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APRIL 20, 2024

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Who will be  
Miss Tri-City  
2024!

## MISS TRI-CITY

The Miss Tri-City pageant was founded with a dual purpose: to provide crucial scholarship opportunities for young women in South Jersey, while also fostering mentorship and the development of strong community role models.

Our pageant focuses on Community Service and Mentorship, recognizing the profound impact these values have on both individual growth and community enrichment.

As the Director of Miss Tri-City emphasizes, many young women in South Jersey lack platforms to express their concerns, pursue scholarship opportunities, and embody the role model they aspire to be. This pageant serves as a unique avenue for them to achieve these aspirations.

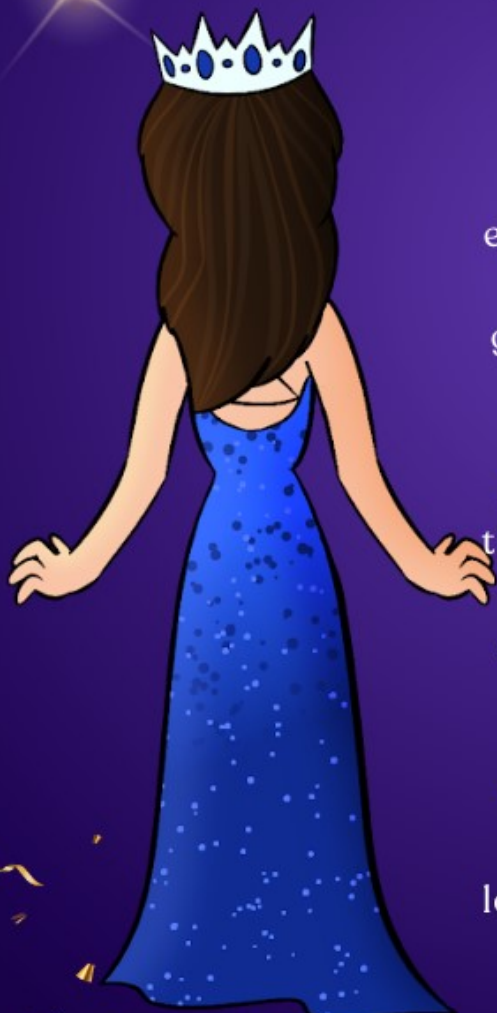
***Tonight, these remarkable young women do not vie against each other; rather, they strive to showcase the best versions of themselves.***

Earlier this month, each contestant engaged in insightful 7-minute interviews with three judges, providing an opportunity to showcase their individuality and aspirations. This evening's competition will encompass Talent, Casual & Evening Wear, and an on-stage question. Our panel of judges seeks individuals who exude poise, eloquence, and a genuine ability to represent and serve their community.



# MADISON MANNO

## MISS TRI-CITY 2023



It has been awesome working with you this year and watching you grow into an amazing young woman!

You've really thrown yourself into everything with so much enthusiasm, and it hasn't gone unnoticed. Setting those big goals for yourself and then smashing them you are a total inspiration!

And can we talk about how you've rocked that Miss Tri-City crown? You wear it like it was made for you, representing our community with style and grace. We're all so proud to know you.

As you continue in college, just know that we're all rooting for you. The future's looking bright, and I can't wait to see where it takes you!

Commissioned Art by:  
Jessy Wynn

All the best!  
Sarah Layton, Director



# SARAH LAYTON

## MISS TRI-CITY DIRECTOR

Sarah is a former local title holder who completed 105 events during her year of service. She also placed 2nd runner up in a local Miss America pageant.

She has studied dance for 20 years and has graduated from Dance Masters of America (DMA).

Currently, Sarah attends Rowan College of South Jersey, part-time where she will obtain her Associates Degree in Psychology.

Sarah is looking forward to being a mentor and helping the new title holder have the most amazing year!





