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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 2016* 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. The Class of 2016 is very special in that it will be the first time that the women earned the **Presidential Volunteer Service Gold Award** for all of their collective hours of Volunteer Service! Each State and Regional Titleholder will be presented with a Certificate, Signed Letter from the President of the United States on White House Stationery and the coveted Gold Medal!

It's an honor to have such exceptional state and regional titleholders from across the nation come together to participate in the 2016 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 them will leave with great memories, strong friendships and an enriching experience.

We would like to extend a sincere "*thank you*" to Julie Harman, MS. AMERICA® 2016, E-Dee Martin, MS. AMERICA INTERNATIONAL® 2016 and Deborah Valis-Flynn – MS. INTERNATIONAL 2016. Julie, E-Dee and Deborah 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 Julie, E-Dee and Deborah 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 the Judges, Kristine Watson, Ms. Asmi, Kelly Bennett, DeeDe Cringler, Lisa Hedin, Ken Herczeg, Donna Vandenburg, DJ Sound & Lighting, Ron Garrett, Mark Jeske, Daniel Pham, Scott Stewart, Stephanie Mills, Laurie Ing and my fiancé James Irvine. Thank you to our sponsors True Elegance, Alert the Globe, Just Pure Essentials, Bella K, Apollo Printing, Locks & Lashes, Claire's Collection, Planet Home Lending, Bling It and our lawyer Orrick.com.

Three women 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 in order to continue to celebrate and "*Empower Women Across the Nation and Around The World!*"

Warmest Regards,

Susan



MS. AMERICA®
PAGEANT

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Every year, accomplished women from across America vie for the title of "Ms. America". The winner must show poise, self-confidence, and the ability to articulate how they would use the "crown to promote, honor and advance the status of women". We extend our congratulations to those who competed for the title. While only one woman can be crowned Ms. America, all who participated will continue to champion the cause for women everywhere.



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OPENING PRODUCTION NUMBER

PARADE OF CONTESTANTS

INTRODUCTION OF HOSTS

MS. AMERICA 2016 – Julie Harman

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD PRESENTATION

ENTERTAINMENT

SPORTSWEAR COMPETITION

INTRODUCTION OF JUDGES

MS. AMERICA INTERNATIONAL 2016 – E-Dee Martin

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD PRESENTATION

EVENING GOWN COMPETITION

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINALISTS

ON-STAGE QUESTION

INTERMISSION

ENTERTAINMENT

MS. INTERNATIONAL 2016 – Deborah Valis-Flynn

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD PRESENTATION

ENTERTAINMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SPECIAL AWARDS

FAREWELL MS. INTERNATIONAL 2016 – Deborah Valis-Flynn

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MS. INTERNATIONAL 2017

FAREWELL MS. AMERICA INTERNATIONAL 2016 – E-Dee Martin

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MS. AMERICA INTERNATIONAL 2017

FAREWELL MS. AMERICA 2016 – Julie Harman

ANNOUNCEMENT OF TOP 5 FINALISTS

FINAL LOOK AT THE FINALISTS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RUNNER-UPS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MS. AMERICA 2017

- On Stage Photo Session

- No one else permitted on stage during this time

2016

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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.



Dr. Stephanie Mills is a Doctor of Chiropractic and former Ms. America 2015. Stephanie has been in the pageant industry for almost thirty years as a contestant, choreographer, judge and director. As Miss New Hampshire 1995 Stephanie represented her state at the 75th anniversary Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City. Dr. Mills is a Presidential Scholar and Summa cum Laude graduate of Palmer College of Chiropractic and is the founder of Crossroads Chiropractic. Stephanie recently co-authored her first book, Adjust Your Life: A Guide to Chiropractic. Dr. Mills has been the host of a local television health talk show and currently hosts a radio

show on WTPL 107.7 FM. Stephanie is "Mom" to two beautiful daughters, Brooke (17) and Emilee (14) who also have enjoyed many successes in pageantry.

SUSAN JESKE

THE QUEEN BEHIND THE MS. AMERICA PAGEANT



PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

Susan Jeske has been involved in the pageant and entertainment industry for over 36 years and is currently the CEO of the Ms. America Pageant. She has traveled to 26 countries as a goodwill ambassador and Presidential envoy for the United States and has been a spokesperson for Fortune 500 Companies. An advocate for volunteerism she has received many awards and in 2004, she received the "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the President of the United States for the thousands of hours she has donated through the years to all kinds of causes and charities in the United States and world-wide.



She has been involved in pageantry since she was 17 years of age as a competitor, judge, pageant producer, director and owner. She has held many local, state, national and international pageant titles and in 1997 at the Luxor Hotel in Las Vegas representing Colorado, Susan bested 50 other contestants and was crowned MS. AMERICA® winning \$75,000 in cash and prizes. During her reign, Susan used her "Crown for a Purpose" and created the "Student's Against Violence" one-hour assembly program where she traveled to high schools across the nation speaking to students about non-violence in schools. For her program she received more than 30 Awards, 15 Keys to the City and Proclamations for her presentation, including a personal letter from the President of the United States. During her reign she was invited by The Knights Templar in the UK and was flown to Scotland where she was "Knighted" by Prince Michael at Sterling Castle for her numerous charity services throughout the world.



TRADEMARK PLAQUE

In 1999, Susan purchased the Ms. America Pageant from founder Richard Simon from Houston, Texas and received the register federal trademark from the USPTO in Washington DC in February 2000. The mission of the pageant is to "Empower Women across the Nation." The titleholder is to use her "Crown for a Purpose" that would make

an impact on the world in a positive way.

