

The Jax USA Pageant Post

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MISS JACKSONVILLE USA MAKES THE TOP FIVE IN THE MISS FLORIDA USA PAGEANT IN HOLLYWOOD



Top 5 At Miss Florida USA

Miss USA pageant. The contestants competed in interview, swimsuit, and evening wear competitions. The contestants participated in interviews and preliminary competition (all 63 contestants in swimsuit and gowns) on Friday, July 15th; and competed in the finals (the Top 16 in swimsuit, gown, and on-stage interview) on Saturday, July 16th. In the Jacksonville / North Florida area, this state competition was aired on WJXT Channel 4, and was streamed at www.News4Jax.com.

Representing Jacksonville, as Miss Jacksonville USA 2012, was Marissa Danish, a Jacksonville Jaguar Cheerleader and student at Florida State College of Jacksonville. Marissa made our city proud by her impressive fitness in swimsuit, her charming personality in interview, and her grace and poise in her stunning white evening gown. She thoroughly enjoyed the pageant week and met endless new friends that she expects to keep in close contact with over the years!

It was exciting as Marissa was initially called out as a Top 16 Finalist and competed in the Finals competition. She excelled in all areas of competition, and was eventually called out in the Top 5! After a final review by the Judges, the results were:

- 4th Runner Up – Marissa Danish, Miss Jacksonville USA**
- 3rd Runner Up – Kristen Ledlow, Miss Capital City USA
- 2nd Runner Up – Amanda Hasselvander, Miss Marion County USA
- 1st Runner Up – Melissa Ramirez, Miss Miami USA
- Miss Florida USA 2012, Karina Brez (Miss South Florida USA)

The road to the Miss Florida USA Pageant and Miss Florida Teen USA Pageant begins in the Miss & Teen Jacksonville USA Pageant, like it did for Marissa. The next Jacksonville USA Pageant will be February 25 - 26, 2012 at the Wilson Center on the South Campus of FSCJ. Spread the word to all potential contestants so Jacksonville will again make its mark at the state competition next year!

MISS FLORIDA TEEN USA TRAVELS TO THE BAHAMAS FOR THE MISS TEEN USA PAGEANT

MiKyle Crockett, Miss Jacksonville Teen USA 2011 and Miss Florida Teen USA 2011, traveled a long way to participate in the Miss Teen USA Pageant competition. She flew to Nassau, Bahamas to the extraordinary Atlantis Resort, enjoying the incredible Royal Towers there. The 51 state representatives gathered together to compete in this national contest in interview, swimsuit, and evening wear competitions from July 11th - July 16th, 2011.

Representing the Jacksonville area, as Miss Florida Teen USA 2011, MiKyle Crockett was a vision of true beauty in her amazing sparkling pink gown. She rocked it in the swimsuit competition and with her winning smile. She now has a whole new batch of friends across the country and hopes to keep in touch by email and Facebook.

Although MiKyle did not end up with the crown, she gained so very much from this competition. The experience was invaluable and will be a special memory that will last a lifetime. For pictures and videos of this event, visit: <http://www.jacksonvillepageants.com/2011-Miss-Jax-USA-Stuff/MiKyle-TeenUSA-Pageant-MainPage.htm>.



MiKyle with Miss Teen USA 2010, Kamie Crawford

Congratulations to Danielle Doty from Texas on becoming the next Miss Teen USA. We wish her the best from the Jax USA Pageants and will be watching her activities throughout her reign. MiKyle will continue her duties as Miss Florida Teen USA 2011 until the state competition in October of 2011 in Hollywood, Florida. We will be sad to see her pass on her state crown to another contestant, but we will be cheering for Miss Jax Teen USA 2012, Emily Cunard, to hopefully be her successor!

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WJXT Channel 4 Covers the Miss Florida USA Pageant and our Jacksonville USA Titleholders



The North Florida area had the opportunity to watch the Miss Florida USA Pageant live thanks to WJXT Channel 4, The Local Station, for covering and airing the state competition. Of course, it was most exciting that everyone in Jacksonville got to see Miss Jax USA, Marissa Danish, excel and place 4th Runner Up in this exciting pageant! However, leading up to the state pageant, WJXT was generous enough to spend some time with our titleholders and Marissa and MiKyle got to be on television.

First, the station did a story on pageant preparation, and followed Marissa to French Novelty as she tried on gowns and cocktail dresses. The story by Ayesha Faines covered the importance of proper wardrobe selection and how gowns and outfits should be figure flattering, current in style, and reflect your personality and fashion sense. Later, WJXT invited Marissa and MiKyle to appear on the Morning Show on Channel 4 - bright and early one morning. Although there was a very fun, enjoyable, and somewhat traditional interview that morning with our ladies and Ms. Ayesha, that was only the beginning of the antics that were to follow.



