in a government relations and lobby practice, and is a visiting professor of trust law at his alma mater, Campbell University, where there is a fully endowed scholarship in his honor.



Nicole (Nigg) Philbrick Nicole competed for the title of Miss South Dakota for four years before being crowned as Miss South Dakota 2000. After completing her year as Miss SD, Nicole spent five years in Chicago working as an actor, performing in various musicals within the city. Nicole's career has moved from the stage to the corporate world; she has spent ten years working within the senior living/retirement industry, and currently works as a Senior Analyst with OnePoint Partners, consulting nonprofit providers of senior housing and care.

Nicole's dedication to the Miss America Organization has been multi-faceted. She has volunteered as an entertainer at Miss SD, served as an emcee at the local level in Illinois; judged at the local level in Wisconsin, Georgia, and New Hampshire; judged at the state level in South Dakota and Nebraska (with both titleholders making the semifinals at Miss America!); served on the interview prep team for several years for Miss Georgia; and currently serves as a board member and assists with the rising stars program at the local level in New Hampshire. Nicole also had the pleasure of being the official "insider blogger" for TLC network for the Miss America 2009 Pageant in Las Vegas.

Nicole lives in Bedford, NH with her husband Kevin, her daughters Cameron (8) and Emerson (5). She is pleased to be back home to judge – both as a Forever Miss South Dakota and a Forever Jackrabbit. She couldn't be more excited to see her Miss SD Family, and to welcome the competition to its new home.



Darrin Emerick Darrin retired on December 31 after serving as the Chief Personnel Officer for Perkins Coie LLP, an international law firm with more than 1,000 lawyers in 19 offices across the United States and Asia for the past 20 years. He spent the past 35 years working in the field of human resources as a thought leader, frequent speaker at professional conferences and as a community volunteer and board member for numerous organizations including the Seattle Children's Museum, YWCA HR Advisory Committee, United Way of King County, and the Washington State Cabinet for the March of Dimes March for Babies. He has been involved with the Miss Washington Scholarship Organization for over 20 years and currently serves as the President and Judges Chair.

He currently splits his time between Palm Springs, CA and Westport, WA a tourist fishing community on the Pacific Ocean where he owns and operates a donut shop during the summer and continues to consult in the human resources field.

Darrin received his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and MBA from the University of Missouri. He studied at the Kansas City Conservatory of Music and performed throughout the Midwest including the pre-game and half-time shows for the Kansas City Chiefs.

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Shellene Cockrell Cross Shellene is a broadcast journalist who has been honored as an eight-time Emmy nominee, including three Emmy award wins as a Program Host & Moderator. She's also a Telly award winning Host/Analyst as well as an award winning Writer and Producer. Most recently she won the Colorado Broadcaster's Association award for "Best News Series" and was also awarded the CBA's Silver merit for "Best Anchor" as the Morning Anchor for NBC's "News 5 Today" in Colorado Springs.

Currently, Shellene is the Host and Analyst of the Purina Pro Plan Incredible Dog Challenge series, which is syndicated nationally with the finals appearing on network NBC. Shellene also works as a consultant and re-researcher for the renowned Center for Creative Leadership, where she coaches military officials and top level executives from around the world on their presentation skills and Executive Presence.

Shellene is a forever Miss Colorado, who tap danced her way to the Miss America stage. In addition to tap, she has also had extensive training in jazz and ballet and is an accomplished pianist. Shellene received her B.A. in Communications, with a double emphasis in print and broadcast journalism, from Brigham Young University.



Alex Parker By serving as the Novice Judge on our 2019 Miss South Dakota Competition Panel, Alex will be putting Miss America judging criteria to work for the very first time. As a Brookings resident, Alex enjoys being active in the community through volunteering with the Boys & Girls Club STEM Mentoring Program, S.T.A.R.S. and different youth sports programs and teams.

He is a lifetime resident of Brookings and the Private Banker at First Bank & Trust. Alex received his Bachelor's and Master's degree from South Dakota State University as well as being a 4-year starter for the SDSU Jackrab-bit football team. In his spare time Alex enjoys playing golf, being on the water and traveling.

The Ray Peterson

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Presented to the Miss South Dakota contestant placing the highest among the first-time contestants in a given year. A \$500 scholarship provided by former Miss SDs in honor of Ray's 53 years of dedication to the Miss SD Pageant

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

- 2007 Katie Kellogg, Miss Rapid City, 3rd Runner-Up
- 2008 Alexandra Hoffman, Miss SDSU, Miss South Dakota
- 2009 Morgan Peck, Miss USD, Miss South Dakota
- 2010 Anne Virginia Koepp, Miss SDSU, 3rd Runner-Up
- 2011 Callista Kirby, Miss Brookings, 1st Runner-Up
- 2012 Tessa Dee, Miss Rolling Plains, 3rd Runner-Up
- 2013 Katie Barnett, Miss Rolling Plains, 3rd Runner-Up
- 2014 Meridith Gould, Miss Lake Alvin, Miss South Dakota
- 2015 Evy Johnson, Miss Heartland, Most Talented Non-Finalist
- 2016 Isabella Garcia, Miss SDSU, 2nd Runner-Up
- 2017 Miranda Mack, Miss SDSU, Miss South Dakota
- 2018 Cameron Schroder, Miss Wheel Jam, Semi-Finalist



2019 MISS SOUTH DAKOTA JUDGING CRITERIA

Miss South Dakota - State Competition Phases of Competition and Scoring

Mission of the Miss America Organization:

Prepare great women for the world and prepare the world for great women.

Job Description: Miss South Dakota is an articulate young woman who can engage with people of all ages and background, who wants to be a positive role model and has a true belief in and is ready to execute her social impact initiative.