# SCORING

INTERVIEW 40%

TALENT 30 %

CASUAL WEAR/ONSTAGE QUESTION 20%

EVENING WEAR 10%



## AWARDS

### Runner Up:

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### Best Talent

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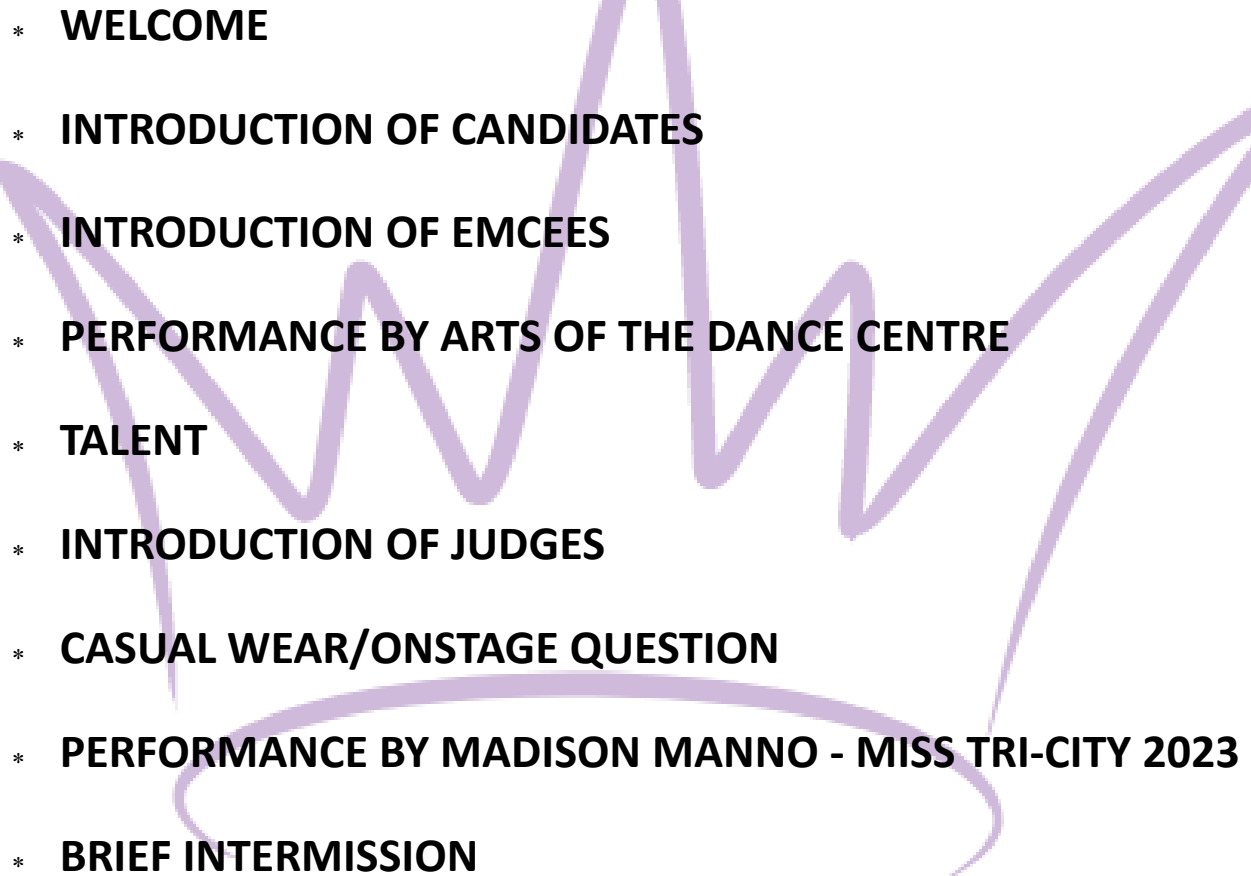
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# THE PAGEANT EVENTS

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- \* **WELCOME**
  - \* **INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES**
  - \* **INTRODUCTION OF EMCEES**
  - \* **PERFORMANCE BY ARTS OF THE DANCE CENTRE**
  - \* **TALENT**
  - \* **INTRODUCTION OF JUDGES**
  - \* **CASUAL WEAR/ONSTAGE QUESTION**
  - \* **PERFORMANCE BY MADISON MANNO - MISS TRI-CITY 2023**
  - \* **BRIEF INTERMISSION**
  - \* **EVENING WEAR**
  - \* **MISS TRI-CITY 2023 FAREWELL**
  - \* **AWARDS & CROWNING**



# YOUR EMCEE



Amy Phillips is a graduate of Towson University in Maryland where she completed her major in Mass Communication, concentration in Journalism, and minor in Film and Media. She was an intern at the Towson Sports Network, and went on to become an NCAA broadcaster for College Gymnastics. Amy spent time in Georgia and Alabama as a television news reporter for both ABC and Fox News, covering everything from crime and tornadoes, to impeachment and interviewing a Medal of Honor Recipient. She currently works as a Marketing Coordinator for Performance Marketing.