MiKyle and Marissa were invited to help with the weather segment for the morning with meteorologist, Richard Nunn. They pushed buttons, changed the weather map, quoted temperatures, and gestured to the map as well as Vanna herself on Wheel of Fortune. It was quite a funny segment and we have captured these crazy moments on our website. If you want a chuckle, be sure to visit:

<http://www.jacksonvillepageants.com/2011-Miss-Jax-USA-Stuff/APPEARANCES-M-Photo-Page-12.htm>





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Here's Some Pageant News For You!

Pageantry Magazine Coverage!



Jacks Up - Marissa Danish received the Pageantry Spirit Award, given to the most deserving Miss contestant in the 2012 Miss Jacksonville USA Pageant.

Pageantry Magazine covered the Jacksonville USA Pageant's activities and awards in its Summer 2011 Edition!



Gator Girls - (L-R) Miss Jacksonville USA 2011 Sarah Sykes, Jacksonville USA Little Sister Ciara Sanders, and Miss Florida Teen USA 2011 Mikyle Crockett take part in the Gator Bowl Parade in Jacksonville, FL.



Tyrah's Time - Tyrah Walker receives the Pageantry Spirit Award at the 2012 Jacksonville Miss Teen USA Pageant.



CELEBRITY CORNER: Mikyle Crockett with Kim Kardashian (MIK & KIM); Marissa Danish with Florida's First Lady, Ann Scott (The Governor's Wife); Emily Cunard with the new Mayor of Jacksonville, Alvin Brown; and Ciara Sanders with Lt. Governor, Jennifer Carroll



Several contestants in the 2012 Jacksonville USA Pageant went on to other pageants and were very successful! Emily Nelson (our Miss 1st Runner Up) went on to



become Miss Daytona Beach USA 2012! Contestant, Ashley Conley, became Miss Daytona Beach Teen USA 2012! And contestant, Tyrah Walker, became the first ever Miss Melbourne Teen USA 2012!

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR GRADUATION!

On May 14th, 2011, Mikyle graduated from Episcopal High School in Jacksonville, Florida! She will now be heading off to Auburn University in the Fall! Go Tigers!



MARISSA DANISH

Miss JACKSONVILLE USA

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IMPORTANT DATES

September 9 & 11, 2011 - Miss Florida Teen USA - Pretaping Weekend

September 10, 2011 - Miss Florida Teen USA - Seminar

Sept. 30 - Oct. 2, 2011 - MISS FLORIDA TEEN USA PAGEANT - Go Emily!

November 25, 2011 - "Cocktails 4 A Cause", University Club, to benefit the NFSO

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The Miss & Teen Jacksonville USA Pageant held its 2011 and 2012 pageants at the very beautiful and historic, Ritz Theatre and Museum, in Jacksonville, and had a wonderful run at that location. But the Jacksonville USA Pageant is continually growing and needed to move into a new venue with even more dressing rooms and seating space for the audience! The 2013 Jax USA pageant will be now held at the fabulous Wilson Center for the Arts on the South Campus of Florida State College at Jacksonville! This pageant is open to all Florida residents, but hopefully the change of venue will attract students at FSCJ and also at the nearby University of North Florida! Regardless of where you live or attend school, we hope that you will compete in our 2013 pageant - so visit our website for details, deadlines, and sign-up paperwork!

2013 Miss Jacksonville USA Pageant 2013 Miss Jacksonville Teen USA Pageant

Studio Rehearsal & Interviews: Saturday, February 25, 2012
Theatre Rehearsal & Pageant: Sunday, February 26, 2012

Paperwork, details, & deadlines are posted at our website:
www.JacksonvillePageants.com!

The Jacksonville City Council Rocks!

Thanks to the efforts of City Councilwoman Glorious Johnson and her assistant Sandra Lane, Marissa Danish and Emily Cunard received beautiful framed Resolutions on May 24th, 2011 from the Jacksonville City Council, recognizing them on winning their local titles, on their appearances and activities within the community, and on their endeavors to win their respective state pageants. They were supported by their families and their sister queens, MiKyle Crockett, Miss Florida Teen USA 2011, and Ciara Sanders, Miss Florida Teen USA's Little Sister. Later on June 14th, 2011, City Councilwoman, Glorious Johnson, and her assistant Sandra Lane, came through again for the North Florida Scholarship Organization and Jacksonville USA Pageant. They presented a very impressive City Council Resolution to MiKyle Crockett, the reigning Miss Florida Teen USA from Jacksonville! Unfortunately MiKyle could not be present due to jet-setting out to Las Vegas for Miss USA related events and activities, but her proud Mom, Ivy, accepted the award on her behalf. Present were Kevin & Cammie Sanders, Ciara Sanders, Emily Cunard, and Betty Jo Cunard! THANKS CITY COUNCIL!



