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Nicole Rash
Ms. America 2012

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"I want to give a special thanks to FLOC and all their support in the Ms. America pageant. I have enjoyed volunteering over the years."

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in May of 2009 in response to the need for a community-based organization

that bridged the gap between young professionals and nonprofits; the impetus was spawned by the lack of accessible volunteer opportunities, relevant awareness events that invited direct action and inspired leadership.

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A Message from the CEO

Susan Jeske

On behalf of the Ms. America® Pageant, we would like to welcome the Class of 2013 outstanding state and regional titleholders and thank you for joining us in this exciting and historical event.

The Ms. America® Pageant was founded in 1997 and was created to promote, honor and advance the status of women, celebrate their accomplishments, encourage involvement in community service and to use the "Crown for a Purpose" to make a difference.

It's an honor to have such exceptional state and regional titleholders from across the nation come together to participate in the 2013 pageant. We have found them to be intelligent, beautiful and vibrant individuals who are special with their own unique interests, accomplishments and aspirations that reflect the American Woman. It is my wish that each of you will leave with great memories, strong friendships and an enriching experience.

We would like to extend a sincere "thank you" to Nicole Rash, MS. AMERICA® 2012, Carla Gonzalez, Ms. AMERICA® INTERNATIONAL 2012 and to Deana Molle' - MS. INTERNATIONAL 2011-12. Nicole, Carla and Deana are excellent role models for their peers and those aspiring to be the next MS. AMERICA®, MS. AMERICA® INTERNATIONAL and MS. INTERNATIONAL. Their dedication and commitment to using the "Crown for a Purpose" where they volunteered hundreds of hours to various charities, has made these three national titleholders an inspiration to women everywhere. Congratulations to Nicole, Carla and Deana' for receiving the PRESIDENTIAL AWARD from the President of the United States for their volunteer service. We extend our warmest wishes to them as they begin the next chapter in their lives.

The Ms. America® Pageant would like to thank all the volunteers and sponsor's whose efforts before, during and after the pageant made this event a reality and will remain a vital part of its success. Applause - appreciation - and much love is extended to MyDeesigns LLC, Michael Osbourne, Giselle Boone, Gina McLane, Mark Jeske, Deborah Sanders, Michael Petersen, JMI, Courtney O'Steen, Mr. & Mrs. Basinight and Gina Waggener.

Three woman will become National Titleholders and for the next year they will hold the most coveted titles for women 26 years of age and up in the United States! As MS. AMERICA®, MS. AMERICA® INTERNATIONAL and MS. INTERNATIONAL™, their year can be filled with travel where they will be able to advance humanitarian projects, meet notable accomplished people and celebrities and use the "Crown for a Purpose" in order to make a difference. This is truly an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and I look forward to witnessing them reap all the benefits as I did when I was MS. AMERICA® 1997.

With continued support, I will do my best to improve and expand the Ms. America® Pageant Inc. in order to continue to celebrate and "Empower Women Across The Nation!"

Warmest Regards,

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Deana Molle'

Is currently on the Reality TV show "CONTAINER WARS" on TRUTV Network.

The new season will be airing on July 21, 2013 on Sunday nights on TRUTV.

As a fulltime Treasure Hunter Deana can be seen on the show as the only woman cast member bidding on high end containers going against the Big Boys!!

Deana has been involved with pageants over the last 17 years and has held local, state, and national titles. Deana is also a former Ms. America 2004-05 and Ms. International™ 2011-12. As a titlist, Deana loves to help out in her Community with many local Charity events and Charity functions.

Deana is an entrepreneur and has her own home based business OC*TREASURE QUEEN which she re-sells online many of the treasures she finds at Estate Sales, Garage sales, and Storage finds.

Deana is married to Uriah Molle' and has 2 daughters Ashley, 23 and Vanessa, 19.

Pageant Hosts

Scott Stewart has been entertaining audiences since the age of 12 when he was cast on the television show Quincy with Jack Klugman. As a host, actor and singer Scott has appeared in numerous television shows, movies, commercials and music videos including Melrose Place, Executive Decision, Chicago Hope, The Singing Bee, Flavor of Love 3 and was picked to perform on The Oprah Winfrey's Stars of Tomorrow Show. You may have also seen some of his commercials for Big Lots, Mitsubishi, Big 5, Cash 411 and public service announcements for Adopt a Pet. Over the years his many hosting and musical performances include The Academy of Country Music Association, Bob Hope's USO Show, Disneyland, Mrs. California and Mrs. Nevada pageants and just recently hosted the annual Karaoke Scene Magazine's Crème de la King and Crème de la Kids competitions. Scott is currently the host and producer of the TV show What's Up Orange County that airs on KDOC, Time Warner and Cox Communications.