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# MEET YOUR JUDGES

## Dr. Elizabeth McIntyre Arthur



Dr. Elizabeth Arthur was born and raised in Wilmington, NC. She graduated from C.O. Dickerson High School in Trumansburg, NY. Dr. Arthur is the proud mother of three children and adores her 11 grandchildren.

Dr. Arthur graduated and earned degrees from the following institutions: Cumberland County College, and associates in business administration, Georgian Court University an Executive MBA and Walden University Doctor of Business Administration.

Dr. Arthur currently serves as City Council President for the City of Vineland. She is also active in the community serving as a member and Chairperson of the Vineland Education Foundation. Dr. Arthur is also a member of the New Bethel AME Church, Vineland.

Dr. Arthur retired from Rowan College of SJ Cumberland Campus as an Adjunct Professor with Raritan Valley Community College. She previously served as a Computer Tutor at the Vineland Public Library. Prior to that, she spent over 30 years in the scientific glass industry, beginning with Wheaton Industries and retiring from Gerresheimer Glass. Other community and local board services include: Vineland Board of Education, Visions of Hope, Inc., and the Court Appointed Special Advocates of Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties.

## Rachelle Molyneaux



Rachelle Molyneaux is a Vineland Resident and a wife and mother of two children. Recently, she was named New Jersey Mother Of The Year through American Mothers, Inc.

As an author, Rachelle uses books and her international podcast, You Are Worth It, to teach emotional strength to children; and, she often takes her books to classrooms to teach about inclusion, bullying, and boundaries.

In pageantry, Rachelle has previously held local, state, and national titles and encourages all the contestants to know they can pursue their passion and purpose no matter the outcome and to remember their worth through it all.



# MEET YOUR JUDGES

## Julie Howerton



Julie Howerton is a Vineland resident and mom of 6, grandmom of 5 and great grandmom to one!

Involved in pageantry for more than 20 years, whose daughters have a combined total of over 50 international, national, state and local titles.

Julie enjoys spending time with family and attending activities that her children and grandchildren participate in.

She is married to her husband of over 20 years and share her home with her 3 fur babies, Elvis, Bella and Little Bear.

### *Special Thanks to:*

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*On 3 years with the Miss Tri-City Pageant!*

# MEET YOUR JUDGES

## Kaycee Zelkovsky



Kaycee Rae Zelkovsky is the current co-owner of Kaycee Ray's Sports Bar & Pub and VP of Operations at The Landis. She played four years of collegiate field hockey at Long Island University - Post, leaving as an All-American and 3-Time National Runner-Up. After graduating from LIU Post with a BA in English, she relocated to Vineland, NJ and fell in love with The Landis and the new family she found down here. Kaycee could not be more honored to support The Miss Tri-City Area Pageant for many more years to come!



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# MEET YOUR JUDGES

## Chris Hannah & Cole the Deaf Dog



Chris Hannah has been a music educator for twenty three years as well as the founder of the Cole the Deaf Dog & Friends Foundation. Cole, the 2022 American Hero Therapy Dog of the Year and the 2023 ASPCA National Dog of the Year, works daily alongside Chris to bring his message of Acceptance, Advocacy, and Inclusion. Through the eyes of Cole, a Deaf pitbull, children nationwide are experiencing disability and difference awareness in a whole new light through their traveling school program and summer tours.



Cole and Chris have earned the Presidential Service Award for their work in the veteran community and the Philadelphia Phillies All- Star Teacher Award. Together, they have been featured on the Rachael Ray Show, NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt, Good Morning America, Access Hollywood, and Entertainment Tonight.

## Samantha Cruz

Samantha Cruz is the current Manager of Parks and Public Property for the City of Millville. She is a long time resident of Millville where she lives with her husband John Cruz. They are the parents of 3 handsome cats.



After graduating Millville Senior High School in 2004, Cruz then went on to obtain two Bachelor of Arts Degrees from Rowan University. In addition, she has obtained the following certifications: Certified Parks and Recreation Professional (National Recreation and Parks Association); and Certified Public Manager (Rutgers).