Phases of State Competition

1. Private Interview with Judges
 - Allows insight into candidate's ability to fulfill the responsibilities of the job
 - Provides opportunity to learn about her qualities and attributes
 - Allows insight in her commitment to advance and execute her social impact initiative and have a year of service, not celebrity
 - Ability to get a sense of accomplishments above and beyond the resume
2. On-Stage Interview – continuation of the private interview for Preliminary competition; final night will be more focused on newsworthy topics.
 - Advancing the same criteria as the private interview by bringing it on stage in an interactive, energetic way
 - Allows audiences to get to know the candidate
 - Opportunity to see candidate speak in a public forum
 - Allows ability to judge first impression reaction
3. Evening Wear/Social Impact Statement Competition
 - Shows candidate's own personal style, personality, grace, and confidence while making her own statement about her mission for the job
 - Judges can see her posture and carriage
 - Allows a look at the attention she captures on stage and her command of the stage in the spotlight
4. Talent
 - Opportunity to see the candidate's preparatory and performance skills
 - Looks at interpretive ability and technical skill level including execution, technique synchronization and control
 - A look at the totality of the talent elements: costume, props, music, voice, use of body and choreography
 - Opportunity to consider how enjoyable and relatable the performance is
5. Final Conversation for the Job/Final Ballot Ranking
 - Allows a final, highly energetic and challenging conversation for the judges to determine who is the best candidate for the job
 - Allows a look at the sense of composure in the final moments of decision
 - Allows a look at interactivity with the judges and the audience
 - Allows the top candidates to express their career goals and how serving as Miss South Dakota will set the stage for becoming a future leader in the country.



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2019 Miss South Dakota SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

MAO Community Service	\$1000
MAO Academic	\$1000

Miss South Dakota 2019 **\$9,500**

First Runner-Up **\$4,500**

Second Runner-Up **\$2,500**

Third Runner-Up **\$1,500**

Fourth Runner-Up **\$1,200**

Three Semi-Finalists **\$3,000 (\$1,000 each)**

Preliminary Talent **\$2,000 (\$1,000 each)**

Thursday sponsored by Ron and Anita Frankenstein; Friday sponsored by Ken and Glenda Mostek

Preliminary On-Stage Interview **\$1,000 (\$500 each)**

Sponsored by Joe and Nikki Wilson

Most Talented Non Semi-Finalist **\$400**

Eight Non Semi-Finalists **\$6,000 (\$750 each)**

Dorothy Barnett Top Interview Award **\$500**

Sponsored by Melissa Brown

Ray Peterson "Rookie of the Year" Award **\$500**

Sponsored by Miss South Dakota Sisterhood

Sylvia Tannehill "Kindness" Award **\$1000**

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Fan Favorite Award **\$500**

Miss Congeniality **\$500**

State Quality of Life Scholarship **\$500**

State Community Service Scholarship **\$500**

CMNH Miracle Maker Award **\$500**

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State STEM Scholarship **\$1500 (2 @ \$750)**

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TOTAL AWARDED **\$39,600**

2019 Miss South Dakota's Outstanding Teen **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

<u>MSDOT 2019</u>	<u>\$2000</u>
<u>First Runner-Up</u>	<u>\$1000</u>
<u>Second Runner-Up</u>	<u>\$750</u>
<u>Third Runner-Up</u>	<u>\$500</u>
<u>Fourth Runner-Up</u>	<u>\$350</u>
<u>Eight Non-Finalists</u>	<u>\$2000 (\$250 each)</u>
<u>Prelim Talent Award</u>	<u>\$250</u>
Sponsored by Bruce and Susan Wintle	
<u>Prelim Physical Fitness Award</u>	<u>\$200</u>
<u>Top Interview Award</u>	<u>\$250</u>
Sponsored by Bruce and Susan Wintle	
<u>Miss Congeniality</u>	<u>\$200</u>
<u>CMN Top Fundraiser Award</u>	<u>\$200</u>
<u>Fan Favorite Award</u>	<u>\$500</u>
<u>Patriotic Scholarship</u>	<u>\$200</u>
Sponsored by Autumn Simunek Conrad	
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$8,400</u>

Miss State Competition Scoring

Preliminary Night Scoring:

Private Interview 20%
On Stage Interview 15%
Talent 50%
Evening Wear/Social Impact 15%

Final Night Scoring:

Composite 25%
On Stage Interview 25%
Talent 30%
Evening Wear/Social Impact 20%
Top 5 Ranking/Final Ballot

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2018 Miss South Dakota's Outstanding Teen Jessica Benson

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2018 MISS SOUTH DAKOTA'S OUTSTANDING TEEN

Top 3



Jessica Benson	
Miss Hot Springs OT	
MSDOT	\$2000
Wardrobe	\$700
Interview	\$125
Scholastic	\$125
Patriotic	\$200
Total	\$3,150

McKenzie Norton	
Miss Mitchell's OT	
1st Runner-up	\$750
Interview	\$125
Scholastic	\$125
Total	\$1,000

Rio Snyder	
Miss Siouxland's OT	
2nd Runner-up	\$500
Talent	\$250
Total	\$750

Jessica's Year in Review

Miss South Dakota's Outstanding Teen - Jessica Benson



After winning Miss South Dakota's Outstanding Teen, I had no idea the busy year I had in store! Right away, I was on the road all across the state preparing for nationals! Going to Miss America's Outstanding Teen in Orlando was incredible! I felt so empowered and ready to serve my state for the remainder of my year! One of my favorite things was being able to visit the State Veterans Home on numerous occasions! I



had the joy of delivering cards, talking, and even dancing with the veterans! I also had the honor of being a Guardian for a veteran on the Midwest Honor Flight in May! Being able to take these veterans to see their war memorials in Washington D.C., is a day I will never forget! I met so many incredible people this year, heard amazing stories and made memories that I will cherish for a lifetime!



Farewell



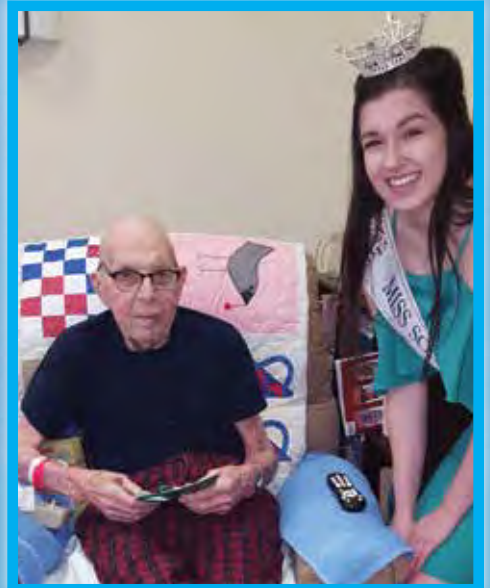
As I come to the end of my year, I look forward to furthering my education and finding a career. I can confidently say that my future was shaped by my experience in this program and my time serving others. After becoming involved with honoring first responders and veterans, I found what truly sets my heart on fire. I've come to realize my passion for serving others, and my deep appreciation for the military. I look forward to pursuing a career in ministry and working towards my dream of becoming a Military Chaplain.