MS. AMERICA®
PAGEANT

PROGRAM AGENDA

2013 Ms. America®

OPENING PRODUCTION NUMBER

INTRODUCTION OF HOST AND CO-HOST

PARADE OF CONTESTANTS

MS. AMERICA 2012 - NICOLE RASH

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD PRESENTATION

INTRODUCTION OF JUDGES

SPORTS WEAR COMPETITION

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MS. AMERICA INTERNATIONAL 2012 - CARLA GONZALEZ

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DEANA MOLLE' - MS. INTERNATIONAL 2011-12

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ENTERTAINMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINALISTS

ON-STAGE QUESTION

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SPECIAL AWARDS

FAREWELL MS. INTERNATIONAL 2011-12

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MS. INTERNATIONAL 2013

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FINAL LOOK AT THE FINALISTS

FAREWELL MS. AMERICA 2012

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RUNNER-UPS AND MS. AMERICA 2013

CLOSING REMARKS

ON-STAGE PHOTO SESSION

Contestants Stay On Stage During The Photo Session

No One Else Permitted On-Stage During This Time



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Staff..... Mark Jeske

Staff..... Andrew Jeske

Choreographer..... Giselle Boone

Hosts..... Deana Molle' & Scott Stewart

Judges Chairman..... Mike Osbourne

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Official Makeup Artist for Ms. America..... Courtney O'Steen

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Highlights from the year...
Nicole (Rash) Cook
 Ms. America®2012



Speaking to a classroom about her platform "Breathe Easy"



"Guard A Heart" event where she sang The National Anthem



Volunteering at the St. Louis Area Food Bank



Blueberry Festival parade in her hometown of Plymouth, IN



Grant & Nicole wed in South Bend with reception at the Palais Royale



Inducted into her hometown museum!



Completed Bachelor's degree in Spanish



Hosting event for the R.Ed.I Foundation



Judging the Dream Girls USA Pageant



Choosing her sponsored evening gown

When I first heard about the Ms. America® Pageant and told my then fiancé, Grant, that I wanted to enter, he quickly replied that he supported me 100% but wondered *why* I wanted to compete in the pageant: was it for the "fame" or celebrity-like status, the sparkly crown and glittering prizes, or perhaps for the attention or opportunities? After a brief moment of thinking about why I missed being a titleholder & wanted the opportunity to hold a national title so much, I quickly realized that, for me, it wasn't because of any of these things; instead, I found that above all else, I truly missed serving and sharing my God given love for helping others, and I realized how much a sash, crown, and title helps facilitate my ability to do so. I knew that a title like Ms. America® 2012 would allow me to reach a broader audience, to impact more people's lives, and to help make a bigger difference in the world. So, it was with this attitude and goal in mind that I entered the pageant and was honored to win & serve as your Ms. America® 2012.

My year of service has been filled with many fun & exciting adventures and changes not only relating to this title but personally & professionally as well; it was arguably one of the biggest years of my life that I am so grateful for and feel completely blessed to have been a part of. It started in California on the Ms. America® stage when I was crowned Ms. America® 2012. I couldn't have been happier or more excited to embark on another pageant journey where I would be able to use my crown for greater purposes beyond just the splendor and cache that comes with it.

As Ms. America® 2012, I was afforded many opportunities to travel across the country to appear as a celebrity, speaker, host, mentor, advocate, volunteer, and more. I had several photo shoots, participated in fashion shows, sang The National Anthem, took photos on red carpets, and spoke on television and the radio about various subjects & topics. I also spoke to children & adults about my platform, "Breathe Easy," where I educated them on making good decisions, setting goals for oneself, and the importance of remaining smoke and tobacco free. I visited children's hospitals, volunteered at food banks, attended galas benefitting troubled teens, helped raise money for charitable organizations, judged pageants and mentored young girls, and worked to bring attention to and raise awareness for various groups that help enrich the lives of others.

In between my pageant appearances, I managed to keep busy and plan a wedding and marry my best friend, Grant Cook, in South Bend, Indiana, go on our honeymoon, move twice from Dallas to St. Louis to Chicago, graduate Magna Cum Laude with my Bachelor's degree in Spanish from Ball State University, start my own company and then start another job, get a dog (Foxy Roxy), buy our first house, and travel non-stop with my husband for his work so I could spend the most time possible with him. Needless to say, it was an adventure, but one that was totally worth taking and that I wouldn't change for anything.

I know that I would not have been able to share my gifts each day without the continual support of the many individuals that have helped & guided, laughed or cried with, traveled with, prayed for, and/or been with or without me along the way. So, it is with great humility & gratitude that I wish to express how grateful I am to have such wonderful people in my life:

Grant, my husband, my best friend, my everything and more – thank you so much for supporting me from the beginning and helping me every step of the way. I know it wasn't always easy, and we had a few things going on, but I truly appreciate your trust, faith, and belief in me and for being the best "Mr. America" a girl could ask for. You are the best part of me, and I love you so very much.

Mom & Dad, I can never thank you enough for raising me to be the fun-loving, kind-hearted, down-to-earth, and giving person that I am today. This small town girl wouldn't have made it as far without your continued love, support, and encouragement. I love you both.

Uncle Kerry, Grandma & Grandpa, and all my family & friends - thank you for being such amazing individuals & for being there for me through your kinds words, Facebook posts, texts, prayers, & overall presence both in person & in spirit.