Mrs. Cruz began her career in local government in 2005 when she was hired as the Rollin' Rec Director for the City of Millville's Recreation Department. In 2010, she was promoted to Recreation Supervisor until 2018, when she filled her current role as the Manager of Parks and Public Property. During her career, she has had the honor of being the Assistant to Mayor Tim Shannon, Mayor Lisa Orndorf and now the current Mayor, Benjamin Romanik.

In Mrs. Cruz's free time she loves spending time with her Mom, Lisa Pangburn and husband going on day trips or spending some much needed down time on the couch.



# JAYCEE



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# MEET YOUR JUDGES

## Douglas Cherwien



Douglas Cherwien, a dedicated Vineland resident and alumnus of Vineland High School and Cumberland County College, embarked on his journey in the beauty industry in 1984. After graduating from the Vineland Academy of Beauty and Culture, Douglas expanded his horizons by establishing multiple salons in Florida during the late 1980s.

In the early 1990s, Douglas's passion for education led him to join the Framesi Education team, where he ascended to the role of Senior and National Tech, leading him to be invited to join the Framesi Design Group. As a member, he graced stages across the nation, teaching audiences with his mastery in hair color, texture, cutting programs, and styling inspired by global trends, particularly from Milan, Italy. Douglas has showcased his talent in prominent cities like New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago, and at respected events such as IBS in New York.

Returning to his roots in Vineland, Douglas established the renowned Douglas Arthur Salon in 1996, situated in the Maintree Shopping Center. With a career spanning decades and a dedication to excellence, Douglas Cherwien continues to inspire and innovate in the beauty industry.

A special thank you to the Douglas Arthur Salon for being so generous to the Miss Tri-City Scholarship Pageant.



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# MEET YOUR JUDGES

## Shannon Gallina



Shannon Gallina is a graduate of Stockton University and possesses Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Social Work. She is a State of New Jersey Licensed Social Worker (LSW) who focuses and advocates for military and veteran behavioral health. Shannon is a forming member of the Cumberland County Soldier Suicide Prevention Coalition and volunteers for numerous military and veteran organizations in hopes to raise soldier mental health and suicide awareness. She is currently employed as a therapist at a local private practice and facilitates individual, couples, and family therapy sessions.

Shannon proudly held the titles of Miss New Jersey America's Touch of Class 2002, Miss Cumberland County 2003, and Miss Vineland 2004. She was honored to represent Cumberland County and the City of Vineland while competing for the Miss America Organization during the Miss New Jersey pageant(s) in 2003 and 2004.

In her spare time, Shannon loves to travel, read, and spend time with her family and friends. She is the proud mother to her 9 year old daughter, Kamila, who keeps her busy and on her toes. Shannon resides in Cumberland County with her partner Ryan and their two children.



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# MEET YOUR JUDGES CHAIRS



## Alyssa Robbins

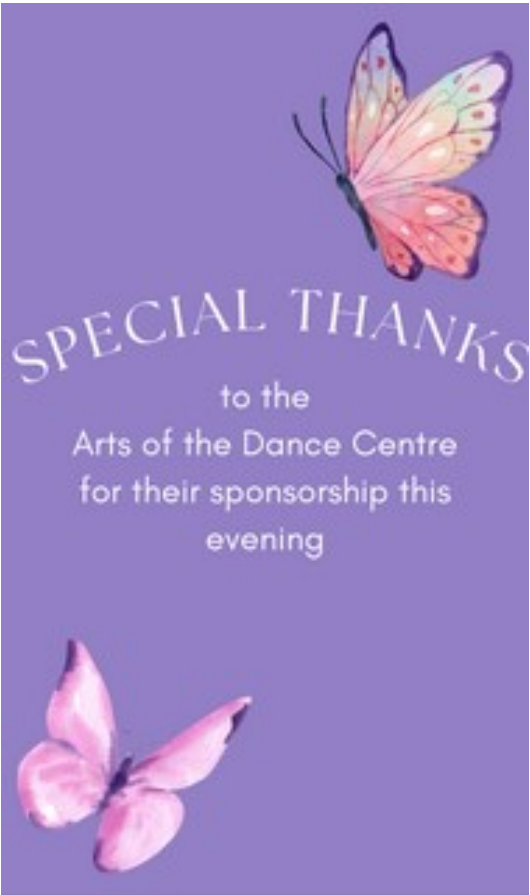
Alyssa Robbins is a Rowan University graduate who is now working as an environmental consultant. She has a passion for environmental causes and is an advocate for protecting the wetlands. In her free time she loves to garden, go for runs and annoy her pets. She is a proud parent of 2 ferrets, 3 cats and 15 houseplants.

