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# WELCOME

## Miss Clovis Miss City of Fresno Miss Fresno County 2024 Scholarship Competition

Good evening and welcome to the 2024 Miss Clovis, Miss City of Fresno, and Miss Fresno County Scholarship Competition at the Paul Shaghoian Concert Hall. Tonight, these young women will earn the opportunity to serve the Clovis and Fresno in 2024, and be part of the 2024 Miss California class. Each candidate you see has dedicated countless hours preparing for this evening's competition. It takes a lot of courage to step on this stage and be judged in this competition: cheer for them so they hear your support. To the candidates, thank you for allowing me to work with you and dedicating yourselves throughout rehearsals. May your futures be bright and I wish you all nothing but love and success in your future endeavors.

To our sponsors and supporters... tonight would not have been possible without you. Thank you for committing to the educational goals of young women in our community and supporting our program. You have provided our program with a solid foundation in which we will build, and we are grateful for your support. We are honored to serve and look forward to all the wonderful community events we have planned this year.

I am humbled and honored to be part of the Miss California organization and the local director for Clovis and Fresno. Thank you for coming to tonight's show.

**Adam Smith**

Local Director

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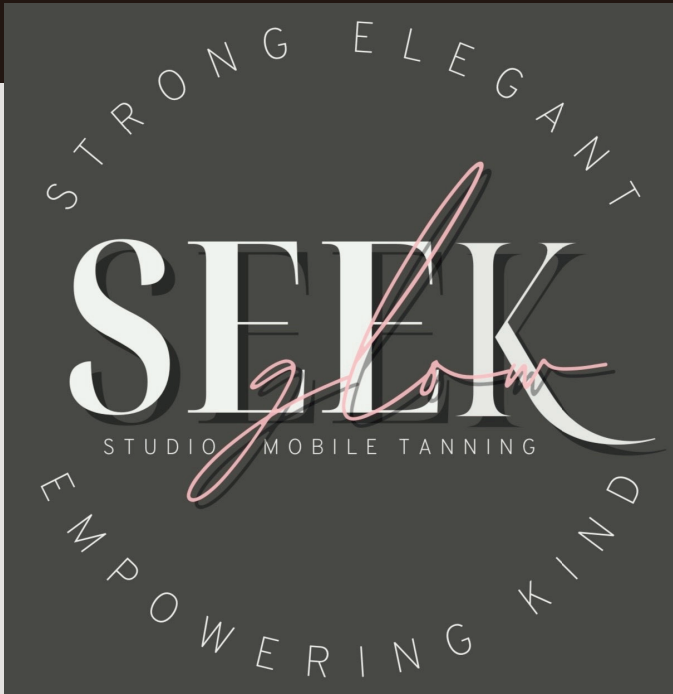
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### *Fabiola Ramirez*

From being born and raised in Mexico- to working in TV News, to now working for city government, Fabiola Ramirez is passionate about helping others level up. A graduate from Fresno State, Fabiola currently manages the City of Fresno's social media platforms and speaks at schools throughout the Central Valley, encouraging and motivating students of all ages to pursue higher education. She serves on the Girl Scouts of Central California South board of directors, the One Fresno Foundation board of directors, and is a Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central California mentor. In her spare time, Fabiola enjoys doing DIY projects and blogging about fashion and lifestyle.



### *Kimberly Marquez*

Kimkie is a Fresno native who has worked in the entertainment industry since 2012. While on-air host at Fresno's Q97.1, Kimkie served her community as a youth advocate and speaker with Fresno County's Annual Youth Leadership Summit. The love for her community empowered Kimberly to join pageantry, and in 2018, she won the first ever national title as Miss Nuestra Belleza USA. Kimkie has starred in films such as State of Consciousness the movie, Catch The 57, and had a cameo in Fast and Furious 9. Kimberly hosts her own Conversations With Kimkie podcast and has worked as a brand ambassador for McDonald's. In addition to her extensive list of career accomplishments, Kimberly is an entrepreneur and owner of Kimkie Cosmetics and Lead With Love Clothing Brand.



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On Nov. 12, 2022, the thing that I had been dreaming of finally came true. I wish there were enough words (and space on this page) for me to fully show how thankful I am to have had this year. Fresno County, you have welcomed me with open arms and I have truly fallen in love with you. Throughout all of my appearances and time in the valley, I have gotten to learn more, meet new people, and share my story. Although I live 4 hours north of Fresno County, you have all made here like a second home for me and I always looked forward to coming back.

As I reflect on my time in Fresno County, I realize that I have grown so much as a person. The experiences that I have had here have shaped me in ways that I never thought were possible. I have learned about the rich history of this area, and have been able to connect with people from all walks of life. I have also been able to share my own story, and it has been incredibly rewarding to see how my words have resonated with others.