Her world-wide pageant connections has enabled Susan to send contestants to International pageant competitions all over the world since the 1980's. These have included Miss International held in Japan, Miss World – UK, Miss Asia Pacific International – China, Miss All Nations – Thailand, Miss Progress International – Italy, Miss Tourism – Sri Lanka, Miss Globe International – Albania, Miss Banana Queen – Ecuador, Miss Intercontinental-Panama and Model of the World – Panama. She supported the Miss Earth Pageant from its debut by sending contestants to the pageant for the first 5 years. Currently Susan receives an invitation from the Government of Mexico to travel with a queen to Mazatlán for a week of events and parades, culture, history and ending with the Queen of the Pacific Pageant.

These connections were made after Susan moved to California in 1984 to live with Debbie Maffett, Miss America 1983 and Faye Smith who was the State Director for the Miss California USA Pageant. By the 3rd week of living in California she was chosen to model and perform in the Miss United Nations Goodwill Tour in Thailand. Thru invitations from the Government of different countries, she was invited to compete in pageants all over the world as a Goodwill Ambassador for the United States and was often invited to return and perform for various Charities and events for the country.

In an age before Email, Internet and the fax machine Susan was able to pick up the hard wired phone and use her title and reputation to access the people and put together various projects and accomplish her goals.

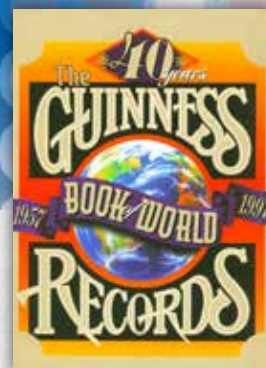


In 1992, Susan was invited by the Thai Arts and Cultural Committee in Thailand to organize a delegation of 12 National and International Beauty Queens to travel to Thailand for the Queens of Thailand's 60th Birthday Celebration. The delegation included Miss World, Miss USA, Miss International, Miss International USA, Miss Flower Queen, Miss All Nations, Star Search Model Winner, Miss California and Miss Teen USA. During their 2 week stay they made over 42 scheduled appearances, featured in 50 newspapers, 10 national TV shows and was on the cover of 3 magazines. The delegation raised \$92,000 for the Queens favorite charity – a poor children's hospital in Bangkok, Thailand. Susan served as a Presidential Envoy for Presidents Clinton and Reagan delivering personal birthday greetings from the two Presidents during a private meeting with Her Majesty Queen Sirikit.



A professional singer, Susan has performed at more than 1500 events before audiences that include 7 United States Presidents, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, the Queen of Thailand, Opening of the Ronald Reagan Library, the STS 102 Space Shuttle Discovery Launch of March 2001, President George W. Bush Inauguration, Denver Broncos Televised Super Bowl Victory Party, LA Angels playoffs, several Prime Ministers and Ambassadors all over the world. In 1985, as Miss California American Beauty, she was invited to entertain the troops on a USO Tour to Turkey,

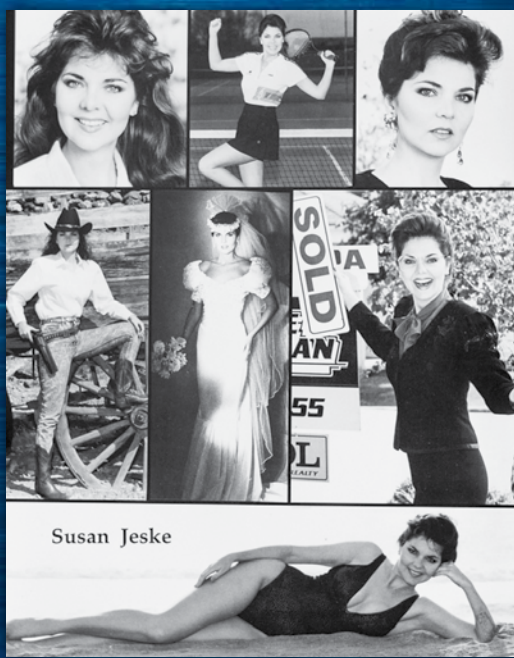
Italy, Greece and Spain. The USO troop was flown on C-30 planes to all the military bases and on several aircraft carriers including the ships the Saratoga, SS San Diego and Coronado.



GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS

In 1993 Susan, set the World Record, published in the Guinness Book of World Records for singing the National Anthem at the most events in a 24 hour period raising \$93,000 for children charities. Her world record was featured in 8 Guinness Book of World Records and to this day no one has been able to break her World Record although there have been 7 attempts.





A professional model and spokesperson she was invited twice on a 10 city-wide tour in Mexico with reigning Miss USA and Miss Universe 1984 Mai Shanley and Yvonne Ryding as a model and spokesperson for Le Petit Jean Shoes. They traveled in a private jet to events and promotions for the Beverly Hills shoe line. The following year she was chosen as the new Spokesperson with a four year contract for Hyundai Motor America where she traveled to 14 cities per years making appearances at car shows and promotional events. In addition, Susan was also a spokesperson for Norelco, Mazak, Panasonic, Proctor & Gamble, True Elements Skin Care and many other companies. In the 1980's and 90's she appeared regularly on daytime Soap Operas "Days of our Lives," "Young and

the Restless," "Bold and the Beautiful," and is seen in movies and television commercials.

