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YAKISOBA AND FORMERS

The First of Many!

Standing on that stage, with the formers, the current Miss Gay America, the current Miss Gay America Femme, my competitors who I consider all sisters, and my soon to be promoters, my mind was racing at 100 miles an hour. The moment was coming, the moment was happening, the crown was placed on my head.

All the time, preparation, training, stressing, all came together for that very moment when I was crowned Miss Gay Oklahoma America, specifically, the very first Asian American Miss Gay Oklahoma America that MGOA has crowned in 47 years. When I first came to Oklahoma, I did not find my footing for the longest time, Oklahoma was such an interesting place, pageants here pageants there, we did not have pageants in California so learning the process of attending and competing was a stiff hill to climb. It was not until I made my first step into the ring of pageantry, Miss Oklahoma Comedy Queen, that I truly began to realize my love for the competition.

I competed against four girls that year and was crowned by one of my biggest sisters, Patricia Bouret (or Patty Bourey for all her fans). Comedy Queen is truly one of the pageant systems that I owe my heart and my soul to because it showed me how I want pageantry and pageantry systems to be run. Personal Interview (where they did not care how you dressed), Creative Evening Gown, talent, and 60 Second Spokesperson (just like On Stage Question); it reflected the America System but allowed the opportunity for fun and a true breakdown of categories without being so stiff and by the book.

In applying that experience and the experience that I had last year as being first alternate to Miss Tracy La Louisianne, my Miss Gay Oklahoma America 2024 sister, I came into this preliminary season with calmness, preparedness, and pushing myself while also having fun! I invested FAR more time in my gown (modeling and stoning), in my talent, interview than I ever have in any of pageants, state and/or national, because this was my goal this year. I rehearsed over a month with my dancers to ensure that we have adequate dancing and practice for that big stage, put over 3 bags of stones on that dress, and spent hours talking to so many people including the amazing Dextaci for my interview.

All of that training, time, effort, and sleepless nights led to the moment where they crowned me as Miss Gay Oklahoma America 2025, winning Evening Gown, Talent, and On-Stage question, given to me by my Gigi Londenn Davenport Raine, my Femme. I was also given the great opportunity, the day after, to take my promos with The Circle and get my promo out officially that Monday, crown my Fifi (femme Gigi) Londeen Davenport Raine, the first ever Miss America Femme contestant to have previously been a Miss Gay America contestant, have my first ever booking as Miss Gay Oklahoma America at the Supreme in Tulsa, go to Little Rock Arkansas on Saturday to attend the final night of Miss Gay Arkansas to see the step down of a loving sister, Coppa LeMay, and the crowning of a new State Sister, Melanie Masters, Miss Gay Arkansas America. Being able to do all of these within a week is also thanks to my wonderful promoters Paul and Adrienne, who support my overly ambitious goals for this system!

This upcoming October, you can catch me at:

- October 5th : Rev Fest, October 5th , with my good sister Busty Springfield
- October 11th : Oh Yall Wanted an Asian Host
- October 12th : Judging Mr. and Miss Oklahoma Bold and Beautiful
- October 26th : Hosting Latin Pride Benefit show

And more to come!

Thank you all already for the support of my reign and continuous support!! Being able to represent my multitudes of communities means the world to me and being able to showcase my art, my identity and my love is just the icing on the cake!

**YAKISOBA ZAY MICHAELS
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Highlights of Miss Gay Oklahoma America



Yaki 1st Day of Work



Yaki with Jacquelyn and Dextaci



Yaki w/ Coppia and Ivy



Miss Gay Oklahoma America with Miss Gay Oklahoma America Femme



My work celebrating my crown!



Yaki with Miss Gay Arkansas America Melanie Masters



Yaki with Jacquelyn DeVaroe



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Free Mom Hugs empowers the world to celebrate the LGBTQIA+ community through visibility, education, and conversation.

Chapters in all 50 states plus one in Japan and Australia

OKC State Leader: Kelly Kaniewski,
OKC Regional Leader: Shelley Crowder

We meet every 3rd Tuesday at Indigo Lounge

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Oklahoma - Central Area

Private Group. (You MUST answer questions to join) Reach out to leaders &/or FB page in messenger for any questions We look forward to hugging with you!



Thank you for reading!



In Memoriam : Norman Jones/Norma Kristie

The Miss Gay Oklahoma America organization sends our deepest condolences to those closest to Norman Jones/Norma Kristie and all of those he has touched with his rich legacy. As a community, we would not be what we are without such an amazing pioneer.

The vision of EXCELLENCE will live on for years!

A legend gone but never forgotten