## Rylee Howerton

Rylee Howerton is no stranger to pageants. At just 6 years old she won her state title of USA Ambassador New Jersey Little Miss and through the next 12 years won multiple local, state, national and international titles and is the current reigning Miss Cumberland County 2024 for the Miss America Opportunity.



At 18 years old, dual enrolled as a senior at Our Lady of Mercy Academy and RCSJ, Rylee is a new admit to the College of New Jersey, enrolled in their dual major, dual degree, accelerated masters program for Deaf Education and Integrative STEM education, and has been recruited to TCNJ's Track & Field team.



You shine brighter than any star, Samantha Meyers and we couldn't be more proud! Love Mom, Dad, and Olivia





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# MEET YOUR AUDITOR

## Kim Cruz



Kim is a native of Vineland, New Jersey. She is a professional in IT, Human Resources and Marketing. Kim has worked in the financial industry for 38 years and is currently the Senior Vice President of IT & Administration at Franklin Bank.

As an advocate for leadership education, Kim has trained and mentored many young individuals throughout her career and takes great joy in seeing them develop into successful professionals. She and her husband Tom are celebrating 35 years of marriage. They are both extremely proud of their two children, Brandon and Olivia.

Kim is an active participant in both her work and home communities. She is a member of the CCTEC IT Advisory Committee and serves as the Treasurer of the Human Resources Association of South Jersey. Kim has been a proud ambassador for Project Thanksgiving and the Miss America Organization. The community work nearest and dearest to her heart is with her daughter Olivia's non-profit organization Love through Laces. Over the past 11 years, Love through Laces has been able to purchase new shoes for well over 1,000 children in need.

Kim is happy to be a part of the Miss Tri-City Pageant.