In her career as an independent image, beauty and etiquette consultant, Susan has advised corporate executives, political and community leaders. She has written for newspapers and magazines as a columnist, and appeared on radio and television. Known as "The Queen Maker" Susan is acclaimed as one of the best and most sought after pageant coaches in the world and has worked with many girls who have gone on to win many state, national and international beauty titles. A licensed Esthetician and pioneer for Safe Cosmetics, she campaigned for 3 years and helped introduce the Personal Care Products Safety Act of 2015 which asks for full ingredient


disclosure for professional salon products and web-based sales of cosmetic products and directing the FDA to assess a safety of a minimum of 5 cosmetic chemicals a year. Currently the bill is being introduced to the House of Senate by Senator Feinstein and Susan Collins.

Other Awards Have Included: "Governor and First Lady Award" from California State Governor, "Woman of the Year Award" from the Leukemia Society, "Commanding Generals Award" from the U.S. Marine Corp, "Congressional Community Service Award" from the California Legislature Assembly Resolution, "Constellation Patriot Award" from the National Flag Foundation, "Priority One Award" from Kiwanis International and "Ambassador Award" from Guard A Heart Foundation.

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Julie E. Harman

MS. AMERICA 2016



Words cannot describe how much this title as Ms. America 2016 has meant to me this past year!

It has been an honor and a blessing to be associated with this beautiful gathering of empowered women! I love being American and serving others. My purpose in life has always been to bring happiness, hope and healing to others. I stand to be a woman of light, love and to stand for Liberty, Being Ms. America is more than just a crown; it is a sacred responsibility that I honor and respect.

For every moment I felt inspired to make an appearance, it was like casting a net into a sea of amazing people and memories.

One memory would lead to another and another. I found myself basking in the goodness of others, and eventually creating...

A YEAR FULL OF A MILLION MEMORIES!

OVER 100 APPEARANCES ACROSS AMERICA!

It meant so much to me to present my platform and message:
The Power of Liberty: 'Be Prepared, Be Responsible, Becoming Self-Reliant',
with many others across America. My efforts to share & support with this
message came with great courage and confidence to stand on stages, conduct
interviews, write articles and printed content, and show up for numerous events
and gatherings. I am so grateful by how well-received my platform became!
To VIEW LIST OF ALL APPEARANCES: www.thepowerofliberty.com

I focused on 5 AREAS of COMMUNITY to SERVE within America:

1. Charities/NonProfits
2. Businesses
3. Politics & Civic Leadership
4. Education
5. Public Service

Some of the Highlights of my Year (there are so many to count) :

- Supported multiple charities both nationally and internationally supported several fundraisers and brought awareness to these organizations.
- Met and supported charity for 'Humanitarian of the Year' from India
- Created and conducted inspired journaling course for homeless citizens about self-reliance and an increase of self-worth
- Empowered teens and young adults for school teams and gatherings to inspire healthy, self-reliant life goals
- Assisted in emergency car crash situation as a first responder
- Encouraged the public to become more prepared for every day and emergencies
- Trained with and supported public service such as fire departments, police and Emergency Response & US military (many branches)
- Returned to hometown of Spokane, WA to participate in historical Lilac Festival
- Supported Food Freedom Bill at UT State Capitol Press Conference
- Volunteered for the entire Utah State School Districts event to support 'preparing our children' for life and being responsible citizens. (took tons of photos:)
- Attended numerous political events
- Attended red carpet events to support charities and entertainment industry
- Supported and learned of the International deaf community
- Created and shared my '5 Points of Preparedness' with the public at many events and online
- Encouraged strangers, friends and family (anyone ready to listen) to become more prepared, responsible and self-reliant.



Be prepared to Show up, Shine & SERVE!



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TREASURE EVERY CROWNING MOMENT!



A very special thank-you to Susan Jeske for this opportunity to share my heart in a way that I knew I could and needed to at this time of my life! The Ms. America Pageant® was the place for me to launch and to set the stage for the next phase of my life. Thank you for believing in me, Susan! I grew a lot through this year and as you put it well, 'They are looking to you because you are the Queen'. It has been a memorable journey to share this crown with so many along the way and it will be so great to see who will carry the torch in 2017! Thank you, Claire's Collections for the incredible, designer gowns! I will cherish them forever!



My amazing parents deserve a major thank you for the consistent support you have offered me my whole life. It is in huge part because of you that I can stand as the woman I am today. I know I couldn't have done this without you! You have shown me the pathway of self sacrifice, selfless service and being strong through many changes!

(Additionally, more special thank-yous on the following pages with the photos of my many supporters.)

My sweet daughters Maddie & Eve are my light and life! They bless me with goodness every day. They grew with me as we attended memorable events and served together. My calling as Mother is the most important to my heart. They inspire me every single day to be the "best Mom I can be", and to be a role model for them. **I LOVE YOU!**



'Oh the places you'll go', when you love life!



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Who I Served & Supported as Ms. America 2016:

Charities (main ones):

- SHEROES United (women's advocate)
- Dress For Success (women's advocate)
- O.U.R. Rescue (against child trafficking)
- CARE Cuts (homeless)
- Latinos in Action (Latino teens)
- National Kidney Foundation
- 'The Road Home' Homeless Shelter
- The Statue of Responsibility
- STEM Educational System
- Girls Scouts
- Boy Scouts
- Shriner's Children's Hospital
- Junior Achievement
- W.o.W-Women of Worth (women's advocate)
- Make-A-Wish Foundation
- CHOICE Humanitarian
- Miss & Mister Deaf international Pageant
- Deaf Nation
- Spokane Lilac Historic Festival
- Utah School Districts
- American Red Cross
- NAMM.org
- CancerTalk
- Utah Federation of Women

Other:

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- Top Golf
- Odyssey Horse Show
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- Private Sponsors
- Prepare My Life
- Spokane, WA Lilac Festival



Spokane, WA Lilac Festival





E-Dee Martin

"Saying Goodbye? Oh no! Can't we just go back to the first page?"