Because of this organization, I have found what I want to do for the rest of my life. I know that whichever way life takes me, I will go confidently in that direction, motivated and ready to serve others. I can't thank this organization, and all who support it enough for the opportunity you have provided me. This has been more than a year of service as Miss South Dakota's Outstanding Teen, it's been a year of discovering myself, becoming confident in my future plans, finding lifelong supporters and being truly thankful for all those around

me. This organization has changed my life, and I cannot wait to see how it will continue to impact the lives of young women all across the state!



Philippians 2: 3-4 "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others."



Believe!

2019 MISS SOUTH DAKOTA'S OUTSTANDING TEEN CANDIDATES



JANELLE DICKAU
MISS BROOKINGS' OT

Hometown: Alcester, SD

Age: 16

Platform: Teen2Teen

Talent: Poetic
Monologue

Parents: Rodger Dickau



CATE BERKHEIMER
MISS HOT SPRINGS' OT

Hometown: Rapid City,
SD

Age: 16

Platform: Young Life

Talent: Ballet En Pointe

Parents: Jim and
Heather Berkheimer



LANEY TITZE
**MISS RAILROAD
JUNCTION'S OT**

Hometown: Mitchell, SD

Age: 16

Platform: Art For All

Talent: Piano

Parents: Mike and Cindy
Titze



BREANNA BOSSMAN
MISS SIOUX EMPIRE'S OT

Hometown: Humboldt,
SD

Age: 17

Platform: Drive Smart,
Drive Safe, Drive Secure

Talent: Lyrical Dance

Parents: Dennis and
Della Bossman



Hometown: Rapid City, SD
Age: 15
Platform: Arts Matter!
Talent: Show Vocal
Parents: Kevin and Karen Whyte

LAUREN WHYTE
MISS CHRISTMAS IN THE HILLS' OT



Hometown: Chancellor, SD
Age: 16
Social Impact Initiative: Project Blue Light
Talent: Color Guard Performance
Parents: Adam Calhoon

ANNA CALHOON
MISS STATE FAIR'S OT



Hometown: Hitchcock, SD
Age: 14
Platform: Exploring Your Roots
Talent: Vocal and Piano
Parents: Josh and Kasey Nowell

DANIELLE NOWELL
MISS ONCE UPON A FESTIVAL'S OT



Hometown: Sioux Falls, SD
Age: 15
Platform: Beyond the Box
Talent: Lyrical Dance
Parents: Leisa and Kurtiss Riggs

AFTON RIGGS
MISS MITCHELL'S OT



Hometown: Mitchell, SD
Age: 16
Platform: You Go Girl: Helping to build Confidence and Positive Self-images in young kids
Talent: Piano
Parents: Anne Dailey and Tony Chermak

KATE DAILEY
MISS MISSOURI VALLEY'S OT



Hometown: Groton, SD
Age: 17
Platform: Let's Get United!
Talent: Lyrical Dance
Parents: Austin and Deb Schuelke, Craig McCarthy

MADELINE SCHUELKE
MISS JACKS' OT



Hometown: Rapid City, SD

Age: 15

Platform: Why Fit in When You Were Born to Stand Out

Talent: Vocal

Parents: Lane Madsen

JAVONTE MADSEN
MISS ROLLING PLAINS' OT



Hometown: Yankton, SD
Age: 16

Platform: Project TWC: Together We Can

Talent: Musical Theatre style Dance

Parent: Emily Smith and Tony Steffensen

PAYTON STEFFENSEN
MISS SIOUXLAND'S OT



MEGAN CLARK
MISS WHEEL JAM'S OT

Hometown: Huron, SD

Age: 17

Platform: Suicide Prevention Awareness

Talent: Vocal

Parents: Matt and Darcy Clark

Miss SD Outstanding Teen Scoring

Talent	35%
Interview	25%
Evening Wear & Onstage Question	20%
Lifestyle & Fitness	10%
Scholastic Achievement	10%
Total	100%

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Holly Konechne



Kenadi O'Neill



Presley Ohrmund



Quinn Kurtenbach



Rylie O'Neill



Taryn Richter



Whitney Rudebusch



Avah Osterkamp

2019 PRODUCTION STAFF



Ray Peterson
Producer & Director
48 Years/53 Total



Mark Wismer
Technical Director
8 Years



Aarron Schuelke
Head Stage Manager
4 Years



Pat DeSmet
Sound Design/Board Op.
7 Years



Jay Vanduch
Sound Edit Engineer
2 Years



Ashley Bietz
Lighting Designer
3 Years



Corey Shelsta
Lighting Designer
14 Years



Cecilia Woodring
Head Choreographer
5 Years



Regina Bakley
Choreographer
4 Years



Monica Knutson
Choreographer
4 Years



Kristi Richter
Choreographer
13 Years/22 Years Total



Marty Minihan
Stage/Tech Asst.
2 Years



Caleb Woodring
Stage/Tech Asst.
1 Year



Jealeen Frost
Miss Candidate
Dressing Room Chief
15 Years/27 Total



Kathy Larsen
Teen Candidate
Dressing Room Chief
1 Year/ 31 Years Total



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2018 MISS SOUTH DAKOTA PAGEANT

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A steamer in one hand and an iron in the other.

A dress off the floor and a gown off the rack.

A shoulder to cry on and a hug when needed.

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Jeauleen Frost
Our 2018 Volunteer of the Year.