As I say goodbye to Fresno County, I do so with a heavy heart. I will miss the warm and welcoming community that I have come to know and love. But I am also excited for what the future holds, and I know that the lessons that I have learned here will stay with me for the rest of my life. Thank you, Fresno County, for an unforgettable year.

Love you always,  
  
 Miss Fresno County 2023







As I am preparing to crown the next titleholder, I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to Miss Clovis/Fresno Organization for the fantastic journey I have had during my time as Miss Fresno County's Teen. It has been an extraordinary and transformative experience, one that has helped me grow so much in such a short time. This year has been filled with memories that I will treasure in my heart. I've had the privilege of representing our beautiful Fresno County and participating in many events. I extended my initiative to promote equal education opportunities that have allowed me to make a positive impact in our community. I was so proud to represent Fresno County at the 2023 Miss California's Teen Competition: truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Thank you best director ever Adam Smith for his tireless dedication to make our sisterhood's year truly memorable. Your commitment to empowering young women and promoting personal growth and community engagement is truly remarkable. Thank you, Adam, for everything. To my fellow sisters Elita, Heavenly, Saiya, Loie, and Bella, it has been an honor to share this experience with you. Your kindness, mentorship and support have made our journey one-of-a-kind. I am proud to have been part of the Miss Clovis Fresno Team 2023 with bright and intelligent women like you.



To the NEXT MISS FRESNO COUNTY'S TEEN, you are about to embark on a journey that will be life-changing. Embrace every moment, and believe in yourself. You will make a huge impact on our lovely communities. Always remember that you have an unbeatable support system in the Miss Clovis/Fresno Organization that is second to none. "Have courage, and be kind." May your dreams come true!

Your forever Miss Fresno County's Teen,  
Jennifer Pan





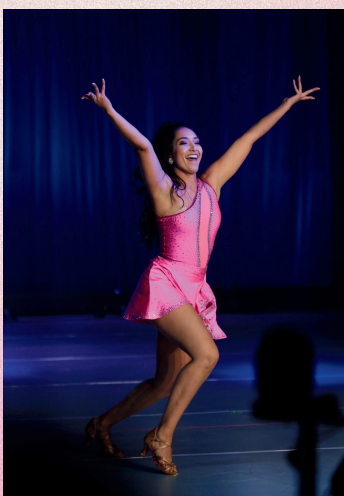


**Thank you Fresno for making my year so memorable and unforgettable. Going into this organization I wanted to embark on the possibility of spreading my voice and platform on the importance of culture integration in the school for dance and this program supported my endeavor and I couldn't be more grateful. This amazing opportunity has helped me grow and establish connections that has helped support me in my current career as an academic dance teacher.**

**Thank you to my family for supporting me on this journey, going with me to events and cheering me on whenever I had to speak Spanish in a full crowd! To my sisters, I hope you know, as empowered Latina's you have the ability to conquer whatever comes your way, don't ever let anyone stop you. To my titleholder sisters, you made every event a blast, and helping each through it all is something I will always hold dear to my heart. Lastly, thank you Adam for being a huge support for me in the platforms I wanted to support and be a part of, and especially being our "bag holder guy," we appreciate you!**

**To the Miss City of Fresno 2024, you got this girl! Show the city who you are and represent what you are passionate about. This ride will go by quickly so take those photos, serious and funny ones of course, shake as many hands as you can, and live in the moment.**

**Signing off as your Miss City of Fresno 2023,  
Bella A. Rodriguez Cuevas**





If I have learned anything from participating in pageants, it is to never give up. I've come to understand that hard work is essential in order to achieve success and that not all good things come easily. Even after facing my worst challenges, I have found the strength to keep going after my dreams. I now have more confidence and believe I can achieve everything I set my mind to. I have loved being a part of the Miss America Organization and my year has been filled with so much fun, adventure, growth, and love. I never thought in a million years I would win the title of Miss Clovis Teen, and I feel incredibly blessed to have been able to have this honor. I have not only grown as a young woman, I have met so many amazing people, sponsors, friends, and most of all such an amazing man as my director Adam Smith. I will never be able to repay all he has done for me and the opportunities he has opened for me.