# Contestants

LAURYN  
COWLES #1



**TALENT: SOLO**  
Platform: Education

**FUTURE ASPIRATION:**  
Attorney  
Would like to attend: Harvard



# Contestants

ALEXANDRIA  
HARRIS #2



**TALENT: RECITING A POEM**

Platform: Mental Health Awareness

**FUTURE ASPIRATION:**

History Professor & Museum Curator

Would like to attend: NYU/Anthropology & History

# Contestants

**BRIELLE  
HAYES #3**



**FUTURE ASPIRATION:**

Attorney

Would like to attend: Rowan

**TALENT:PIANO**

Platform: Homelessness



# Contestants

LEXI  
ELTON #4



**TALENT: ASL**  
Platform: Passion Not Pressure

## **FUTURE ASPIRATION:**

Lawyer

Would like to attend: Oxford or Harvard





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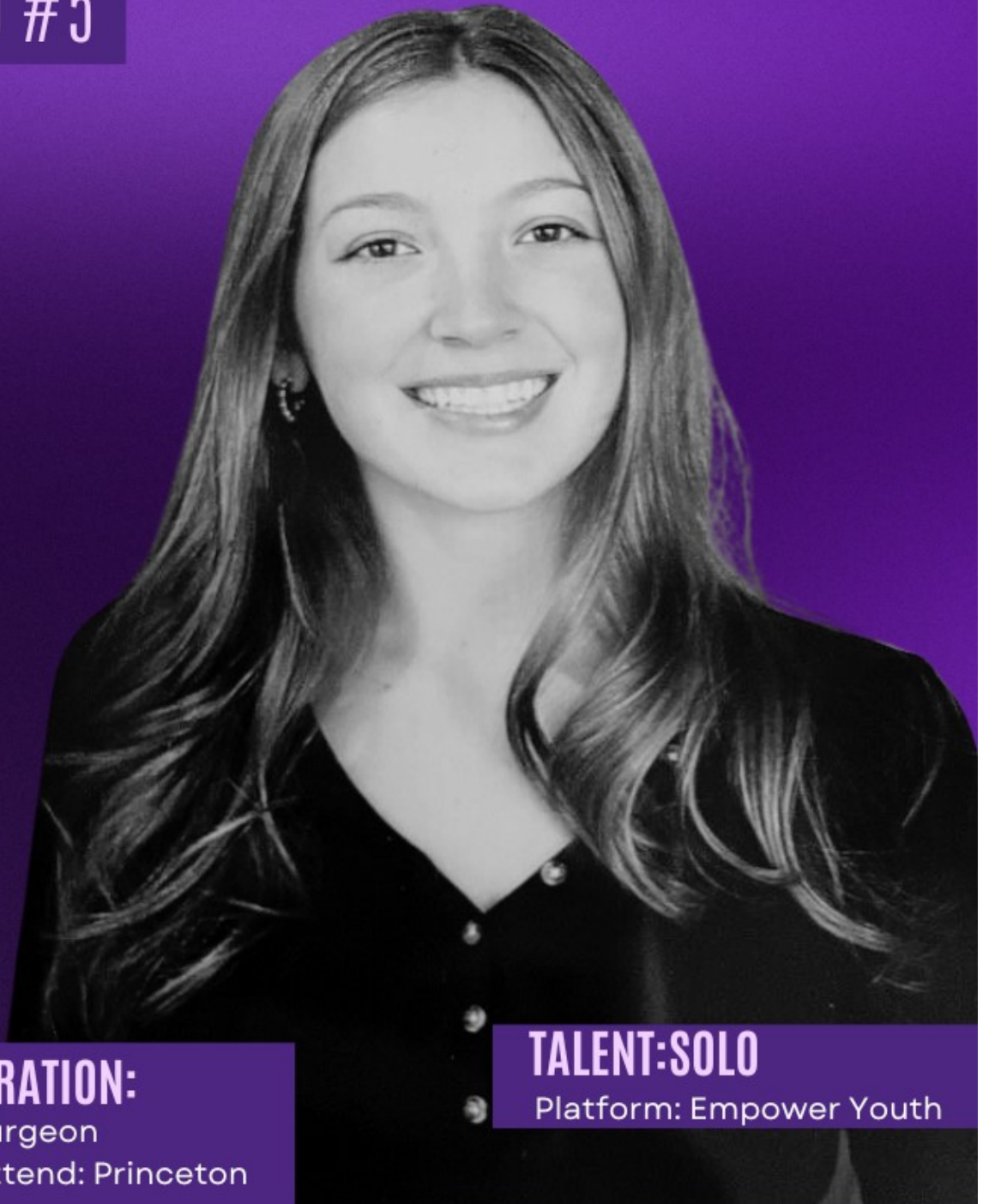
Vote for your favorite contestant!

The winner of People's Choice will receive a portion of the proceeds.  
Voting is in the lobby through intermission.  
After intermission, voting will be closed!

\*Cash Only\*

# Contestants

**ADRIANA  
VERRICO #5**



**FUTURE ASPIRATION:**  
Neurological Surgeon  
Would like to attend: Princeton

**TALENT:SOLO**  
Platform: Empower Youth



# Contestants

**MORGAN  
WILLIAMS #6**



## **FUTURE ASPIRATION:**

Dancer/Actress

Would like to attend: Univ. of Arts

## **TALENT:DANCE**

Platform: Project T.A.P

# Contestants

SAMANTHA  
MYERS #7



**TALENT:DANCE**

Platform: Say no to bullying

**FUTURE ASPIRATION:**

P-3 Teaching Degree

Would like to attend: A.C.C.C or RCSJ



PHOTOGRAPHY

# Miss Tri-City 23

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HAS NO  
LIMIT AND  
NEITHER  
DO YOU!

LOVE,  
DANIELLE,  
DARREN &  
BRYNNLEE  
RAY



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SOOOO  
PROUD OF  
EVERYTHING  
YOU DO!  
TONIGHT IS  
BITTERSWEET,  
BUT WE ARE  
VERY EXCITED  
TO SEE WHAT  
THIS NEXT  
YEAR HAS IN  
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# Adriana Elisabetta

Always share your beauty, grace,  
passion and ambition. We are  
always so proud of you!

Shine bright Nonnie!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Gia, Kali, and Jason





Sweet Adriana,  
We are so proud of you, spread  
your wings and soar!  
Love, Grandma and Grandma







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ON ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL PAGEANT!

KEEP CHASING YOUR DREAMS!

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**MORGAN  
WILLIAMS**

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Love you Mom, Major,  
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