MISS SOUTH DAKOTA HISTORY

Year	#competing	Name	Title	Hometown	Talent	Theme
1947	8	Roselyn Anderson	Miss St. Onge	St. Onge	Piano	American Indian
1948	5	Myrna Clemensen	Miss Conde	Conde	Piano	Flower Garden
1949	8	Carol Quinn	Miss University	Sioux Falls	Dramatic Reading	Japanese
1950	12	Irene O'Connor	Miss University	Burbank	Dramatic Reading	Marine
1951	11	Marlene Rieb	Miss Ruskin Park	Parkston	Baton Twirling	Celestial
1952	9	Sandra Kay Hart	Miss Inter-Lakes	Salem	Baton Twirling	Hawaiian
1953	12	Delores Jerde	Miss BHTC	Spearfish	Piano	The Greatest Show on Earth
1954	13	Cleo Ann Harrington	Miss Madison	Colman	Vocal	Pretty as a Picture
1955	16	Connie White	Miss Canistota	Canistota	Piano	Moonlight and Roses
1956	15	Lois Paulson	Miss Mobridge	Mobridge	Vocal	No Theme
1957	12	Patricia Miller	Miss University	Mobridge	Vocal	No Theme
1958	15	Carolee Nelson	Miss State College	Irene	Dramatic Reading	No Theme
1959	17	Meredith Auld	Miss Yankton	Yankton	Vocal	No Theme
1960	18	Janet Lee Barber	Miss Britton	Britton	Dramatic Reading	No Theme
1961	14	ReJean Ann Bowar	Miss State College	Faulton	Original Musical Radio Newscast	No Theme
1962	13	Charlean Fuhrman	Miss Northern State	Mansfield	Home-making Variety Act	No Theme
1963	15	Heather Ann Paterson	Miss Yankton College	Watertown	Novelty Dance	No Theme
1964	14	June Ann Delbridge	Miss Sioux Falls	Sioux Falls	Piano	The Heritage of Today
1965	24	Nancy Lou Sandwick	Miss Sioux Falls	Sioux Falls	Vocal	We Are Tomorrow
1966	20	Deborah Ann Molitor	Miss University	Onawa, Iowa	Vocal	It's More Than A Pageant
1967	19	Sally Jo Iverson	Miss Sioux Falls	Brandon	Original Monologue	Miss America Main Street
1968	19	Ann McKay	Miss Lead-Deadwood	Lead	Dramatic Reading	Every Day Is Opening Night
1969	19	Nancy Nickelson	Miss Black Hills State	Belle Fourche	Vocal & Guitar	Miss America Mystique
1970	22	Mary Jo Harum	Miss Sioux Falls	Sioux Falls	Vocal	Step into the Seventies
1971	20	Susan Inman	Miss Fall River	Hot Springs	Dramatic Reading	Starlit Memories
1972	19	Janet Kay Hunter	Miss Prairie Village	Madison	Piano	Joy to the World
1973	13	Gwen Resick	Miss SDSU	Clark	Dramatic Reading	America, You're Beautiful
1974	14	Barbara Guthmiller	Miss Yankton College	Tripp	Vocal	Here Comes the Sun
1975	11	Gina Rae Campbell	Miss USD	Canton	Vocal	A South Dakota Collage
1976	12	Beth Guthmiller	Miss SDSU	Tripp	Vocal	She's Your Land and She's Mine
1977	10	Karen Rae Janousek	Miss Rapid City	Rapid City	Piano	Look to the Rainbow
1978	13	Jennifer Lea Holt	Miss Mitchell	Mitchell	Vocal	The Song is Love, Let's Sing It!
1979	13	Julie Kleinsasser	Miss State Fair	Freeman	Vocal	Here We Go Again!
1980	16	Carol Ann Barnett	Miss Sioux Falls	Sioux Falls	Vocal	All Aboard for Broadway

Year	#competing	Name	Title	Hometown	Talent	Theme
1981	14	Pennisue Largent	Miss Hot Springs	Hot Springs	Vocal	Strike Up the Band
1982	13	Tara Leigh Meyerink	Miss Mitchell	Platte	Piano	South Dakota Proud
1983	14	LaRonda Kaye Lundin	Miss SDSU	Reville	Piano	Through the Years: An Encore
1984	14	Debra Jean Cleveland	Miss State Fair	Madison	Piano	Hello, World!
1985	12	Amy DeHeer	Miss State Fair	Hot Springs	Vocal	Stepping Out With Class
1986	13	Julie Hedin	Miss SDSU	Watertown	Flute	This Joint is Jumpin'
1987	16	Najla Ghazi	Miss SDSU	Brookings	Humorous Reading	Heading for the Future
1988	16	Kathryn Barnes	Miss Sioux Falls	Sioux Falls	Vocal	The Hills are Alive!
1989	17	Dawn Strunk	Miss Sioux Empire	Irene	Piano	Showtime '89!
1990	12	Jennifer Palmquist	Miss State Fair	Wilmot	Dramatic Reading	Keep Smiling, America!
1991	12	Melissa Brown	Miss Rapid City	Rapid City	Vocal	Tonight's the Night!
1992	13	Leslie Saunders	Miss East River	Dakota Dunes	Vocal	Country from the Heart
1993	12	Angela Casey	Miss Rushmore	Hutchinson, KS	Vocal	A Miss for All Seasons
1994	12	Kristi Bauer	Miss State Fair	Brookings	Dance	Down By the Riverside
1995	15	Kimberlee McKay	Miss USD	Belle Fourche	Flute	Here's Love
1996	18	Stephanie Camp	Miss State Fair	Rapid City	Vocal	Dazzlin' Decades
1997	16	Shantel Swedlund	Miss State Fair	Arlington	Saxophone	Electric Youth
1998	16	Sara Frankenstein	Miss Heartland	Redfield	Vocal	Rockin' in the USA
1999	14	Trisha Haroldson	Miss Heartland	Bruce	Light Opera	Here's to the Ladies!
2000	16	Nicole Nigg	Miss Western Plains	Sisseton	Vocal	Celebrate 2000
2001	13	Alecia Zuehlke	Miss Great Plains	Britton	Piano	Out of this World!
2002	14	Vanessa Shortbull	Miss State Fair	Rapid City	Ballet en Pointe	Legends of Our Time
2003	16	Sara Seever	Miss Rushmore	Custer	Vocal	The Envelope, Please
2004	16	Kyra Korver	Miss Black Hills Gold	Mitchell	Vocal	Welcome to the Fifties
2005	13	Nikki Grandpre	Miss Sioux Empire Fair	Pierre	Vocal	Bon Voyage!
2006	13	Callee Bauman	Miss SDSU	Huron	Vocal	Celebrating 60 and the Beat Goes On
2007	25	Kate Wismer	Miss State Fair	Britton	Light Opera	You're Lookin' at Country
2008	13	Alexandra Hoffman	Miss SDSU	Eureka	Vocal	Echoes from the Eighties
2009	14	Morgan Peck	Miss USD	Sioux Falls	Vocal	Happy Holidays!
2010	13	Loren Vaillancourt	Miss Hub City	Huron	Gymnastics Dance	A New Life
2011	14	Anna Simpson	Miss Rolling Plains	Rapid City	Piano	Get Up and Dance!
2012	15	Calista Kirby	Miss Rushmore	Brookings	Tumbling	Rhapsody Among the Stars
2013	16	Tessa Dee	Miss Gold Rush	Mitchell	Gymnastics Dance	Ready to Rumble
2014	14	Meridith Gould	Miss Lake Alvin	Sioux Falls	Dance en Pointe	We Own the Night
2015	16	Autumn Simunek	Miss Oahe	Hot Springs	Vocal	Spark The Fire
2016	17	Julia Olson	Miss Missouri Valley	Brookings	Vocal - Classical	Still Living the Dream
2017	16	Miranda Mack	Miss SDSU	Redfield	Vocal - Classical	Simply Classic
2018	16	Carrie Wintle	Miss State Fair	Iroquois	Classic Rock Piano	The Power In Me