One thing I want everyone to remember is that being a title holder is more than just wearing a sash and crown. I have had the opportunity to volunteer with many charities including the Valley Children's Hospital, Clovis Veterans, Boys and Girls Club, Wreaths across America, The Clovis Chamber of Commerce, read for Read across America Week, multiple events in downtown Clovis, such as the Clovis Rodeo parade, the Tree Lighting ceremony, downtown Clovis Christmas events, and many other outstanding organizations. I hope to someday inspire both girls and boys to follow their dreams and believe that they can accomplish anything they put their hearts and dreams to. I have grown tremendously during my reign as Miss Clovis Teen. That night I also won the best evening gown and on stage interview question which again proves how much I have grown in being confident in myself. I have gained so many skills that I can carry with me the rest of my life, especially interview skills, public speaking, and showing grace. Thank you to Miss Clovis/Fresno Organization for all the amazing memories.

Being able to Compete at Miss California Teen in June was a lifetime memory and experience. I learned so much from the experience, and won Best evening gown again. Being surrounded by Beautiful and intelligent teens from across California was very humbling. Each of them has inspired me in different ways and I consider them friends for life. We are the Miss California Teen class of 2023! It was truly a magical experience being able to grace the stage. I struck gold, with my memories and support. The biggest thanks go to my loving family for their support in helping me become the best that I can be at all that I pursue!

Mommy, You are the most amazing and remarkable woman in my life. Your strength is empowering and I am so proud to be your daughter. You have taught me so much and I am so blessed to have you in my corner to embark on this past year's journey with me. You are always willing to do anything I need from zipping my dress, helping me sew new costumes last minute, to making sure I was always perfect and stage ready. I love you to the moon and back.

My dad for always going to my events and making me enjoy every moment, I know I can always count on you to be in my corner no matter what. My brothers and grandparents for always being my biggest supporters and helping me celebrate all my accomplishments. My pageant coach Miss Rashell for always helping me, from cleaning up my talent, teaching me how to do my own make up for Miss California Teen, and always being my ear to listen when I needed to calm down and someone to talk and hype me up. Also shout out to all our sponsors for giving me so many opportunities to model for them, helping me look my best at every event, including school events, for so many amazing photos, for beautiful trophies and awards, and so much more. I will forever be grateful to Seek Glow Studio, Moss Photography, WII Photography, California Trophy, D & L Roses, & La Bella Dance

As Harriet Tubman once said, "Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." I wish all of the contestants the best of luck and I know that any one of you would make a fabulous Miss Clovis Teen. Remember to stay true to yourself and inspire others! I can't wait to welcome you to the sisterhood! Thank you to all who have been a part of this exciting year. Thanks for keeping my life balanced with rich learning experiences and fun adventures. I hope you see your boundless love radiating through me in all that I do. Thank you for making my dreams come true this year!

For the last time - Miss Clovis Teen 2023 - Heavenly Carrillo







# *The Show*

## **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

*Performed by pianist Cris Abejo  
Sang by Irene Abejo-Pawig*

## **OPENING NUMBER**

*Choreographed by Heavenly Carrillo  
Miss Clovis' Teen 2023  
Song: The Edge of Glory by Lady Gaga*

## **TEEN ON-STAGE QUESTION**

## **MISS ON-STAGE QUESTION**

## **LITTLE MISS OPENING NUMBER**

*Choreographed by Darian Cunha  
Miss Fresno County's Teen 2022  
Song: Juicy Wiggle by Redfoo*

## **TEEN TALENT**

## **MISS TALENT**

## **LITTLE MISS CROWNING**

# *Intermission*

## **TEEN HEALTH & FITNESS**

*Song: Dance The Night by Dua Lipa (DeSoffer Remix)*

## **MISS HEALTH & FITNESS**

*Song: Get Lucky (Instrumental) by Daft Punk*

## **TEEN EVENING GOWN**

*Song: Cupid by Fifty Fifty  
Performed by pianist Cris Abejo*

## **MISS EVENING GOWN**

*Song: Open Arms by Journey  
Performed by pianist Cris Abejo*

## **FAREWELL**

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# Judging Criteria



## **Private Interview ~ 30% of score**

Each candidate participates in an individual press conference-style interview with a panel of judges, with a 30 second opening and 30 second closing statement. Candidates are questioned on their background as presented on their resume, their educational and career goals, their opinions on current events and social issues, their social impact initiative, and their interests, hobbies or extracurricular activities.

## **On Stage Question ~ 10% of score**

This conversation is a single question asked onstage regarding the Delegate's Community Service Initiative (CSI) and response should not be longer than 30 seconds. The primary purpose is to engage the audience in a conversational perspective on the delegate's ability to have a extemporaneous conversation or respond authentically to a question in a manner befitting a brand ambassador or state representative.

## **Talent / HERStory ~ 20% of score**

To underscore the Miss America/Miss America's Teen commitment to performance arts education initiatives and women's individual efforts in dance, music, opera/vocal, drama, magic, oratory, circus arts and storytelling. Each contestant will present her talent or HER Story™ presentation not to exceed 90 seconds per delegate. In the performance talent or HER Story™ competition, contestants will have 90 seconds to captivate the audience/judges with a talent performance or personal narrative.