The Ms. America® Pageant and its sponsors, thank you so much for this opportunity to represent you and share my message with so many people. This title has allowed me to impact thousands of lives and I'm excited for the opportunities that future Ms. America® titleholders will be able to experience.

It is bittersweet that I am passing on the Ms. America® title to the next fortunate woman. However, I trust that I have left a legacy of faith, hope, compassion, generosity, and kindness for her to follow, because every appearance as Ms. America® 2012, no matter how glamorous, I took as an equal opportunity for me to leave a lasting impression on each individual that I came into contact with. I wanted every person to maybe not remember exactly what I *said*, or everything that I *did*, but that I took the time to make them *feel* special. That is what being Ms. America® was to me, and I will continue to inspire others to think differently, love more fully, and better themselves each & every day by the continual giving of *myself* to benefit of others.

With love, joy, and God's blessings,

Nicole (Rash) Cook
Ms. America® 2012 •

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Ms. Arizona America



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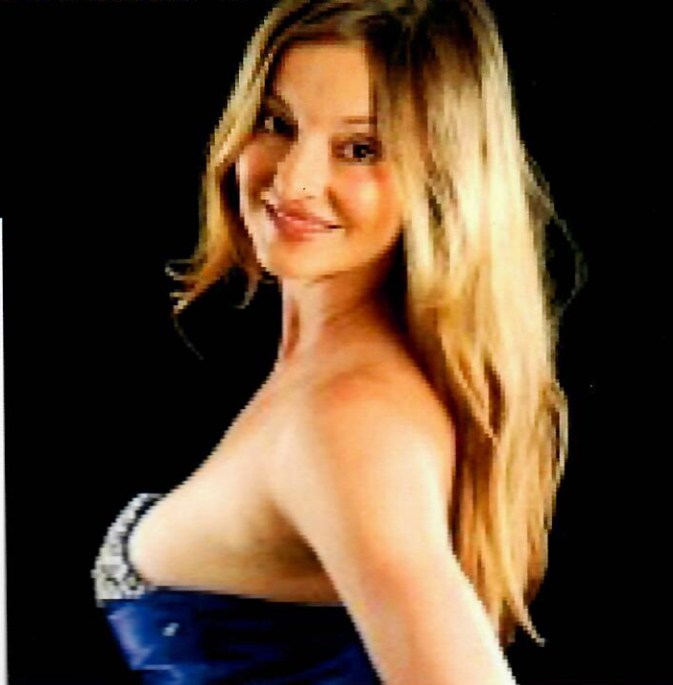
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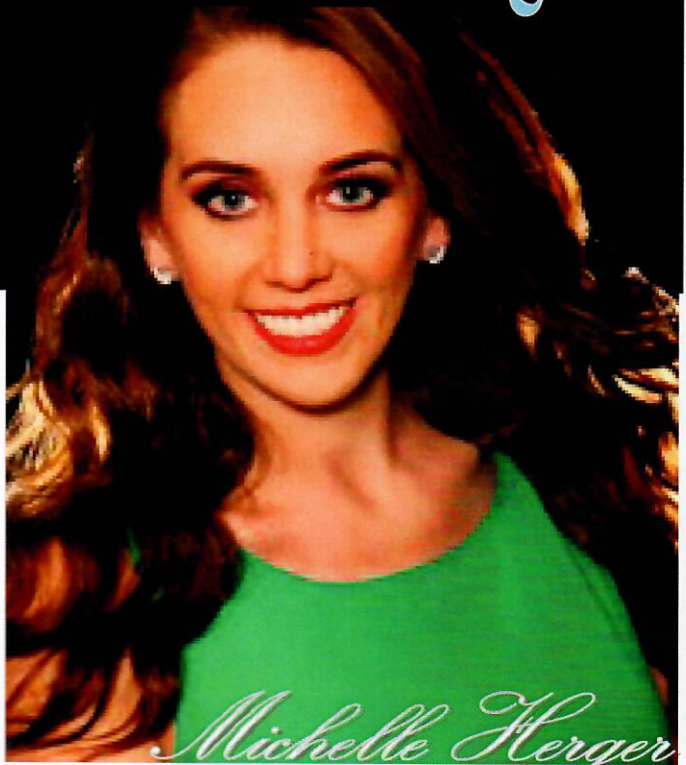
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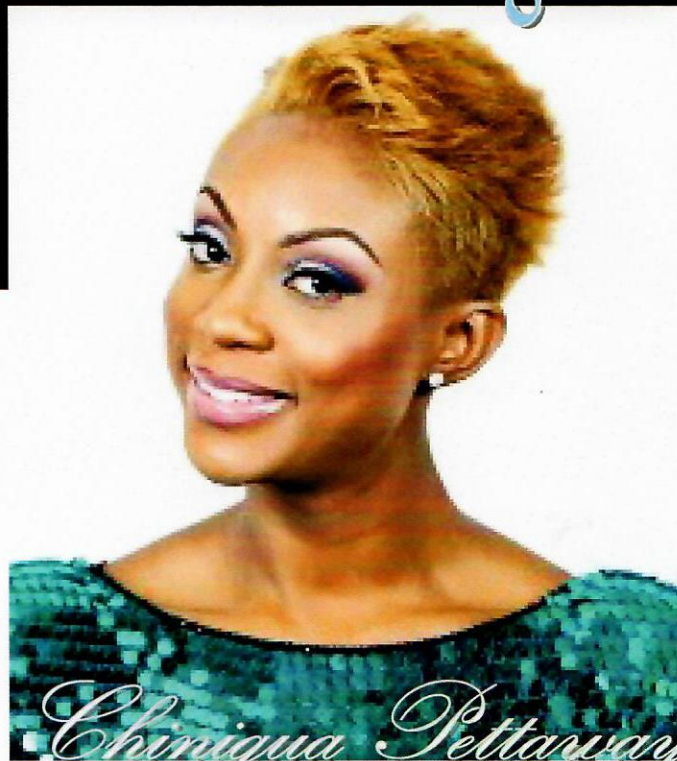
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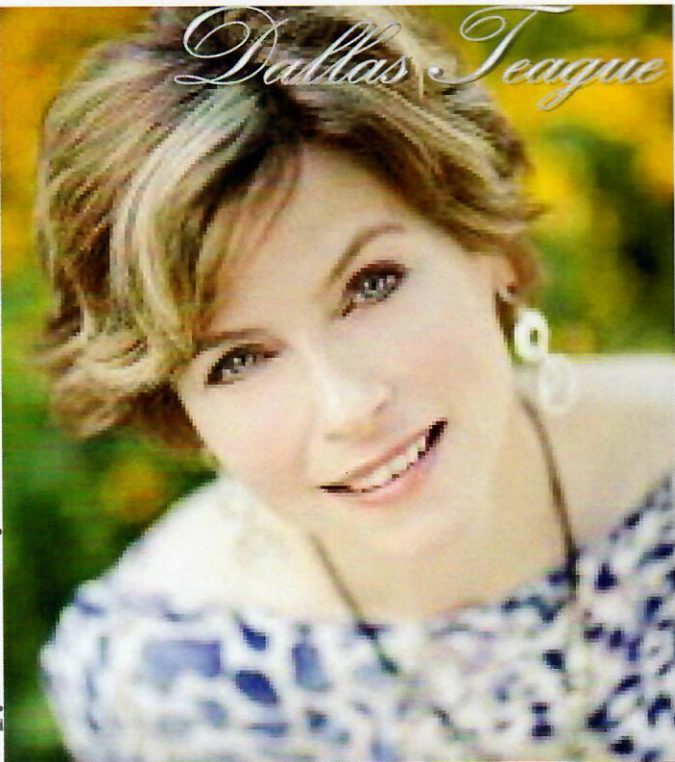
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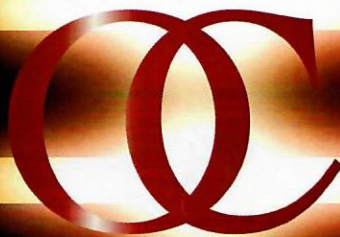
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2012 Ms. America International® Carla Gonzalez