This quote from Winnie the Pooh seems fitting for this occasion, as being Ms. America International 2016 was nothing less than magical and who wouldn't want to repeat a year of magical?

I made over 30 appearances in the last 52 weeks, where I had the privilege of supporting the amazing people of the Make a Wish Foundation and Children's Hospital, to name a few. More than just raising money for important causes, I was blessed to have met so many outstanding human beings each leaving a heart print on my heart.

As a mother of three four-legged babies, I was also thrilled to work the Los Angeles Pet Winter Wonderland Expo, where I spent the day with hundreds of furry friends and the people they love. I also enjoyed serving as a volunteer for The Colorado Butterfly Pavilion throughout my year by attending numerous events, each magical in its own way.

Each appearance was unique, yet all had something in common. Each represented, in its own way, what I believe to be a fundamental ingredient to any kind of success... the power of one. Each and every one of us can make a difference; we need only be present and willing to lend a hand. Just as I told the many young women I met this year, I do believe kindness is the number one beauty secret. If we always have it with us, others will see our beauty.

There truly are too many people to thank, if my goal was to thank everyone who helped get me here, and who made my year so incredible. I can't close the chapter of this book without thanking the Ms.

America Pageant and our director, Susan Jeske, who is generous with her time and heart, making all of this possible.

Finally I have to thank two incredible people who make moving to the next chapter in my life much easier because no matter what page I am on, they are and will always be a part of my life story.

Mom, you were the first person to teach, by example, how kindness matters, and I am blessed to have a mom who is and will always be my role model.

Rich, my Prince Charming, thank you for always making me feel like I should wear a crown. I know how lucky I am to have you in my life.

Finally to the special woman who will follow me... enjoy writing YOUR chapter into the Ms. America International story; may your year be as full and as blessed as mine.

Hugs to you all,



E-Dee Martin
Ms. America International 2016



Appearances

- 9/1-3/16 Ms. America 2016 Pageant, Brea, CA
- Aug 2016 Visit Children's Hospital, Highlands Ranch, CO
- 7/22/16 Autograph signing at The Royal Image Boutique, Wheat Ridge, CO
- 7/6/16 Photo selection/showcase page design for 2016 Ms. America Pageant program book with Graphique Fine Art Photography, Highlands Ranch, CO
- 6/17/16 Photo shoot with Graphique Fine Art Photography, Highlands Ranch, CO
- 6/10-11/16 Emceed Colorado All American Girl State Pageant, Denver, CO
- 5/15/16 Hosted Bingo at Western Hills Rehabilitation Center, Lakewood, CO
- 5/14/16 Visited Royal Image Boutique, Wheat Ridge, CO
- 5/14/16 Judged All America Girl Preliminary Pageant, Westminster, CO
- 4/30/16 Judged Miss Barstow Pageant, Barstow, CA
- 4/16-17/16 Judged Ms. Colorado Senior America Pageant, Lakewood, CO
- 4/14/16 Attended Mrs. Colorado America Pageant preliminary competition, Denver, CO
- 4/3/16 Attended Colorado International Junior Miss Pageant, Lone Tree, CO
- 3/13/16 Judged Colorado *Night of the Stars* talent show, Englewood, CO
- 3/4/16 Make-A-Wish Colorado Sporting Affair Celebrity Waiter Dinner 2016, Denver, CO
- 2/11/16 Featured in monthly newsletter for Modus Volunteers Colorado for my work at their senior communities in Colorado: Sloan's Lake, Littleton Care and Rehab, and Western Hills
- 2/11/16 Visited Children's Hospital to distribute "bear hugs" stuffed animals, Highlands Ranch CO
- 1/30/16 Visited residents at Littleton Care and Rehabilitation, Littleton, CO
- 1/29/16 Monthly visit with patients at Sloan's Lake Rehabilitation Center, Denver, CO
- 1/23/16 Visited residents at Western Hills Rehabilitation Center, Lakewood, CO
- 1/18/16 Orientation tour at Sloan's Lake Rehabilitation Center, Denver, CO
- 1/8/16 Living Lights at Butterfly Pavilion, Broomfield, CO
- 1/7/16 AARP video interview published on YouTube channel
- 1/7/16 Shot video with AARP Colorado for Life Reimagined campaign
- 12/22/15 Second article for AARP Life Reimagined campaign published by AARP Colorado
- 12/19/15 Planning session for photo shoot with Graphique Fine Art Photography, Highlands Ranch, CO
- 12/12/15 Master of Ceremonies for LA Winter Wonderland Pet Expo, LA Convention Center
- 11/28/15 Attended *White Christmas* presented by Arvada Center, Arvada, CO
- 11/8/15 Judged National American Elegance Pageant, Itasca, IL
- 10/24/15 Attended Little Miss and Mister Colorado Preliminary Pageant, Castle Rock, CO
- 10/17/15 Special guest at Butterfly Pavilion Bug-A-Boo Event, Westminster, CO
- 10/15/15 Article 1 of 2 for AARP Life Reimagined campaign published by AARP Colorado
- 10/12/15 Shot video with AARP Colorado for Life Reimagined campaign
- 10/10/15 Attended Wyoming, Colorado and Montana Pure America Pageant, Cheyenne, WY
- 9/26/15 Attended Broadway Performing Academy stage presentation of *It's A Musical*, Longmont, CO
- 9/19/15 Judged for Broomfield Days Parade, Broomfield, CO
- 9/16/15 Podcast interview with Alycia Darby with WinAPageant.Com
- 8/30/15 Winner's photo shoot with Daniel Pham at Wonderland Studio, Anaheim, CA
- 8/29/15 Crowned Ms. America International 2016 - Curtis Theater, Brea, CA