## **Health & Fitness ~ 20% of score**

This phase of competition is where the delegate showcases her commitment to health and fitness initiatives. A delegate's discipline and commitment to being physically healthy is a key to success in all other areas of life, and the rigors of representing the Miss America or Miss America's Teen program as a national titleholder.

## **Evening Gown ~ 20% of score**

Delegate will publicly present her sense of Style wearing an evening gown in a fashion suitable for an appearance as Teen/Miss Local or State. Part of a titleholder's role is to attend galas, fundraisers, awards shows and other formal events. This often involves walking a red carpet, posing for press photographers, modeling in fashion shows, promoting various national fashion designers who partner with Miss America or Miss America's Teen programs.



# Meet the Judges

## **BRIAN DORMAN**

Brian Dorman is an Emmy and Edward R. Murrow winning TV News Anchor for CBS 47 News. Brian is a Detroit native with 18 years of experience in broadcast journalism. His career spans across much of the Midwest from Michigan, Kansas, Missouri, Indiana, Oklahoma and now California (The BEST coast!). His work in youth suicide prevention, investigations that dig into underserved communities, and breaking news has earned him numerous awards, but its his connection to the community that he's most proud of! His role allows him to stay hyper focused on community-based journalism and highlight the phenomenal work of non-profits here in The Central Valley. You can watch Brian weeknights alongside Kathryn Herr and Chief Meteorologist Lauren Wallace on CBS 47 at 4, 5, 6, 7, & 11 p.m.



## **DR. KELSEY PENNER-MATTOX**

Dr. Kelsey Penner-Mattox is a senior psychologist at Avenal State Prison. She began her academic journey at Fresno Pacific University, earning her bachelor's degree in psychology in 2011. She then attended Fuller School of Psychology, where she obtained both her master's and doctorate degrees in clinical psychology. Kelsey has served on the Board of Trustees at Fresno Pacific University since 2020. At the heart of her many passions is a desire to empower emerging female leaders. Kelsey is married to her husband Jordan and they are equally infatuated with their dog Oliver.





# Meet the Judges

## STEPHANIE GERMAN

Stephanie German is a Fresno native and founder of German Business Consulting. As an executive strategist, she loves to analyze organizational processes and consult on leadership, systems, or growth. Stephanie has her Masters in Organizational Leadership, is an adjunct professor at Fresno Pacific University, best-selling author of "So Your Boss Can't Lead? A Practical Guide to be the Leader You Want.", and board member on the Fresno County Women's Chamber of Commerce. When not consulting or writing about business, Stephanie loves giving back to the community and is either headed on an adventure with her family, driving her kids to various activities, drinking savory wine, or working on the latest project with her husband. Stephanie's greatest desires are to nurture the next generation of leaders and business owners while raising her own children to be strong, independent, and brave. She lives in Fresno, CA with her husband Blake and her three spunky daughters, Cara, Kinsey, and Peyton.



## WILMA TOM HASHIMOTO

Wilma Tom Hashimoto is the Executive Director for CASA of Fresno and Madera Counties, where she is proud to lead an agency with community volunteers to change the futures of local children in the foster care system. She has also served as a commissioner for First 5 Fresno County, a Board Member for the San Joaquin River Parkway Trust, CASA, and Stone Soup Fresno. For her community and educational contributions, Wilma was named 2009 Marjaree Mason's Top 10 Professional Women, 2011 finalist for Fresno County Administrator of the Year, 2019 Women Who Inspire Girls award, sponsored by the Girls Scouts of Central California, and Fresno County Mother of the Year in 2022. She is the proud mother of her adult daughter, Kylene.





# Meet the Judges

## LAUREN BARISIC

Lauren was born and raised in Fresno, but now calls Visalia home with her husband Garrett. Since 2017, she has been applying her creative yet analytical nature at CVLUX Magazine, where she is Editorial Director. A graduate of The Art Institute of California—San Francisco (Ai), Lauren was a Fashion Design major and graduated with her Bachelor of Fine Arts with honors as a member of the Alpha Beta Kappa National Honors Society, of which she served multiple terms as Delta Epsilon chapter president. While at Ai, Lauren showcased her first of four college collections at New York's Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week in February 2014. Her background in fashion, ear for the underground, eye for style, and affinity for written language allows Lauren to be part of what makes the Central Valley such an incredible place via one the region's premier lifestyle publications.



