



DDP NEWSLETTER

February 2023

WWW.MYDARLINGDIVA.NET

DARLINGDIVASPAGEANT@GMAIL.COM



What a way to begin our 2023 year! Our Darling Divas and Dashing Dons National Pageant with our "Rockin Around The Christmas Tree" theme was like Christmas all over again - Santa Claus even stopped by. Our new location in Fort Lee, NJ was an awesome setting to host beauties from all over the country. They represented the states of California, Connecticut, Georgia, Kansas,

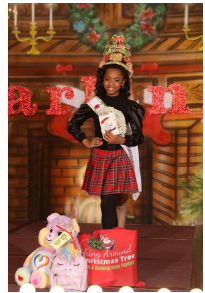
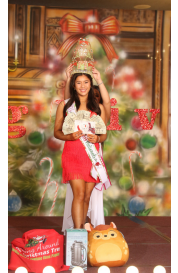
Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and our home state of New York. Competition was the fiercest we have seen as EVERYONE brought their 'A' game to our stage. Speaking of stage, Sean and the LBF team outdid themselves with our stage this year. It was a thing of Beauty.

In this issue of our newsletter we are pleased to share photos from our pageant. We will introduce you to Maya, our 2023 Elite Ultimate Grand Supreme. And more. We hope you enjoy.

We thank everyone who helped to make this pageant a success. We look forward to you joining us next year for 2024 Nationals as we present "Heroes VS Villians".

Ultimate Grand Supremes

- Maya* Elite Ultimate Grand Supreme
- Ari'anna* 0-8 Natural Ultimate Grand Supreme
- Kynlee* 0-8 Glitz Ultimate Grand Supreme
- Presley* 9+ Ultimate Grand Supreme
- Kalli* Novice Ultimate Grand Supreme
- Emighlee* Pro Ultimate Grand Supreme



Grand Supremes

- Avery* 0-4 Natural
- Keri* 0-4 Glitz
- Natalie* 5-8 Natural
- Melina* 5-8 Glitz
- Jessica* 9-12
- Katelin* 13-21
- Beatrice* Elegance
- Michael* Don

Mini Grand Supremes

- Penelope* 0-4 Natural
- Ralynn* 0-4 Glitz
- Liliana* 5-8 Natural
- Riley* 5-8 Glitz
- Blair* 9-12
- Leila Rose* 13-21
- Marta* Elegance
- Austin* Don



LEVEL GRAND SUPREMES

0-8 Natural Amateur Grand Supreme ARIYAH
9+ Amateur Grand Supreme JAEDEN

0-8 Natural Novice Grand Supreme DYANI
0-8 Glitz Novice Grand Supreme PINKY
9+ Novice Grand Supreme EMILLIANNA

0-8 Natural Pro Grand Supreme JOLENE
0-8 Glitz Pro Grand Supreme RAELYNNE
9+ Pro Grand Supreme LEIA LANI

OPTIONAL GRAND SUPREMES

0-8 Natural Beauty Grand Supreme GWYNETH
0-8 Glitz Beauty Grand Supreme SEELEY
9+ Beauty Grand Supreme KAYLEE

0-8 Natural Beauty/Model Grand Supreme STAR-MARIE
0-8 Glitz Beauty/Model Grand Supreme MELANIA
9+ Beauty/Model Grand Supreme ABIGAIL

0-8 Natural Beauty/Interview Grand Supreme NIA HOPE
0-8 Glitz Beauty/Interview Grand Supreme GIANNA
9+ Beauty/Interview Grand Supreme BRIANA

NATIONAL DIVISION SUPREMES

0-2 Natural Supreme NATALIE
0-2 Glitz Supreme PENELOPE
3-4 Glitz Supreme LUCY JEAN
5-6 Natural Supreme BRIELLE
7-8 Natural Supreme CHARLOTTE
9-10 Supreme GIA'RENEE
11-12 Supreme TORYN
13-15 Supreme JANEYAH
16-18 Supreme KAILEEN
19-21 Supreme ARIANNA
22-30 Supreme HANNAH
31-39 Supreme LYNDONNA
0-5 Boys Supreme BENTLEY
6-10 Boys Supreme ARMANDO
11+ Boys Supreme LJ

NATIONAL QUEENS/KINGS

0-2 Natural LOGAN
0-2 Glitz NIOMI
3-4 Glitz KALI
5-6 Natural MADISON
9-10 DALLAS
13-15 ISABELLA
16-18 JADASKYY
19-21 ELISE
0-5 Boys EZEKIEL