E-Dee Martin
Ms. America International 2016

Deborah Valis - Flynn

Ms. International 2016



I can hardly believe this year has passed so quickly. It has been my honor and my pleasure to represent the Ms. America Pageant as Ms. International 2016. My deepest personal thanks to CEO and Director, Susan Jeske, for her leadership and dedication to all of the ladies. You are truly an example of integrity and I appreciate you more than words can express. I have been thrilled to have this opportunity to work with you and your staff. It has been such a joy to represent so many fabulous, intelligent, caring women across the country. To my beautiful sister queens, Julie and E-Dee, it has been such a pleasure to serve beside each of you. To the ladies competing this year, I wish you all the very best as you pursue your pageant goals and dreams. To the next Ms. International, I wish you blessings as you live out the wonderful year ahead. Make it count. It will go by much faster than you can imagine! Love, light, and pageant waves!

Deborah





Ms. International 2016 Appearances

- 8/20/16 – Special Guest Appearance, White Oak Manor Nursing Home, Charleston SC
- 8/13/16 – Volunteer, Back Pack and School Supplies Drive, St Helena SC
- 8/6/16 – Appearance, Trident Medical Center, Charleston SC
- 7/26/16 – Appearance, Beaufort Water Festival, Beaufort SC
- 7/4/16 – Appearance, Parris Island Independence Day Celebration, Parris Island SC
- 6/25/16 – Special Guest and Parade, Hampton County Watermelon Festival, Varnville/Hampton SC
- 6/11/16 – Special Guest and Volunteer, National Kidney Foundation Walk, Charlotte NC
- 5/8/16 – Appearance, Volunteer, and Performance on Mother's Day at White Oak Manor Nursing Home, Charleston SC
- 5/7/16 – Judge and Performance for Academic, Cultural, Technological, and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO), Performing Arts Center, Beaufort SC
- 4/30/16 – Volunteer for National Drug Take Back Day, Provost Marshall Office, Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort SC
- 4/29/16 – National Denim Day, Sexual Violence Prevention and Education Campaign, Beaufort SC
- 3/24/16 – Special Guest at Purim Celebration, Jewish Dinner and Reading, Religious Ministries Center, Parris Island SC
- 3/5/16 – Special Guest Appearance, Photo Ops, Greeter, and Volunteer at "Spurs and Sparkles National Kidney Foundation Gala", Charlotte NC
- 2/12/16 – Volunteer, Appearance, and Photo Ops at Valentines Dinner and Dance, Bloom Nursing Home, Bluffton SC
- 1/30/16 – Volunteer and Appearance, Goodwill Industries Homeless Community Outreach, Port Royal Baptist Church, Port Royal SC
- 1/1/16 – Appearance at Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge, Sullivan's Island SC
- 12/19/15 – Volunteer and Singing, Helping the Homeless, Tent City Christmas Gathering, Charleston SC
- 12/12/15 – Special Guest and Volunteer, Wreaths Across America, National Cemetery, Beaufort SC
- 11/24/15 – Attended the 236th Birthday Celebration of the United States Marine Corps, Parris Island SC
- 11/11/15 – Appearance and Volunteer, Veteran's Day Celebration event, Waterfront Park, Beaufort SC
- 10/24/15 – Parade and Guest Speaker for Premier Release of "100 Years of Making Marines", Port Royal SC
- 10/17/15 – Special Guest at Little Miss National Peanut Festival Pageant, Dothan Civic Center, Dothan AL
- 10/10/15 – Appearance and Volunteer, Fire Prevention and Awareness, Parris Island Fire Department, SC
- 10/9/15 – Appeared on the Cover of Mission Viejo/San Clemente Newspaper, CA
- 10/4/15 – Appearance, Beaufort Shrimp Festival, Beaufort SC
- 10/29/15 – Ms. International Homecoming Dinner and Celebration, Goose Creek SC
- 10/1/15 – Fundraiser for "Toby's Fund" and Fireman's Charity for Charleston Humane Society, Charleston SC
- 9/22/15 – Volunteer for Operation Ball Gown, Parris Island SC
- 9/12/15 – Attended the Miss America Pageant 2015 in Atlantic City NJ
- 8/30/15 – Queens Dinner and Inaugural Meeting, Downtown Disney, Rain Forest Café, Anaheim CA
- 8/30/15 – Official Ms. International 2016 Photo Shoot with Daniel Pham Photography Group
- 8/29/15 – Ms. America Pageant Coronation Reception at the Embassy Suites North, Brea, CA with Family, Friends, Fellow Queens and State Queens
- 8/29/15 – Crowned Ms. International 2016, Curtis Theater, Brea CA
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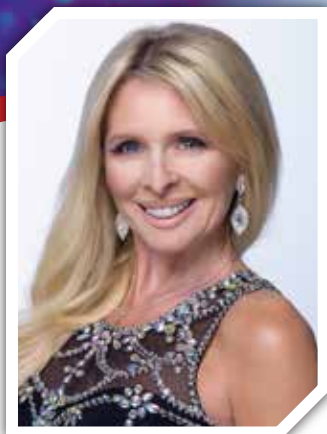