## SONIA GARDEA-ARREGUIN

Sonia Gardea-Arreguin, is a native of Monterey County and graduated from CSU Monterey Bay, with a Bachelor of Arts in Collaborative Human Services. She moved to Fresno in 2006 to complete her master's degree in Social Work from Fresno State and is currently in a Ph.D. program at Sofia University, and has been recently published in the International Journal of Applied Positive Psychology. She is a Clinical Director and licensed mental health therapist providing mental health services to the rural communities in Fresno County. Sonia has a passion for service and is committed to strengthening our community through advocacy, education, and leadership. She currently serves as the President of the Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and has been the Chair of the Latina Women's Conference for the past three years. Sonia has been married to her husband Jose for 29 years and they both run multiple businesses together and have a 25-year-old daughter.





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# Miss Candidates

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## *Amy Bishop*

Amy is pursuing a Master's in Business Administration and aspires to further her career to help modernize temporary staff procedures and expand the International Direct Hire Program. Amy's community service initiative is "See the Amazing: All About Inclusion," and her performance talent includes singing "100 Easy Ways to Lose a Man" from the musical Wonderful Town. She has earned multiple academic accolades, including Dean's List honors and music awards. Beyond her achievements, Amy babysits children with special needs, holds a world record, and has trained with the circus. Amy is deeply committed to promoting a healthy lifestyle and believes that voting rights are a crucial social issue. Her bucket list includes obtaining her master's degree, traveling to Denmark to connect with her roots, and overseeing the International Direct Hire program at work.



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## *Angela Matthews*



Angela is currently a student at Fresno State majoring in Business Administration with a focus on International Business and trade/exchange. She aims to earn a Juris Doctorate in either intellectual property or corporate business, along with an Executive Master's in Business Administration, envisioning a future as a licensed attorney with the Federal Trade Commission, a "JAG" Officer in the Army, or a licensed entertainment attorney in professional sports. Angela's community service initiative, "Mindful Mosaic: Celebrating Mental Health Diversity," reflects her commitment to important social issues. A talented ballet dancer with 18 years of experience, she's involved in numerous leadership roles and extracurricular activities. Angela is a strong advocate for a healthy lifestyle and is dedicated to the #MissAmericaFit movement. She believes the digital divide is a significant issue affecting Generation Z, leading to disparities in access to information and opportunities. Her bucket list includes finding the best pizza in New York, traveling to all fifty U.S. states, and running her first marathon, ideally the San Francisco Marathon.



# Miss Candidates

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## *Chelsie Muro*

Chelsie is currently a Recreation Specialist with the City of Fresno. She aspires to become a Project Manager for the Senior Program and is passionate about her Community Service Initiative, "Aging Gracefully, Keeping Mental Health in Mind." Chelsie has notable achievements, including being a keynote speaker for the Northern Student Leadership Drive-in, launching the first Rainbow Alliance community in CSU Stanislaus Housing, and piloting the Basic Needs Project at the same institution. Chelsie substitutes orange juice for coffee, is named after a Barbie doll, and is ambidextrous. She emphasizes daily walks, HIIT, yoga workouts, and staying hydrated as part of her personal health initiatives, aligning with #MissAmericaFit. Chelsie is committed to understanding homelessness and seeks to help homeless individuals access essential resources. Her bucket list for the next five years includes living abroad, embarking on a solo weekend trip, and participating in a 5K.



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## *Gabriella Rameriz*

Gabriella is a Project Manager at a tech startup and a 2021 Saint Mary's College of California graduate. She aspires to continue her career in project management and pursue an MBA and Project Management Professional (PMP) certification. Her Community Service Initiative focuses on increasing awareness about human trafficking through Central Valley Sisters For Freedom. Gabriella's performance talent is speed painting and has numerous accomplishments, including various scholarships awards and involvement in the Alpha Kappa Delta honors society. She's an artist, aiming to own a coffee shop and write a book. Gabriella maintains a strong focus on physical fitness and aims to visit every U.S. national park. She also values meditation and yoga and plans to become certified in Pilates instruction. She believes that the polarization of ideas is a significant issue affecting her generation and has ambitions to earn professional certifications, develop her art and photography, and purchase a house.





# Miss Candidates

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Hailey is completing her last semester at California State University Fresno, where she's earning a bachelor's degree in exercise science with a minor in advertising and public relations. Post-graduation, her ambition is to attend nursing school. Her Community Service Initiative revolves around Domestic Violence Awareness and Victim Advocacy, while her performance talent includes singing "Little Voice" by Sara Bareilles. Hailey has participated in Miss America scholarship pageants since the age of 15 and serving in various leadership roles, including her involvement in a sorority, and her own podcast. She's also a first-generation college graduate and an advocate for animal welfare. Maintaining an active lifestyle, Hailey emphasizes the positive use of technology and promotes body positivity while addressing her health challenges. Her bucket list for the next five years includes skydiving, expanding her pet family, and completing Nursing School to become an RN.