Ms. America International 2012, is an Oklahoma native, born and raised in the rural town of Idabel, Ok, then moving to Oklahoma City where she now considers home. She has one son, a daughter in law, and is Mimi to two beautiful grandbabies.

Carla obtained her bachelors and masters degree from the University of Oklahoma in Clinical Social Work and has been employed by the Oklahoma State Department of Health for over 20 years. She has spent the previous six years providing prevention efforts in Anti-Bullying, Cyber-Bullying, Internet Safety, Teen Dating Violence and Human Trafficking throughout schools and communities across Oklahoma, and once she captured the title of Ms. America International 2012, she hit the ground running, traveling and making appearances in different cities and communities to support her platform, Anti-Bullying. Carla has a national certification in Bullying prevention and Grief Recovery, and is currently working on a certification as a Life Skills Coach. Aside from her employment at OSDH, she worked part time for seven years at a Youth Center in Norman, Oklahoma, where she spent countless hours working with youth and their families.

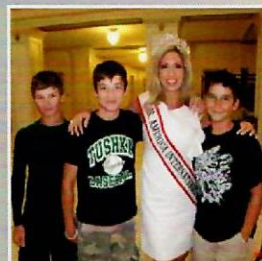
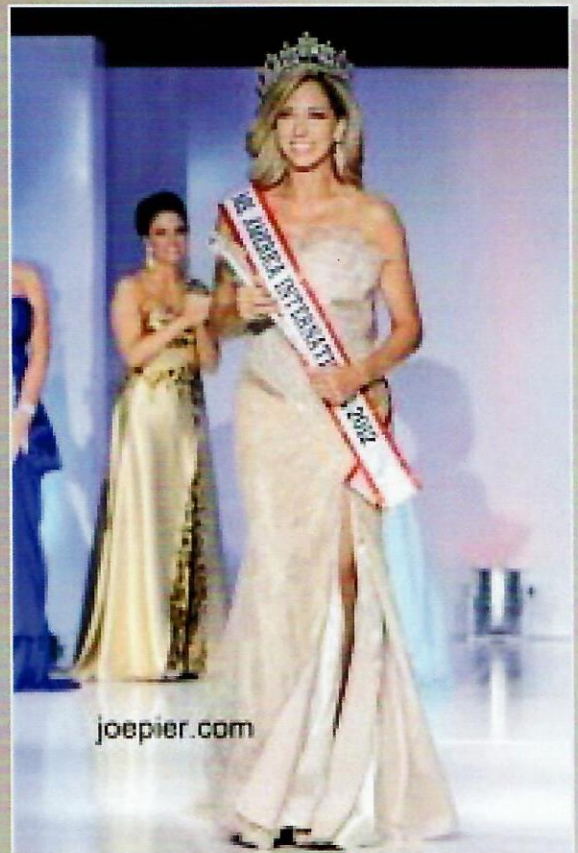
Carla is a member of several organizations: The International Bullying Prevention Association, National Association of Social Workers, National Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition, American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, United Nation Association, Oklahoma Women's Coalition, National Association of Professional Women, National Victim of Crime Organization; and she is actively involved with the Internet Crimes Against Children task force, Oklahomans Against Trafficking Humans, the Sexual Assault Advisory committee and the Violence Against Women and Girls subcommittee. She is also a board member for the Single Parenting Network Organization.