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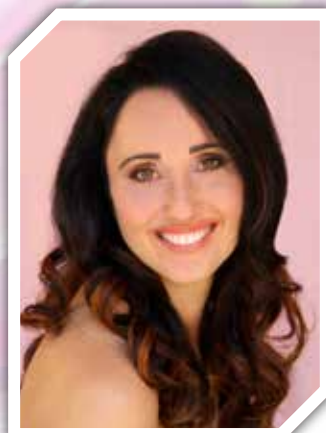
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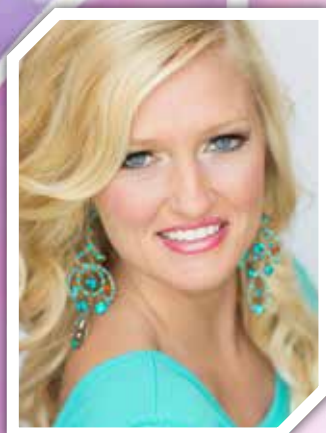
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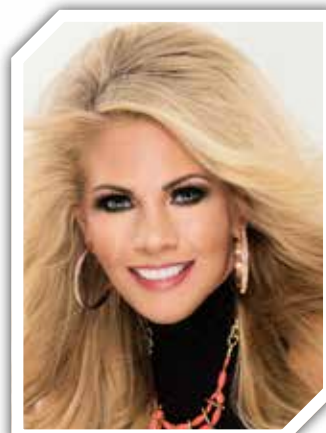
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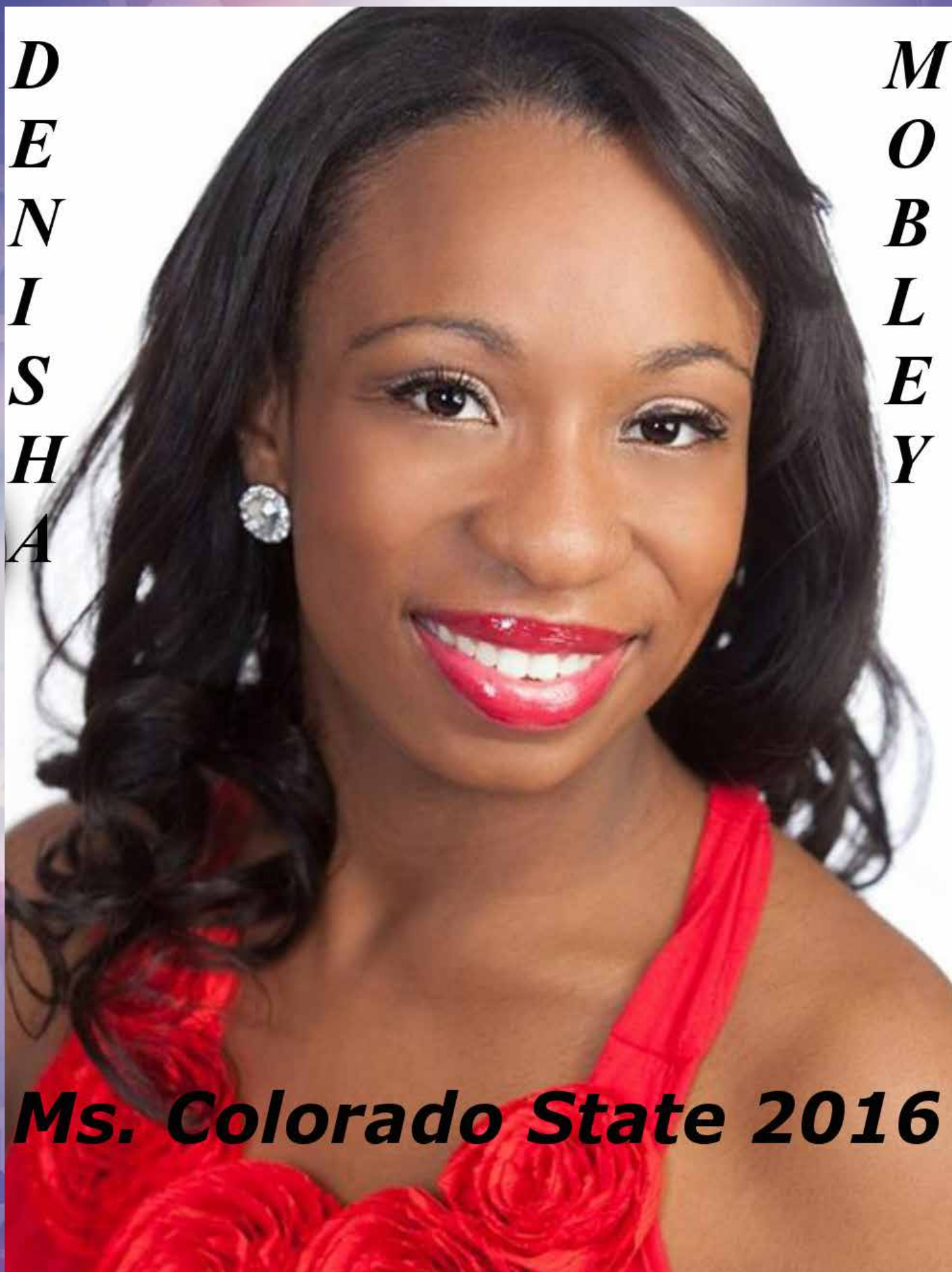
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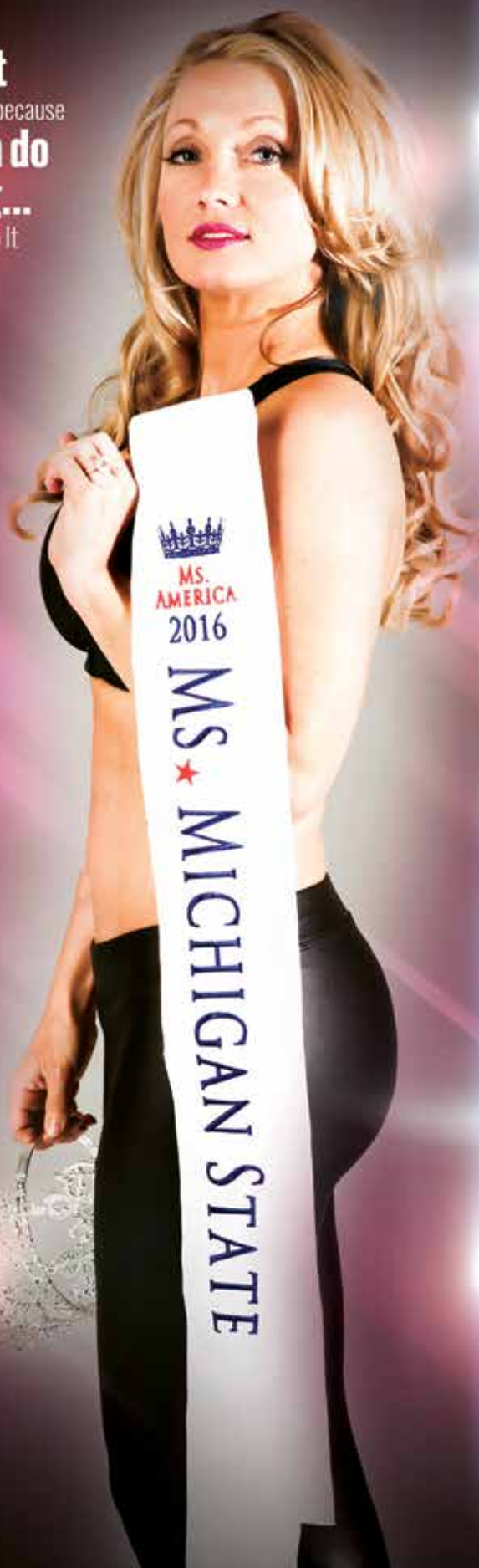