## *Hailey Caine*



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## *Mia Valdes*



Mia Valdes has her sights set on a career as a Real Estate Agent, currently studying Business and Marketing to support her future endeavors in the real estate market, particularly focusing on "fixer-uppers." She's deeply passionate about addressing the stigma around mental health and plans to advocate for this cause. For her performance talent, she'll be singing in Spanish, connecting with her heritage and family. Mia's accomplishments include being named athlete of the year in Fresno County and serving as the president of a club with over 300 members. Her personal health initiatives involve regular gym visits, dancing, and staying fit to maintain a positive self-image. Beyond her CSI, she is dedicated to promoting a better understanding of police officers through her "Support the Blue" initiative. In the next three years, she aims to graduate college, establish her career, and embark on global adventures.



# Miss Candidates

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## *Olivia Harden*

Olivia is currently pursuing an M.S. degree in Psychology at ASU, having previously earned her B.A in Psychology from UC Merced in 2021. Her career aspirations include working as a psychology professor or academic advisor in higher education.

She's involved in advocating for athletes' mental health through her Community Service Initiative, "End the Stigma."

Olivia's accomplishments include meeting with university presidents and discussing COVID-19 regulations, as well as engaging with the President of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics to promote mental health among athletes. She's been a captain of the Women's Volleyball team at UC Merced and has held leadership roles in the Student Athletic Advisory Committee. Olivia is also an athlete herself, participating in 3D archery, country line dancing, and weightlifting; all of which align with #MissAmericaFit's focus on physical and mental health. She is concerned about the impact of urbanization on farmland and her bucket list includes visiting the south and becoming a volleyball coach.



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## *Vivian Castillo*



Vivian is a student at Fresno City College, working toward a Marketing degree with plans to obtain her real estate license. She aspires to pursue a bachelor's in Marketing, with a minor in Music, and aims to expand her knowledge in dermatology related to alopecia. Her Community Service Initiative revolves around Alopecia Awareness and advocating for individuals dealing with hair loss. For her talent, she'll perform Beethoven's "Für Elise," symbolizing themes of mourning, dreaming, heartbreak, and love. Vivian boasts an impressive list of accomplishments, including international music performances, writing a children's book, starting a business with over 70 music students, and being part of the Fresno City tennis team. She recognizes the significance of addressing mental health in a generation deeply affected by social media. On her bucket list for the next five years: creating a non-profit for those with Alopecia, solo travel, and sharing her musical talents worldwide.





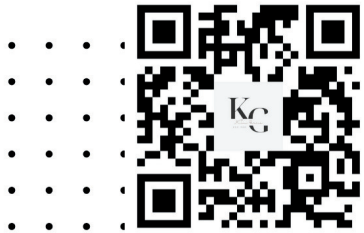
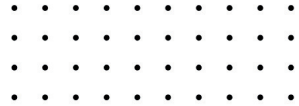
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# Teen Candidates

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## *Elizabeth Bowie*

Elizabeth is a student at Buchanan High School and aspires to attain a Doctorate degree in psychology. She is deeply involved in community service with a focus on improving veterans' mental health, particularly addressing the issue of 22 veterans a day experiencing mental health challenges. In her performance talent, she showcases her singing abilities through Naomi Scott's "Speechless."

Elizabeth has also successfully partnered with local businesses to raise around \$3,000 to purchase and donate swimsuits to those in need, demonstrating her commitment to making a positive impact on her community. Outside her academic and charitable pursuits, Elizabeth enjoys water polo, with four years of experience, weightlifting, and attending social events.



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## *Isabella Salcido*



Isabella is a Senior at Clovis High School, aspires to pursue a career in Law Enforcement, driven by a desire to serve and protect her community. Her Community Service Initiative centers on supporting and advocating for veterans, particularly focusing on their job employment and mental health. Isabella's talent is dance, specifically contemporary style, which she uses to express deep emotions. She values making a positive impact on people's mental well-being and enjoys working with special education students. In terms of personal health initiatives, she emphasizes self-care, taking vitamins, and managing stress. Additionally, Isabella recognizes that the impact of social media on young girls, particularly the "comparing" mindset, is a significant concern for her generation. On her bucket list for the next five years: achieving a title through this program, launching her career in law enforcement, and watching her grandparents and parents witness her swearing-in as a police officer.