Some of her charity work includes Guard A Heart, The American Heart Association/Go Red for Women, Susan G. Komen, St. Jude Research Hospital, Children's Miracle Network, Make A Wish foundation, March of Dimes, Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy and Allied Arts. She volunteered several years of her time to the YWCA, the largest domestic violence & sexual assault facility in Oklahoma and was honored with the Power of One award given by the OCDVSA for her Teen Dating Violence prevention efforts.

Aside from Carla's humanitarian work, she devotes time to her hobbies which include competing in pageants, modeling, photo shoots, participating in and emceeing fashion shows, taking dance lessons, Latin, ballroom, tap, etc... and she started private acting lessons a year ago with plans to eventually get involved with media work. She also enjoys working on fitness and exercise. Carla has held previous titles, graced the cover of two national magazines, Supermodels Unlimited and Tiara, appeared in Pageantry magazines, Who's Who, has graduated from two modeling schools, Barbizon and John Casablanca, and has won several awards. She plans to further her career as an older, accomplished woman, hoping to be an example for women of all ages, exemplifying that you're never too old to achieve the goals and dreams your heart desires...and you're never too young to start paving the way to a successful future.

Carla would like to give a Thank You! to the Ms. America organization and Susan Jeske for the wonderful, exciting, humbling experience as Ms. America International 2012, and send best wishes go to the next lucky lady who gets to experience the dream.





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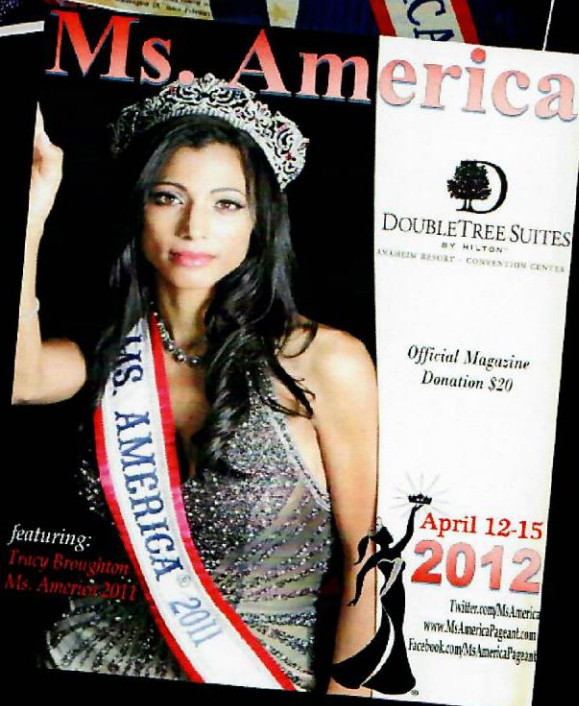
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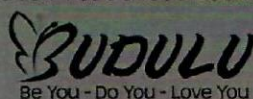
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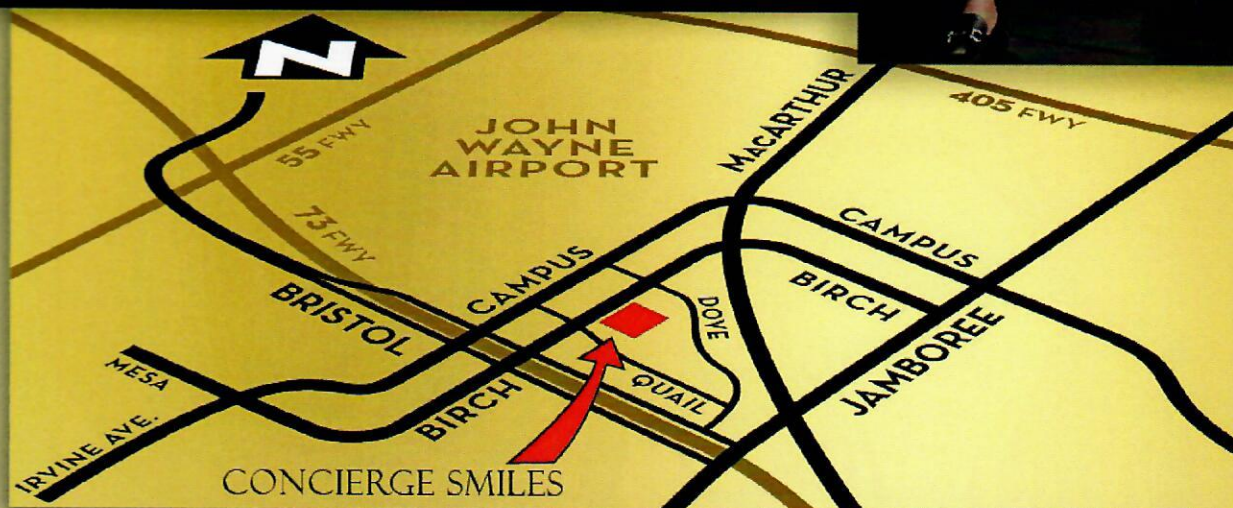