CAROL QUINN BAILEY '49

Carol Quinn Bailey of Lighthouse Point, Florida passed away on November 5, 2009 at the age of 81. Born and raised in Sioux Falls, Carol held the title of Miss University when she captured the Miss South Dakota crown on a Japanese-themed stage beneath twinkling stars on Woodward Field. A Communications graduate from USD, Carol moved to Florida in 1959 where she and her husband, Dean, were members of the Royal Palm and Lighthouse Point Yacht Clubs. The couple was blessed with five children and 11 grandchildren. Carol was described as a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother, sadly missed by her family and friends.

MEREDITH AULD BROKAW '59

Meredith lives in New York City with her husband, Tom, and dog, Red. Their three daughters live in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and New York City. After selling the Penny Whistle Toys stores that she owned and operated for almost 18 years, Meredith became very involved with her public television station, WNET, and Conservation International, an environmental organization. In 2009, Meredith traveled to Mzuzu, Malawi, where she met the Kwithu Women, a group of 20 women, all volunteers caring for the orphans in their neighborhood. She returned again in 2010 and taught them how to can tomatoes. In 2011 Meredith helped them set up a new business, canning and selling the jars. Today the Kwithu Kitchen is a thriving business with a product line that continues to expand.



NANCY NICKELSON PHILLIPS '69

Nancy has lived in Sheridan, WY for 38 years where she taught school, worked for the Department of Family Services, and served as Board President for the Women's Advisory and Resource Center. Nancy is involved with Community Theatre and continues to play in a classic rock band that has been performing for 30 years. Nancy still plays the guitar and sings (her Talent in Hot Springs and Atlantic City) and currently performs with a women's folk trio. She has three sons and enjoys spending time with her grandchildren. Nancy is grateful for the opportunity to represent South Dakota and cherishes her memories with Pat and Don Mueller, Ray Peterson, the South Dakota Department of Tourism and, of course, the wonderful people of Hot Springs

JULIE KLEINSASSER AUGHENBAUGH '79

Julie met her husband, Dan, while performing together as vocalists at the Miss South Dakota Pageant in 1988, and they have been singing together ever since. They have three daughters, two sons-in-law, 4 grandchildren, and one more on the way. Dan is a Worship Pastor at Open Bible Christian Center in Rapid City and Julie uses her vocal talents as a member of the worship team. Julie's rendition of Johnnie Ray's 1952 hit ballad, "Cry," won for her a Preliminary Talent Award in Hot Springs and a Non-Finalist Talent Award in Atlantic City; and Julie's award-winning ways have also carried through to her career in real estate, having won the prestigious "Rock Star" Award as an independent agent with Keller Williams. Through the years both Julie and Dan have served as loyal vocalists for the Miss South Dakota Pageant, and last year the couple served as Co-Hosts for the show, "The Power in Me."



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DAWN STRUNK WHITTENBURG '89

Dawn may well be the only Forever Miss South Dakota to travel with a hardhat and steel-toed boots and be proud of it! As a Sales and Marketing Manager for Jasper Engineering & Equipment of Medina, MN, our Miss South Dakota 1989 is equally comfortable working with executives and field technicians alike. Dawn and her husband, Mark, live in Burnsville, MN, and will celebrate their 28th wedding anniversary this fall. Their daughter Jessica will be graduating from St. Olaf College with B.A.'s in Mathematics and Philosophy and a Statistic minor. Son Tomas is a third generation student at Augustana University pursuing degrees in Religion and Chemistry. Dawn's memories of her year as Miss South Dakota are a source of real joy.



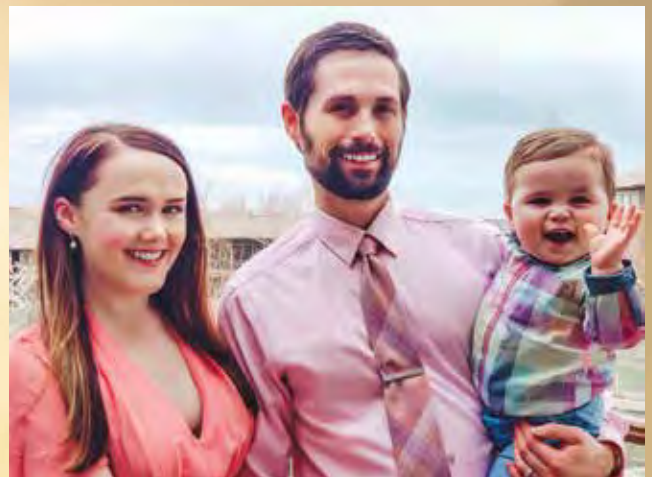
TRISHA HAROLDSON MURPHY '99

Most people today recognize Trisha as the "Home Ideas Lady" from her popular "Home Ideas" TV show, but she was first and foremost, a popular Miss South Dakota. Trisha Haroldson Murphy, Miss South Dakota 1999 today lives in Dell Rapids, SD. She and her husband, Ryan, have been married 18 years in June and have four children: Rowan (13), Finn (11), Declan (9), and Bergen (6). Trisha recently wrapped up seven years hosting the weekly home build and home improvement television series where she was a producer and writer. In addition, she has been a professional photographer since 2011 with her business, Rowan Tree

Photography. Trisha and Ryan now like to spend time watching their kids grow and develop in their own music, dance and sports programs.

MORGAN PECK KRONAIZL '09

After graduating from the University of South Dakota School of Law in 2014, Morgan completed a clerkship with the judges of South Dakota's Second Judicial Circuit. She now works for the South Dakota Division of Banking and lives in Sioux Falls with her husband, Kraig, and son Christian. As a child, Morgan unknowingly had the unique privilege of performing on stage with three other future Miss South Dakotas in a Prairie Repertory Theatre production of Annie back in the summer of 1998. Playing one of the dirty and snotty-nosed little orphans along with Calista Kirby, Miss South Dakota 2012, the two rag-muffins were enamored by the vocal talents of the two female leads, Trisha Haroldson, Miss South Dakota 1999, and Nicole Nigg, Miss South Dakota 2000 (one of tonight's judges). Fortunately for all of us, the sun did eventually "come out tomorrow" for all four ladies – in the form of a glistening four-point crown!