# Teen Candidates

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## *Keira Bixler*

Keira is a student at Redwood High School and the College of the Sequoias, and balances her role as a dance teacher with several leadership positions, including "Teenfluencer" at Tulare Outlets. Her ambition is to major in Economics & Communications at Stanford, earn a JD from Harvard Law, and ultimately become the CEO of a national news network. Her Community Service Initiative, "Imagine with Keira - The Power of Literacy," aims to combat functional illiteracy in the US by promoting educational equity through various initiatives. Keira is an accomplished tap dancer and a national podcast host, raising over \$45,000 for literacy and maintaining a top GPA. She also advocates for healthy living as an American Heart Association Certified CPR Instructor, Rebel Athletics Ambassador, cheerleader, and dance teacher. Concerning her generation, Keira is focused on responsible technology usage to lead a healthier life. Her bucket list includes interning at the Presidential White House, starring in a Peter Pan Musical, and traveling to all 50 states.



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## *Lynna Xu*



Lynna is a 10th-grader at Sonoma Academy, is determined to become a female leader in the robotics field and inspire young girls to pursue STEM careers. Her Community Service Initiative centers on motivating and empowering young women in robotics. With a decade of piano experience, she'll perform Chopin's "Ballade No.1 in G minor Opus 23." Lynna boasts an impressive array of accomplishments, including robotics awards, piano recognition, and scholastic honors. An interesting fact about Lynna is that she is the only girl on her school's Co-ed Varsity Tennis Team. She champions a healthy lifestyle, aligning with the #MissAmericaFit campaign, by emphasizing the importance of exercise and a balanced diet in combating the negative effects of technology. Lynna's bucket list includes hosting girl-powered robotics workshops, visiting elementary schools to promote robotics and STEM, and attending her dream college.



# Teen Candidates

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## *Malia Walker*

Malia is a student at Coalinga High School and aspires to be a Musical Theatre Actress. Her Community Service Initiative involves providing rural communities with theater education. She showcases her talent through singing, performing "Show Off" from *The Drowsy Chaperone*. Malia has achieved numerous accolades, including being the CMS Student of the Year in 2019-2020 and achieving consistent A/A+ grades throughout middle and high school. She has also participated in prestigious pre-college programs related to musical theater. Beyond her passion for theater, Malia enjoys competitive video gaming and prefers cold weather. Her health philosophy emphasizes feeling the best version of oneself and respecting personal boundaries, aligning with #MissAmericaFit. She believes her generation's defining trait is growing up with the internet, which has both advantages and disadvantages. Finally, her bucket list includes attending college, making her professional acting debut, and traveling abroad in the next five years.



## *Vivian Grech*



Vivian is a freshman at San Joaquin Memorial High School and aspires to attend college and join a collegiate dance team. She's achieved numerous awards for her solo and group dance routines and even performed behind popular pop stars in Las Vegas. Despite being just 15, she's been nominated as a top 100 dancer nationally by the Velocity Dance Competition and Convention. Alongside her dancing, Vivian is enrolled in English 9 honors. She hails from a family of international almond farmers, has traveled to various countries, and has shared her Spanish heritage as a Basque dance group member since age two. She maintains her health through competitive dance, focusing on staying active and eating healthily. Her Community Service Initiative is "Dance Hope Cure," an initiative of the Arms Wide Open Childhood Cancer Foundation. Vivian believes technology, particularly smartphones, will significantly impact her generation, changing how people socialize. Her bucket list for the next five years includes exploring her family's roots, embarking on a cross-country road trip, and getting into a college with a competitive dance team.





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I LOVE HORSEBACK RIDING

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I LOVE TO VOLUNTEER IN MY COMMUNITY

ALEXANDRA



9 YEARS OLD  
GRADE 4th

LIANA



8 YEARS OLD  
GRADE 3rd

I LOVE TO READ IN MY FREE TIME

I PLAY THE PIANO

I AM SWEDISH





I HAVE PERFORMED  
THE NATIONAL  
ANTHEM

I LOVE DRAWING MY  
OWN CLOTHING  
DESIGNS



MARIANA



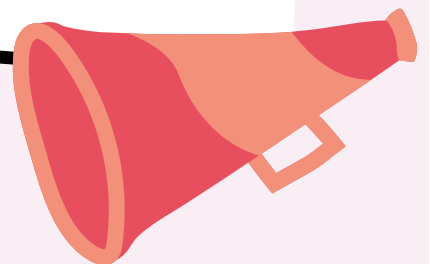
WE ARE TWINS!  
6 YEARS  
OLD  
GRADE 1st