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Michelle Marie

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Ms. California State America 2013



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With a PhD. in Homeopathic Medicine, and a Masters Degree in Psychology, Recording Artist D'London (& CEO of Horizon Records) has found a platform to discuss " Follow Your Dreams" through the Ms. America 2013 Pageant. As Ms. California State America 2013, D'Londo has enjoyed reaching out and giving women a voice on how important it is that they follow their dreams. Having just finished a dance single with Recording Artist, Baby Bash, she will be able to reach a great number of people to inspire them to follow their dreams. As an NBC featured Recording Artist on Fashion Stars, she is gracefully reaching her audience.

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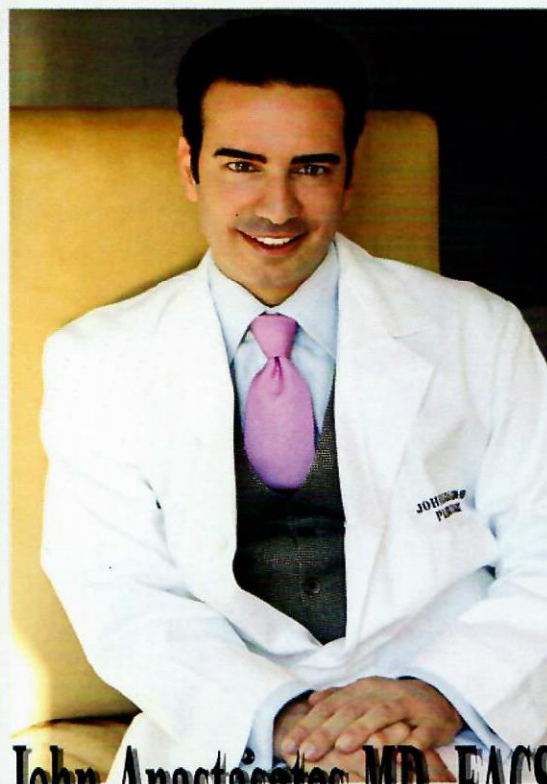
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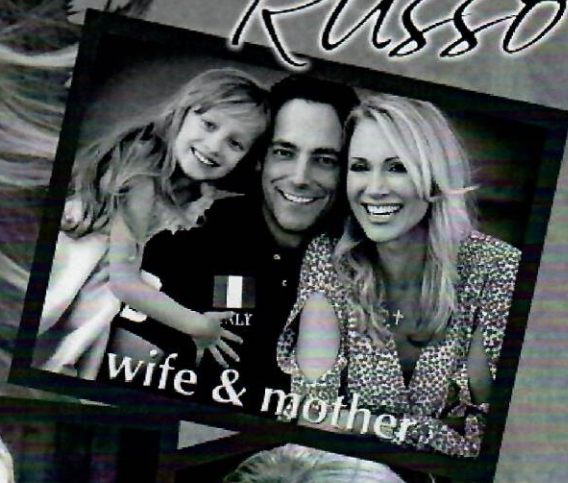
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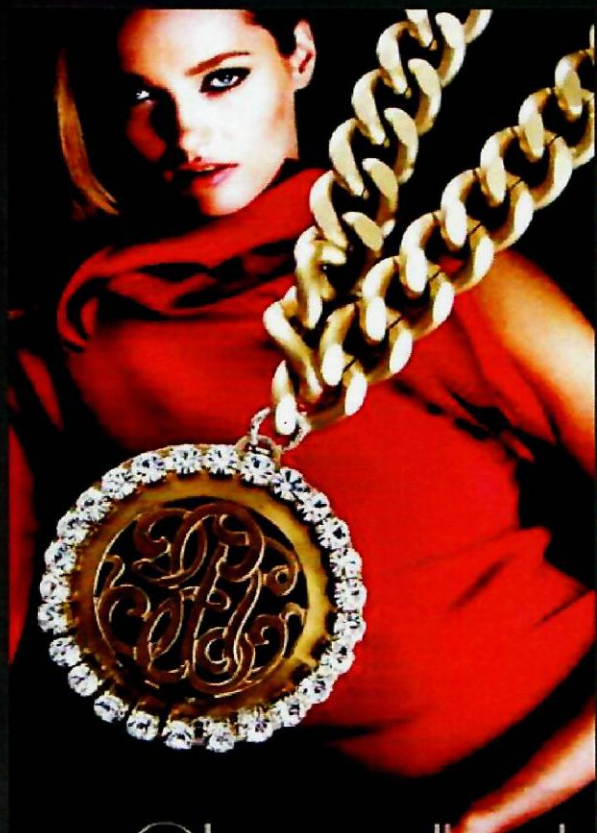
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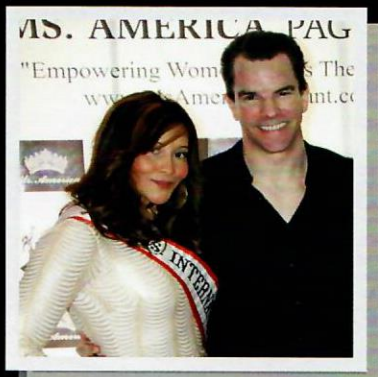
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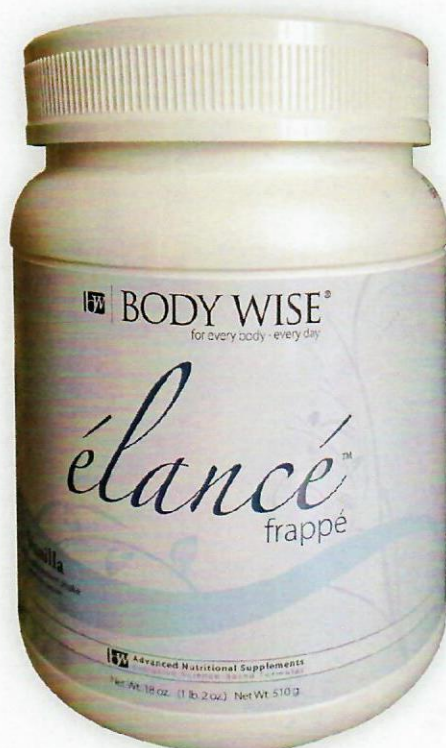
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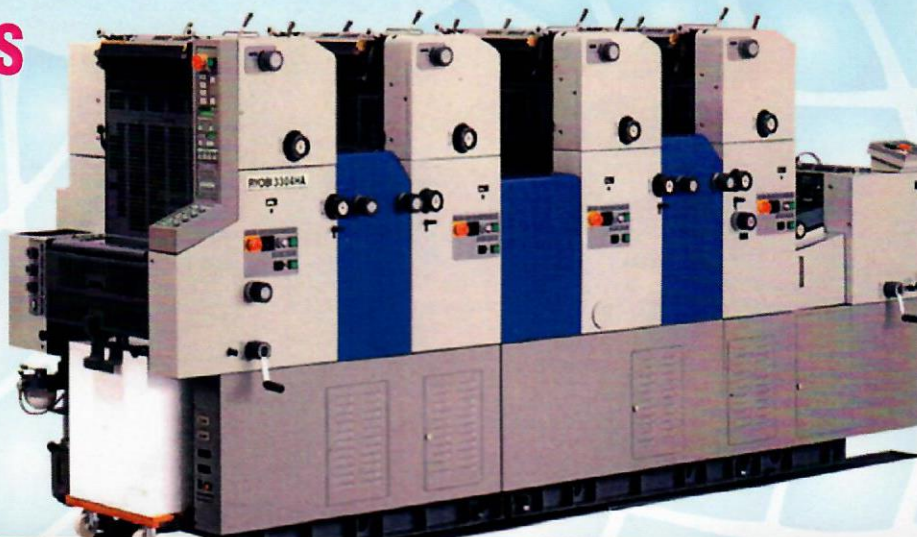
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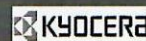