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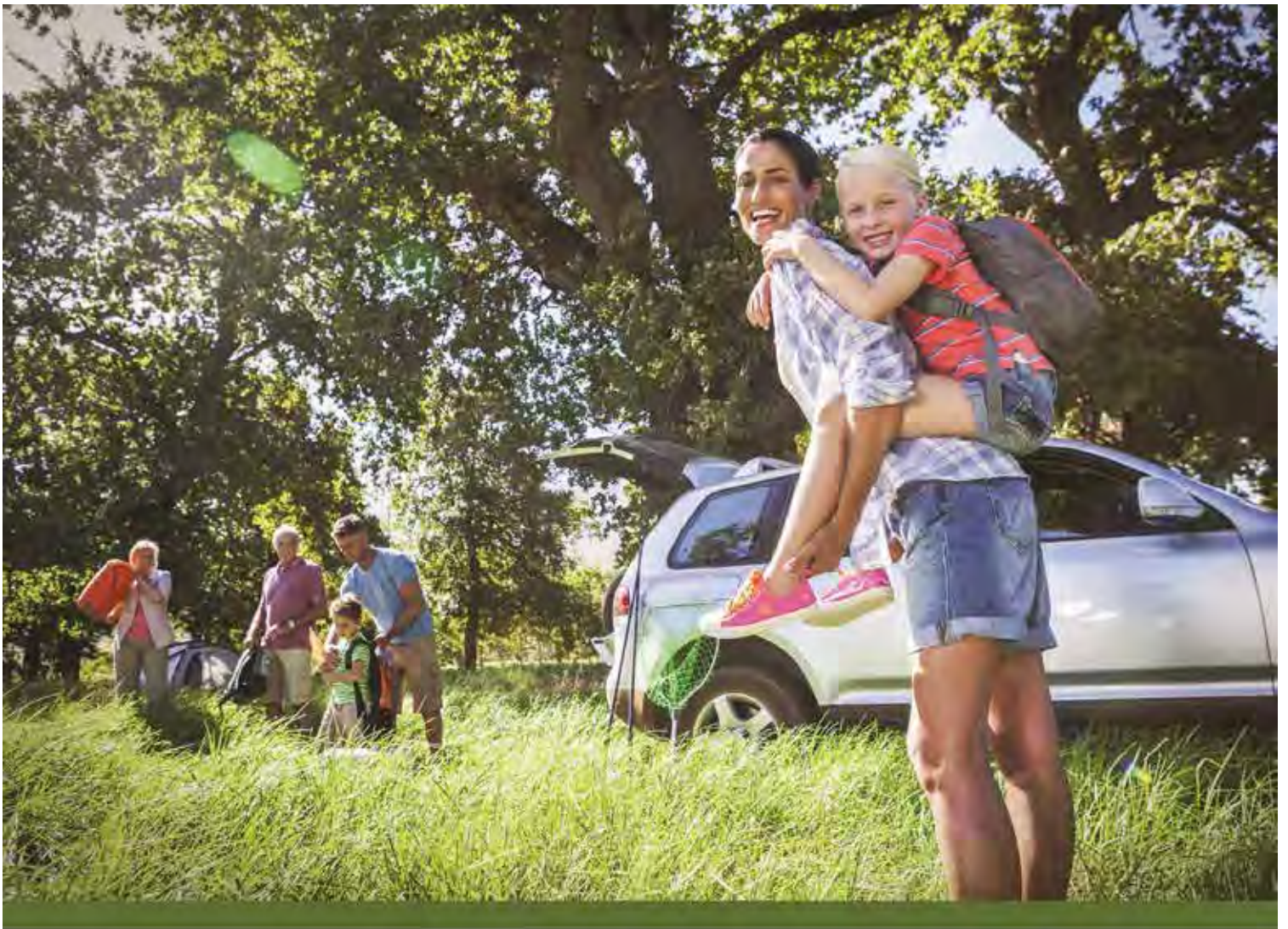
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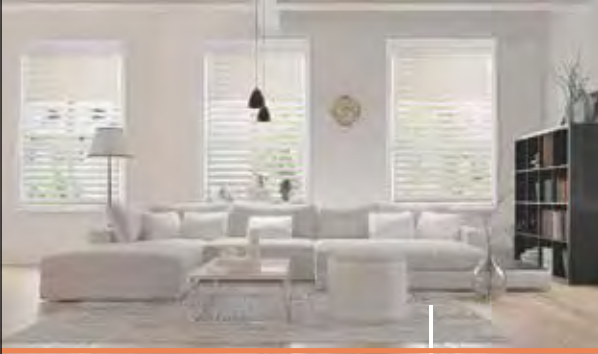