ANABELLA



I LOVE TO SING AND  
PLAY THE PIANO

I AM A FLYER FOR  
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TEAM

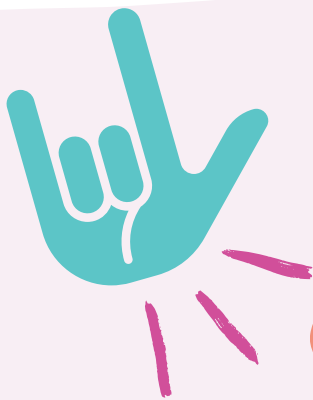




I AM A CHEERLEADER

I KNOW MY ABC'S  
IN SIGN LANGUAGE

I CAN DO THE SPLITS  
AND CARTWHEELS



5 YEARS OLD  
KINDERGARTEN

GIANNA



MISSTIE



I AM A SINGER AND  
A DANCER

I LOVE TO CHEER

I AM A MEMBER  
OF THE GIRL  
SCOUTS

6 YEARS  
OLD 1st  
GRADE





MY FAVORITE FOOD IS ANYTHING WITH NOODLES

I AM A MEMBER OF THE COLORGUARD TEAM

I LOVE TO TRAVEL



12 YEARS OLD  
7th GRADE



LEA



MEENA

I WON MY FIRST FASHION SHOW AT AGE 8

I ENJOY TRAVELLING AND TRYING DIFFERENT FOODS



9 YEARS OLD  
3rd GRADE





MY FAVORITE  
HOBBIES ARE ART  
AND DRAWING

I LIKE DARK  
CHOCOLATE  
I DON'T LIKE MILK

9 YEARS  
OLD GRADE 4th



OLIVIA



LILIANA



I LOVE TO DANCE  
I LIKE WRITING MY  
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WOLVES

9 YEARS  
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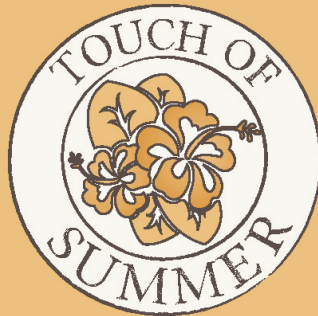


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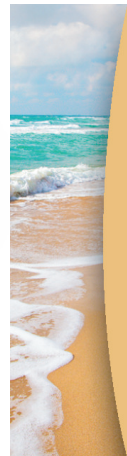
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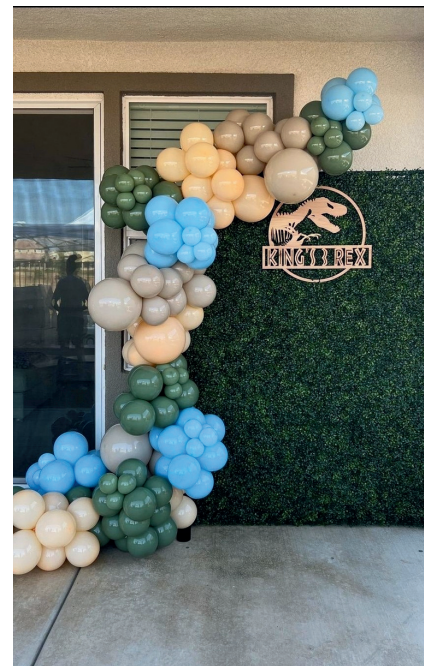
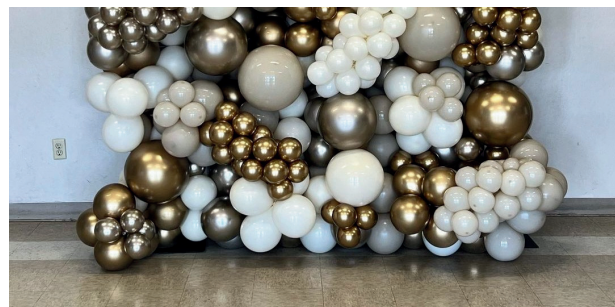
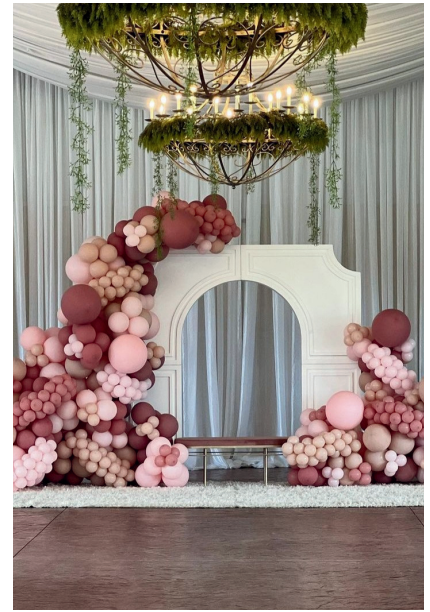
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