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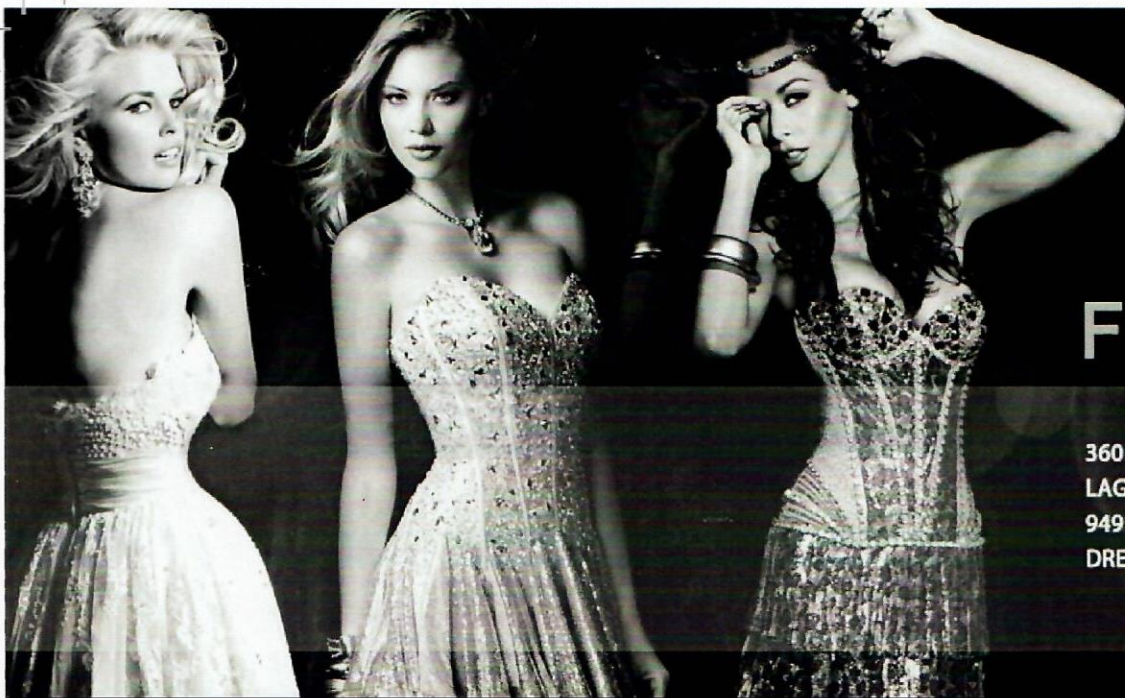
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Ms. Texas America® 2013 Chiniqua Pettaway, a Houston, Texas transplant, is originally from Richmond, Virginia. She is an entrepreneur, model, fitness instructor and community leader. She is currently working on her master's degree in Industrial Organizational Psychology and will complete her degree from Argosy University in March 2014.

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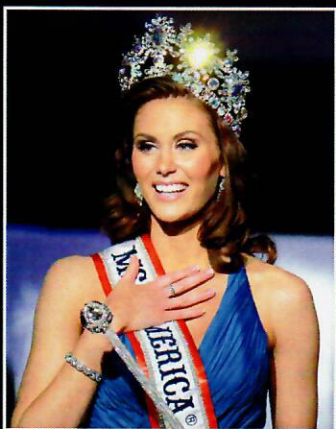
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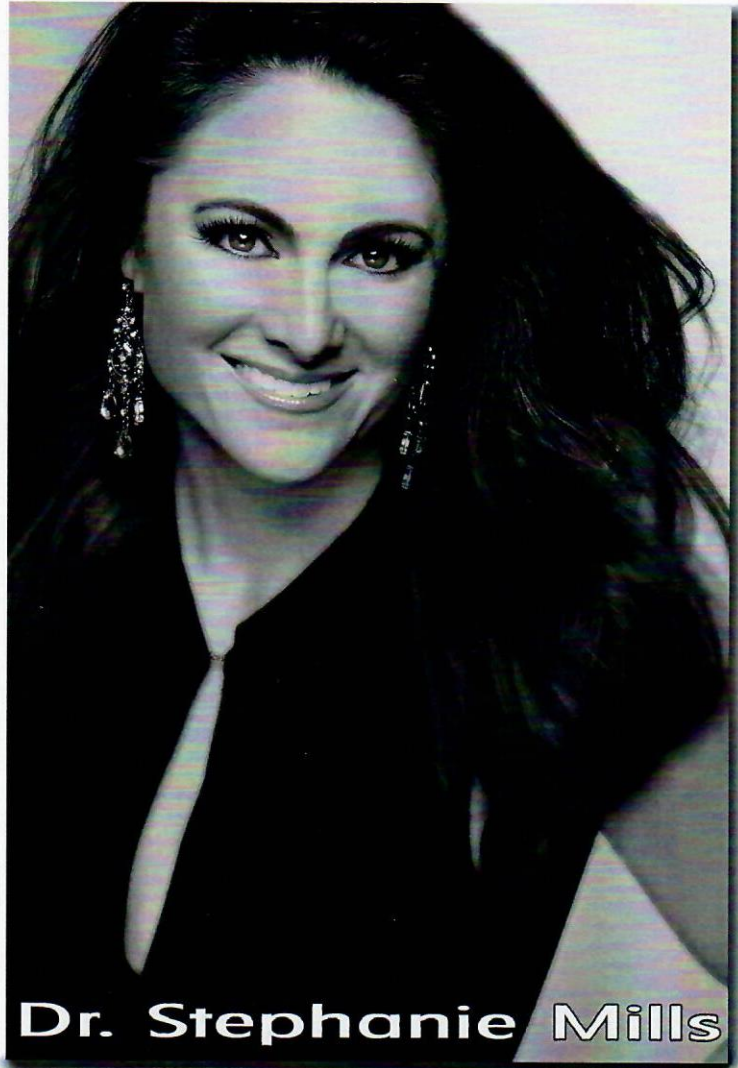
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