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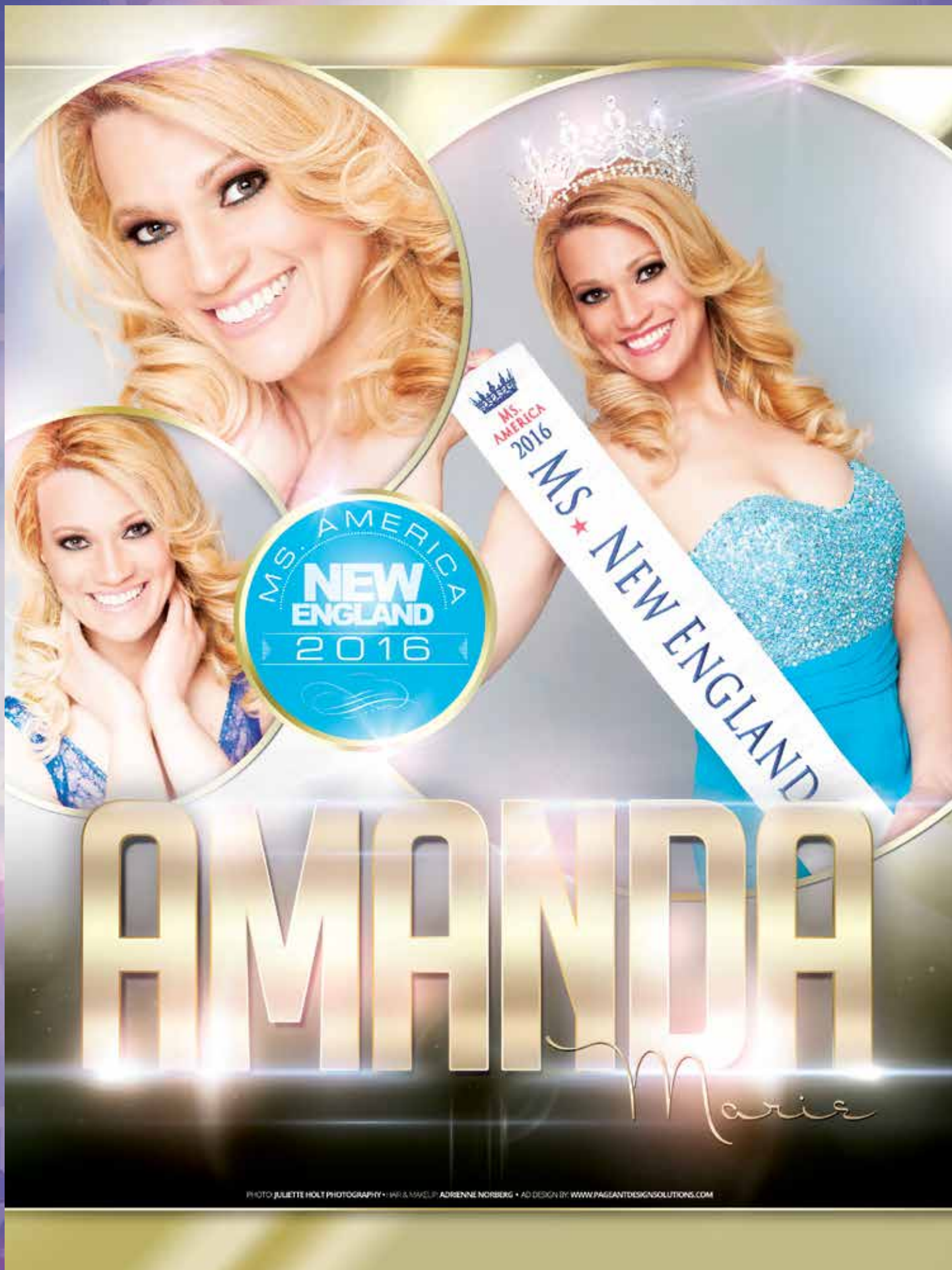