NATIONAL BEAUTY/HANDSOME

0-2 Natural TEAGAN
9-10 JE'NAI
13-15 KERINGTON
16-18 ALIYANA
0-5 Boys BENJAMIN & JACE

NATIONAL DIVA QUEENS

9-10	13-15	16-18
CHARLOTTE	JADE	LAURA
CREEYAH	LONDON	
KYLA	NAVAEH	
SOPHIA		
ZOE		

SPOTLIGHT on *Maya*

2023 ELITE ULTIMATE GRAND SUPREME

Saying hey from the California Bay, I'm Maya Young your 2023 Elite Ultimate Grand Supreme! I was so excited to fly cross country to compete in New Jersey for Darling Divas and Dashing Dons and make more pageant memories. I've heard great things about this pageant and was encouraged by my friends who won top titles last year to compete in this system for the first time, and I'm glad I did! I was able to see so many familiar faces, hang out with my teammates, practice, and talk to new people. Ms. Cheryl, Keyana, and all of the staff were so friendly the whole weekend so that eased my stress to become more relaxed and give it my all. I was completing quizzes and classwork during the competition for my college course, so I was relieved I got to take a break to do what I love. My favorite part of competition was the Living Doll category because I had an old routine that went perfectly with the Barbie my mom found for me! So to end the competition with that while being the last contestant to hit the stage really was special, especially with so many friends and people cheering me on and enjoying one of my favorite routines. The after-party was fun as well! Definitely a good way to wrap up competition.

Heading into crowning was nerve-wracking, but the gifts given to all the contestants really took our minds off of it! I was so appreciative of the many gifts I received, my favorite being a set of face masks for skin care and a Star Wars bath bag with a Darth Vader loofa—my nerd heart really geeked out over this. The face masks were perfect since they let my skin recover from after competition and work at Ulta. Besides the gifts, I love the Director's Chair I won the most. I wanted to win one as a kid from other past systems, so I worked hard to achieve that goal. It's the pageants specialty and it motivated me to do my best.

So congratulations to every single contestant and thanks so much to the Diva's team! I can't wait to see what the year brings us and post to keep everyone updated!! look forward to the year as your Elite Ultimate Grand Supreme, Love Maya!





Our Amazing

*2022
National Royalty*

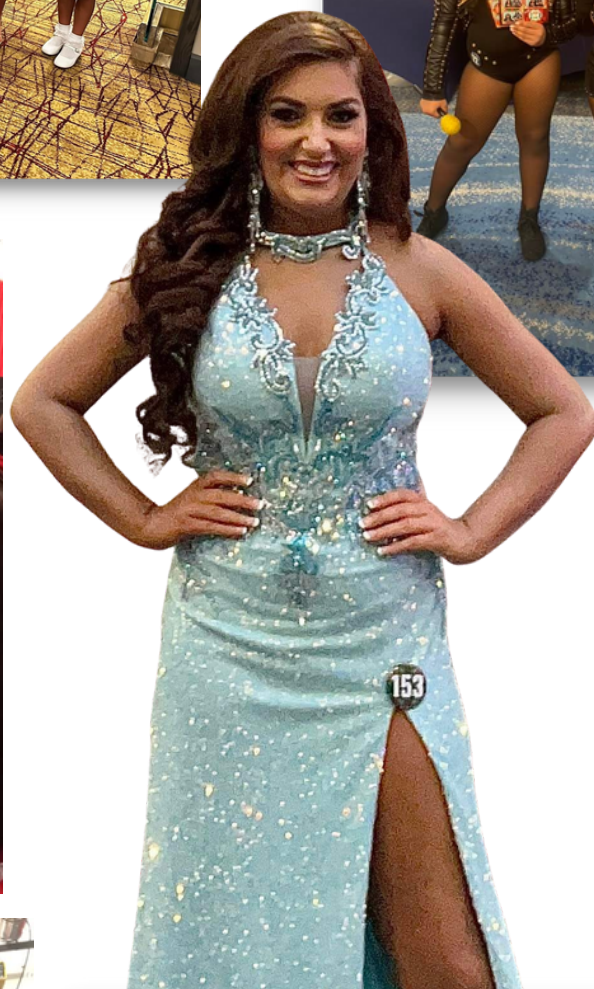


*We thank you all for joining us for pageant weekend.
We are honored and proud to have you as DDP Royalty.*



Casey Our 2023
Diva For Life

a few pics from **PAGEANT WEEKEND**





Liliana with Santa

PARTY TIME



Our contestants were so happy to get their photo ornaments from our trees.