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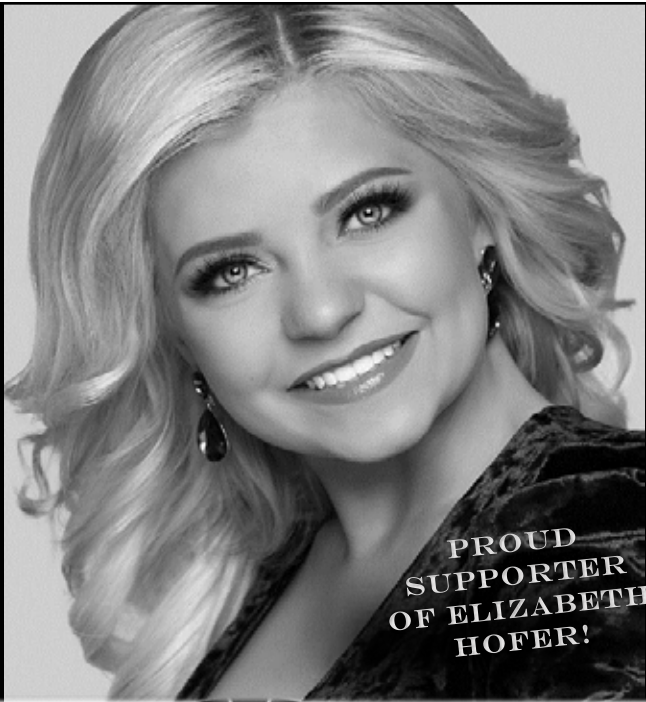
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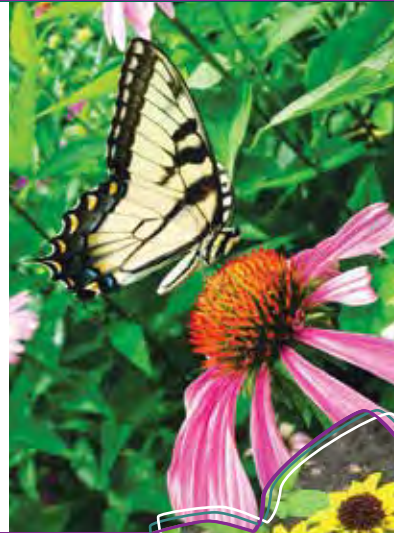
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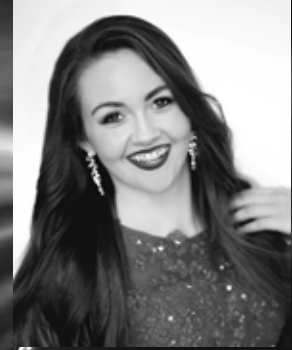
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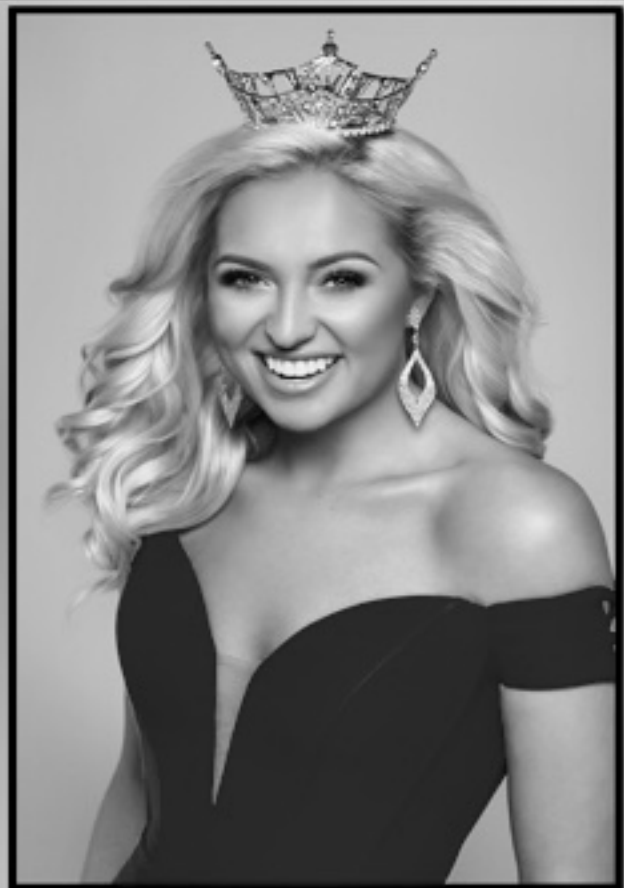
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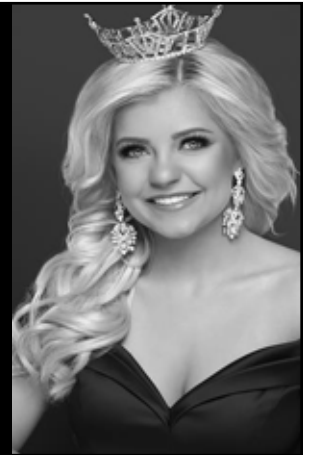
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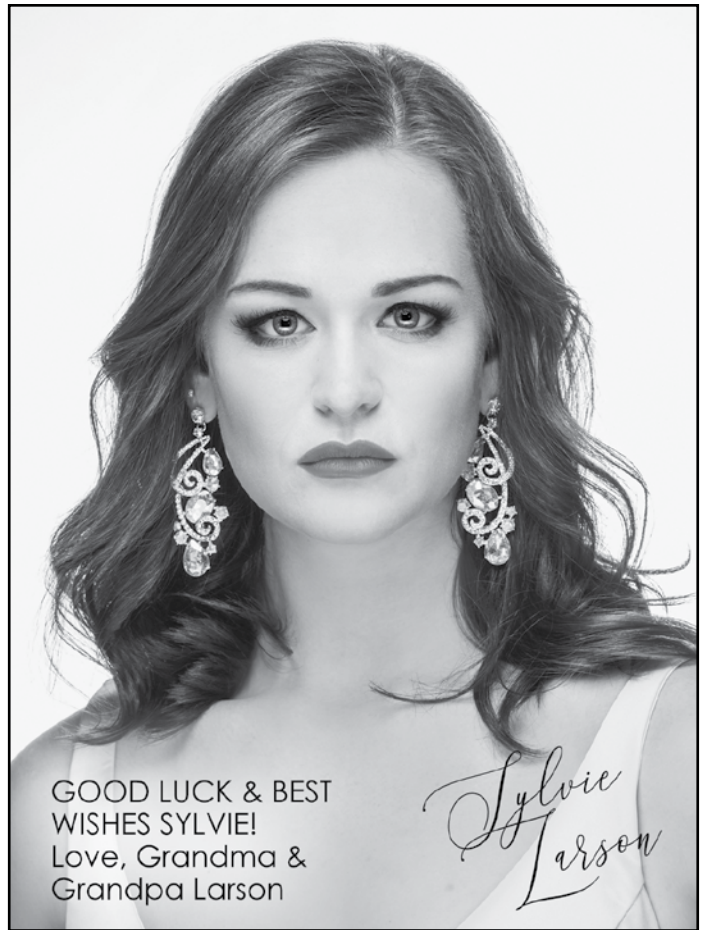
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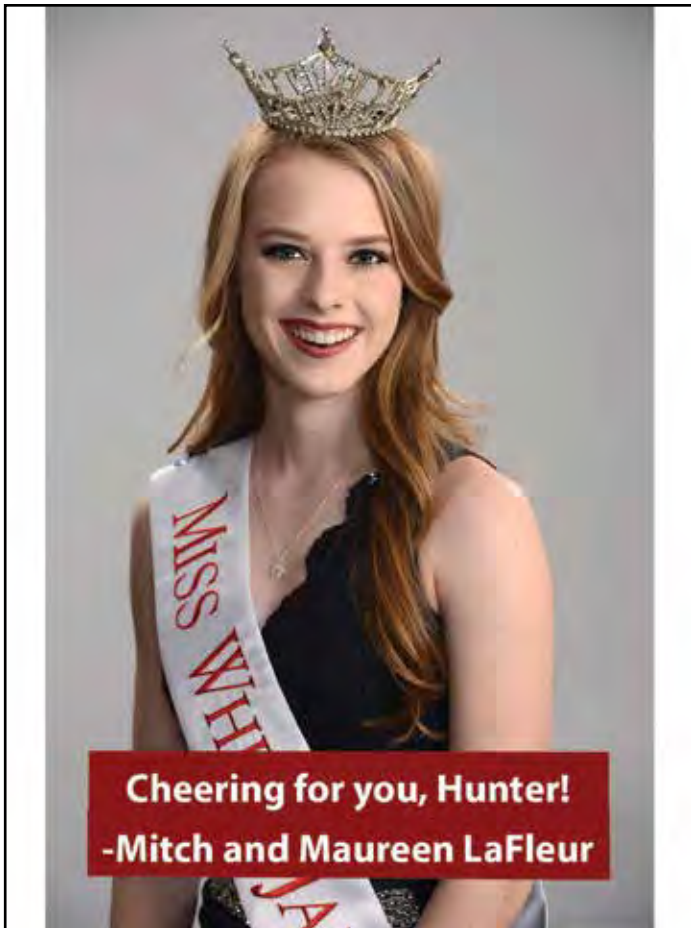
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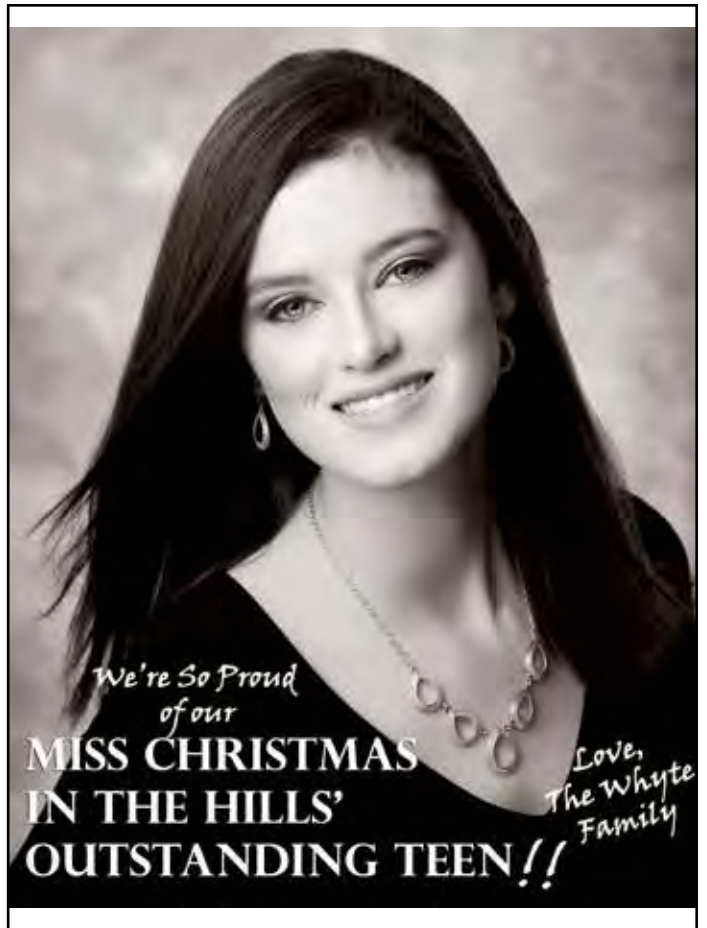