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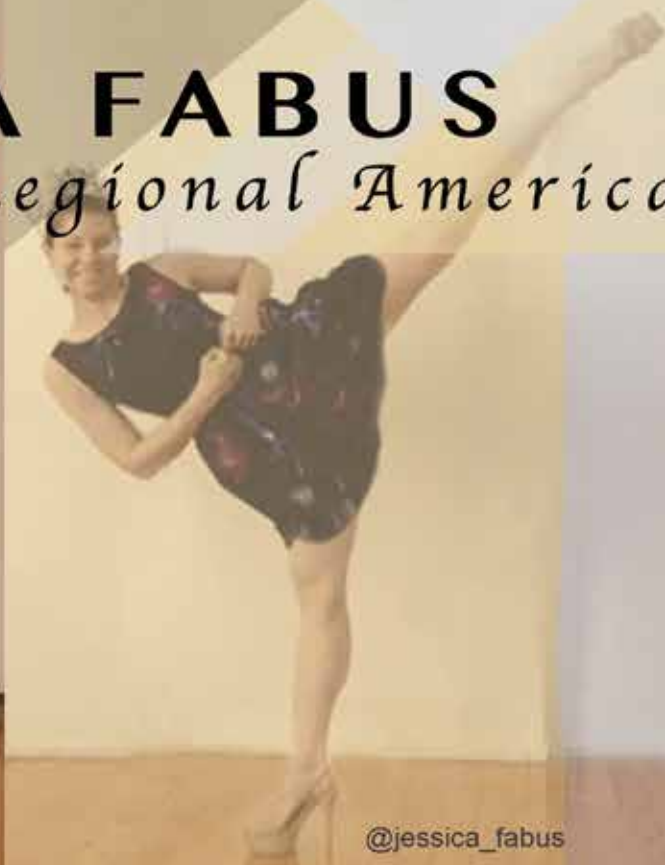
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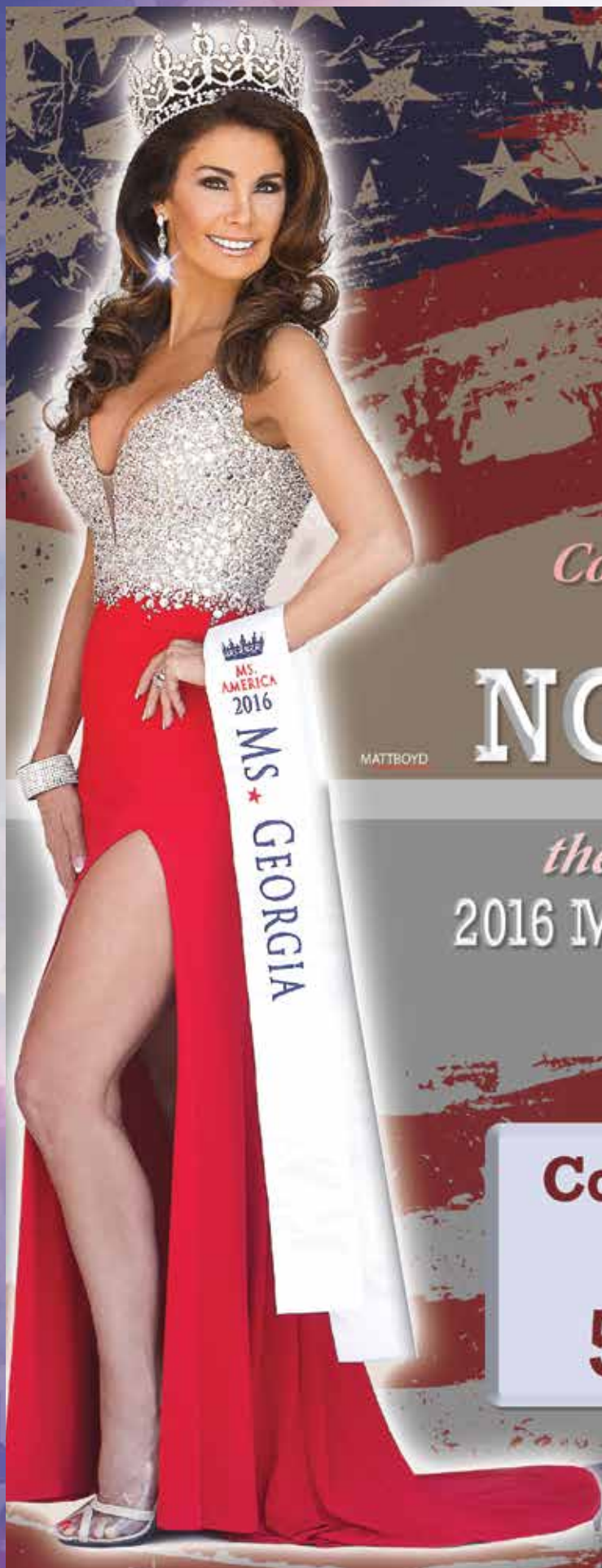
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