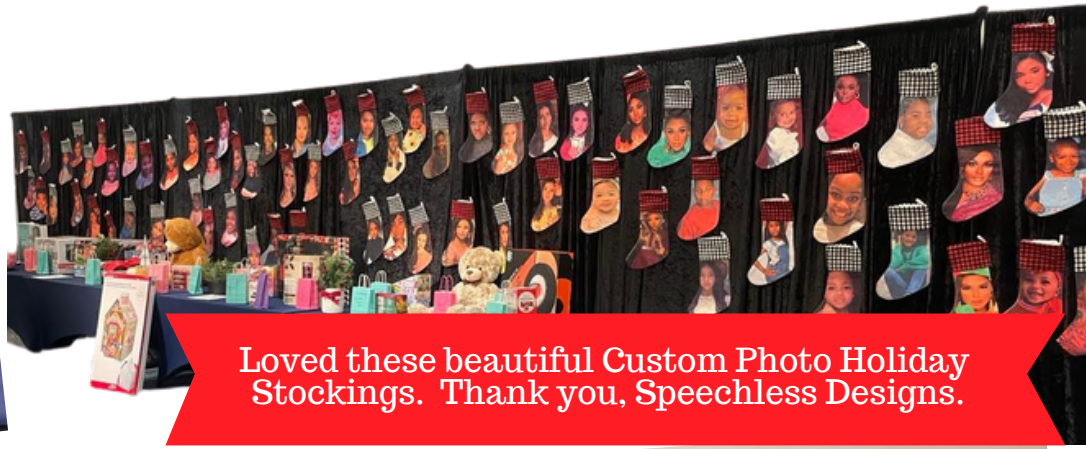
Our contestants enjoying the party in their comfy Custom PJ's







Vendor Appreciation gifts.



Loved these beautiful Custom Photo Holiday Stockings. Thank you, Speechless Designs.



Love these sewing kits. Great for your pageant bags.

Custom Photo "Diva" Tags for our Cover winners and runners-up.



Custom mugs with chocolate bombs. What a great treat.



Katelin

Rocking her Custom Darling Divas computer bag at college.



Benjamin showing off his gifts.

THE WAVE, ROCKAWAY BEACH, NY, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2023 - Page 6

Arverne "Diva" Shines In National Contest

By Brienne Kenlock
 Arverne resident Kalli Ford recently won the 2023 Darling Divas & Dashing Dons National Pageant in Fort Lee, New Jersey. The pageant is annually hosted by Darling Divas Productions for girls and boys of all ages and inspires them to participate in their communities. This year, Kalli Ford won the title of Ultimate Novice Grand Supreme. "Winning the Pageant felt nice because I received prizes and gifts and was able to spend time with my family while in Fort Lee, NJ," said Kalli.



Kalli Ford



The trophy!



Kalli was inspired to enter pageantry through Myasia Smith, who was also a mom of a summer camp classmate.

"Smith approached me with the idea and I was thrilled with the possibility. Her coach worked with her and trained her. Kalli picked up on the lessons quickly and was described as 'natural' by her coach and judges," said mother Cassy Thime.

Kalli has been doing pageants since Oct. 1, 2022, winning her first Pageant as "petite queen" in the Darling Diva preliminary Pageant for beginners in Elmont, NY. She is an Arverne resident, alongside her Pageant coach (Myasia Smith) and her Pageant teammates (Beach 50s). Several others on her team live in Far Rockaway (Beach 20/30s).

Kalli has a passion for performing, particularly dancing and gymnastics. Kalli hopes to work towards acting and singing as well. For now,

she is focusing on doing school performances and competitions.

Her inspiration was her friend Gia Smith, who has been in pageants since she was a baby.

"Once Kalli did well in her first Pageant, on Oct 1, it was the logical next step to enter the National Pageant", said Thime.

There were custom crowns, sashes and prizes for all contestants. Kalli Ford won Ultimate Novice Grand Supreme and \$500 in cash.

Gia/Renee Smith won Division Su-



Kalli Diva in the news



Kynlee

We asked Kynlee if she liked competing at Darling Divas. She said, "I loved the pageant so much! Best pageant I went to. I loved my pajamas and the Photo Booth"
 ~Kynlee Heiman

Brielle

Brielle was very excited for her first pageant experience. She loved all of the gifts she received with her picture and name on it. She said "My first pageant was fun and I felt brave."





DARLING DIVAS & DASHING DONS
2024 NATIONAL PAGEANT



date of date

January 19-21
FORT LEE, NJ

In honor of Superhero Day (April 28) and Villain Day (April 29), we will offer a Pre-Paperwork "SUPER SPECIAL - EARLY REGISTRATION".

This SPECIAL will run for only a few days and will be available to the first 15 contestants to register with FULL payment.

HEROES VS. VILLAINS

PAPERWORK COMING SOON

WWW.DARLINGDIVA.NET
DARLINGDIVASPAGEANT@GMAIL.COM

You don't want to miss this. So be on the lookout for our post with all the details.

In Closing

We are always happy to welcome new contestants and welcome-back those who continue to support us. We are grateful and thankful to the families who choose to grow with us.

We hope you enjoyed our newsletter.

Please visit us on our website at www.mydarlingdiva.net. Check out our past Newsletters, past pageant results, Divas & Dons in Action, DDP through the years and more.

We look forward to seeing you at our 2024 Nationals as we present "Heroes VS Villains"

Let's see

"who will sit in the chair next"

WITH OUR 2022 NATIONAL ROYALTY



CHERYL WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR

WWW.MYDARLINGDIVA.NET / DARLINGDIVASPAGEANT@GMAIL.COM