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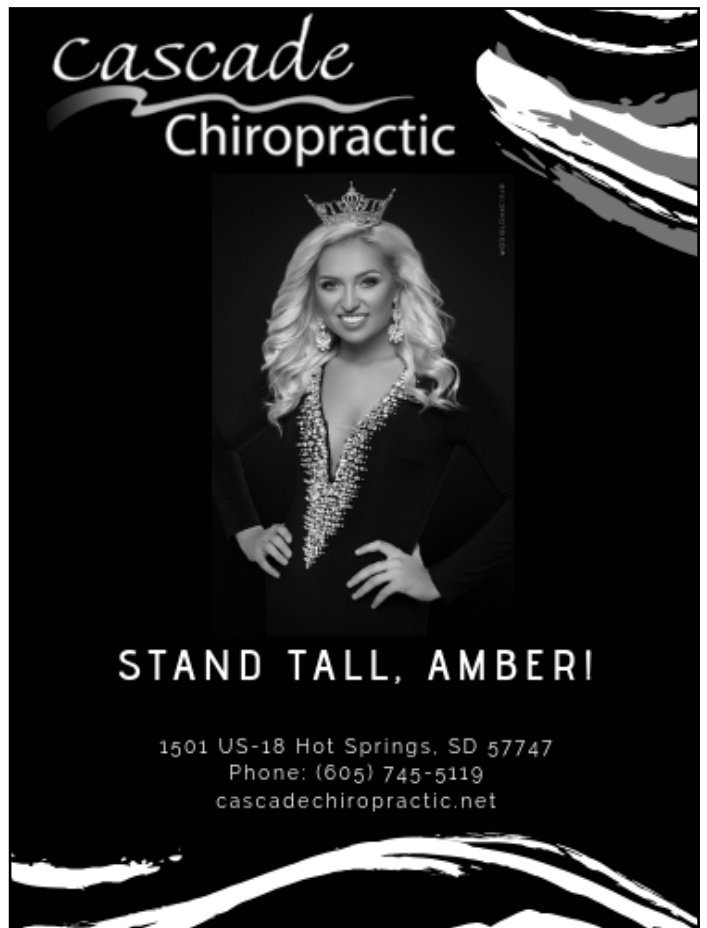
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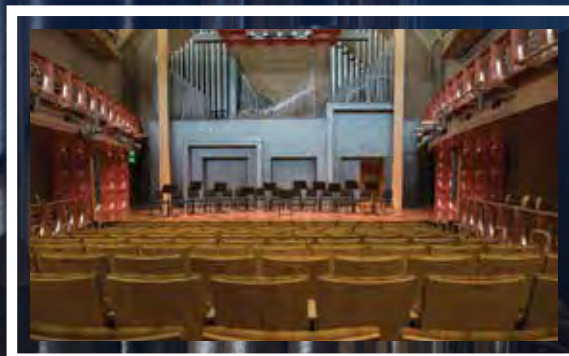
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