IN THE NEXT EDITION OF THE JAX USA PAGEANT POST:

Emily in the Miss Florida Teen USA Pageant, Will MiKyle pass on her state crown to Em?

The Opening of the Beaches Parade



On April 17, 2011, Jacksonville USA titleholders, Emily and Marissa, enjoyed a beautiful sunny day at Jacksonville Beach for the Opening of the Beaches Parade, a favorite annual tradition. The parade had a fun "Rock Star" theme to it, and the weather couldn't have been more perfect. The beautiful convertibles were provided by Elmer Boggs, with the Corvette Club, and Dr. Kenneth Hagan. Thanks Gentleman for assisting us on parade day - you made our titleholders look like rock stars!



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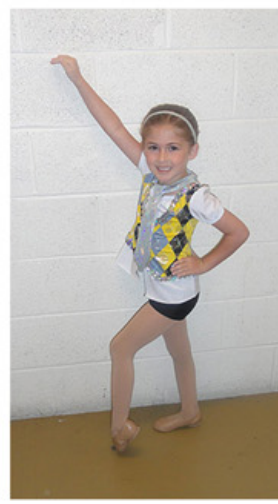
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Ciara Sanders, Jax USA Little Sister and Miss Florida Teen USA's Little Sister, performs in her dance recital with the Scott Jones School of Dance on June 11th, 2011. She performed in Oklahoma, Seussical: The Musical, and You're A Good Man Charlie Brown! Way to go, Ciara!

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How To Become A Jacksonville USA Titleholder

You too could become a future Miss Jacksonville USA or Miss Jacksonville Teen USA!

The first step is visiting the pageant's website at www.JacksonvillePageants.com to check out the eligibility requirements. Depending on when your birthday falls, if you are a single lady ages 14 - 17, you may qualify for the Teen pageant, and if you are between the ages of 18 - 26s, you may qualify for the Miss Pageant. There is an entry or sponsorship fee to enter the pageant, which you may pay or have a sponsor to pay for you. You will need to submit a headshot photo and paperwork, so visit the website to obtain the list of requirements and to print up the forms you will need to get signed up. The sign up process is quite easy, so don't be intimidated.

You will need to be prepared to compete in three competitions: interview, swimsuit/fitness, and evening gown. Each category is judged equally by a well qualified panel of judges. There is usually a fun opening number at the beginning of the pageant for you to introduce yourself to the judges and the audience (which will be full of your cheering and supportive friends and family).

If you are too young to compete, you should sign up to be a Jacksonville USA Little Sister (info also on website)!

Special Reception Held At The University Club To Honor Titleholders



On July 6, 2011, the University Club allowed the North Florida Scholarship Organization, Inc. an opportunity to hold a reception at their beautiful club atop the Riverplace Towers near the St. Johns River around the downtown area of Jacksonville, Florida. It was a very classy event to honor Marissa Danish, MiKyle Crockett, and Emily Cunard as they get ready for their upcoming state and national pageants. The crowd was full of friends, family, supporters, and sponsors who enjoyed an amazing view of Jacksonville and tasty treats. Past Jax USA titleholder Sarah Sykes was also in attendance for her sister queens! Each titleholder addressed the crowd and shared with them a little bit about their pageant year so far and their plans for further competitions. Marissa, MiKyle, and Emily used this chance to thank everyone who made it possible for them to be titleholders and show their appreciation. Thank you to the University Club for such a special day to honor these ladies.



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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2012 MISS FLORIDA USA PAGEANT

** July 15 - 16, 2011, Hollywood, Florida **



Checking In To Miss FL USA Pageant



Press Day poolside at the Westin Diplomat, Hollywood, Florida (Marissa's in the front row)



Opening Number Outfit



Strutting It In The Swimsuit Competition



In Her Beautiful Regalia Gown



Being Called Out In The Top 5!!



Marissa is 4th Runner Up in the 2012 Miss FL USA Pageant!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2011 MISS TEEN USA PAGEANT

** July 15 - 16, 2011, Atlantis Resort, Nassau, Bahamas **



MiKyle met new friends from all over the USA!



Yikes! MiKyle is a zombie!



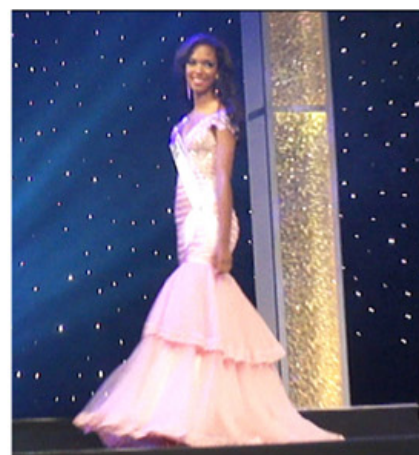
Her photo was up on the big screen



Opening Introductions



Absolutely awesome in Swimsuit!



The picture of grace in gown!

