

# Merry Christmas

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



GUS LIFE

December 2021



# Happy Holidays

**Wishing everyone a safe and prosperous Holiday Season filled  
with love and peace**

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# FRESH OFF THE FARM

*From the Office of JP Gulla*

Hello and Seasons Greetings to You and Yours. A lot has been going on with our system here recently.

Last month we had a wonderful Mr. and Miss Gay United States Competition with over 35 contestants from all over the United States. These contestants poured their hearts souls and spirits out on stage what an incredible competition filled with camaraderie, amazing talent and pageantry.

I want to congratulate Jackson and Sabrina on a fabulous reign. Being symbols of excellence for a large pageantry system -especially during a national pandemic- is not easy. They filled those roles with grace and dedication and their hard work definitely showed off.

Congratulations to our newest national title holders Anastarzia Anaquay and Solo Jackson you are wonderful additions to our National Court and we welcome you with open arms. Looking forward to a wonderful year together.

To our current reigning title holders, I commend you on a job well done your sacrifices and dedication to the system never go unnoticed and I am so proud of everyone of you and your hard work. Keep being amazing and United!

In October it was with excitement that we announced our Nonprofit Gay United States Foundation which will include a H.O.O.P. Fund (Helping Our Own People Fund) and Scholarship Program. We are working on a website that will be launched very soon that will explain how you can get involved and what the parameters of those programs entail.

Moving forward The Gay United States Pageantry System LLC Board of Directors has decided to split Mr. and Miss at Large from the M.I., Femme Fatale and ICON competitions.

Therefore we will hold Mr. and Miss At Large in May 2022 and in November 2022 we will hold M.I., Femme Fatale and Miss ICON. This will then in turn allow us to hold Mr. and Miss in spring 2023.

I want to take this time to thank all of our family members particularly our state and regional title holders and contestants and our Promoters who are the backbone of our system. Thank you for your hard work dedication and belief in a system that truly unites us. May you all have a blessed Holiday Season and the most Happiest of New Year's.

-JP Gulla



# *Keeping it Real with Solo Jackson*

Where do I began? It's been a little over a month since I've become Mr. Gay United States '21 and I am honored from all of the Love and Support I've been receiving from everyone.

I have been sticking to my 30, 60, 90 day plan since winning the Mr. Gay United States title. In 30 days I plan on building building my social media presence, represent GUS in a classy manner, advocate for causes, bring awareness to my community and inspire others to take a step out on faith and achieve their goals.

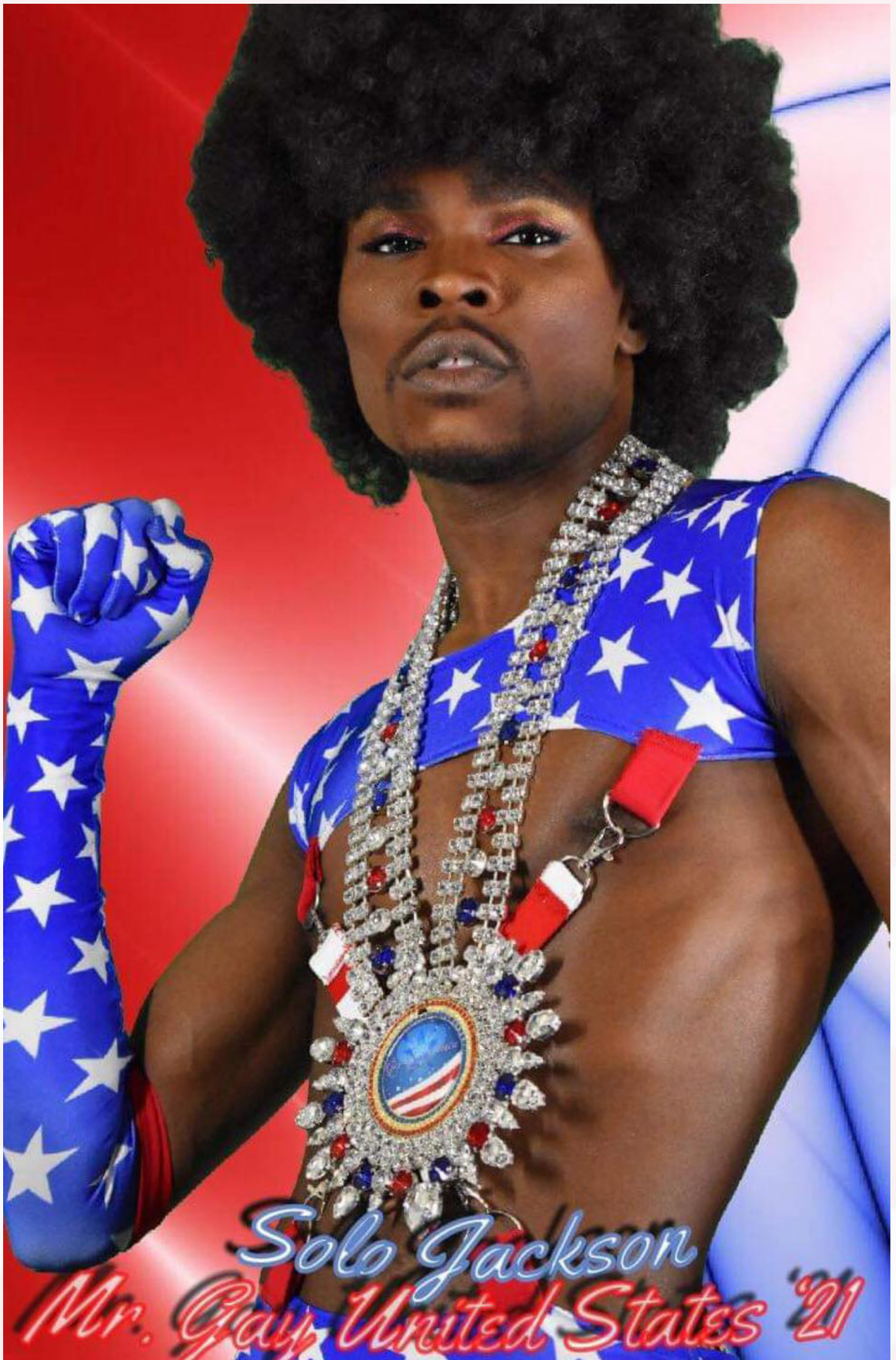
I consider myself to be a perfectionist and over achiever! Most of my 30 day plan has already been accomplished within 2 weeks of reigning. Which allows me to do even more for my community before I move on to my 60 day plan.

In all this opportunity has been a blessing and I am honored to be apart of the GUS family. Everyone on the court and formers are very involved and always there when I need help and or guidance. Their the true definition of unity and family.

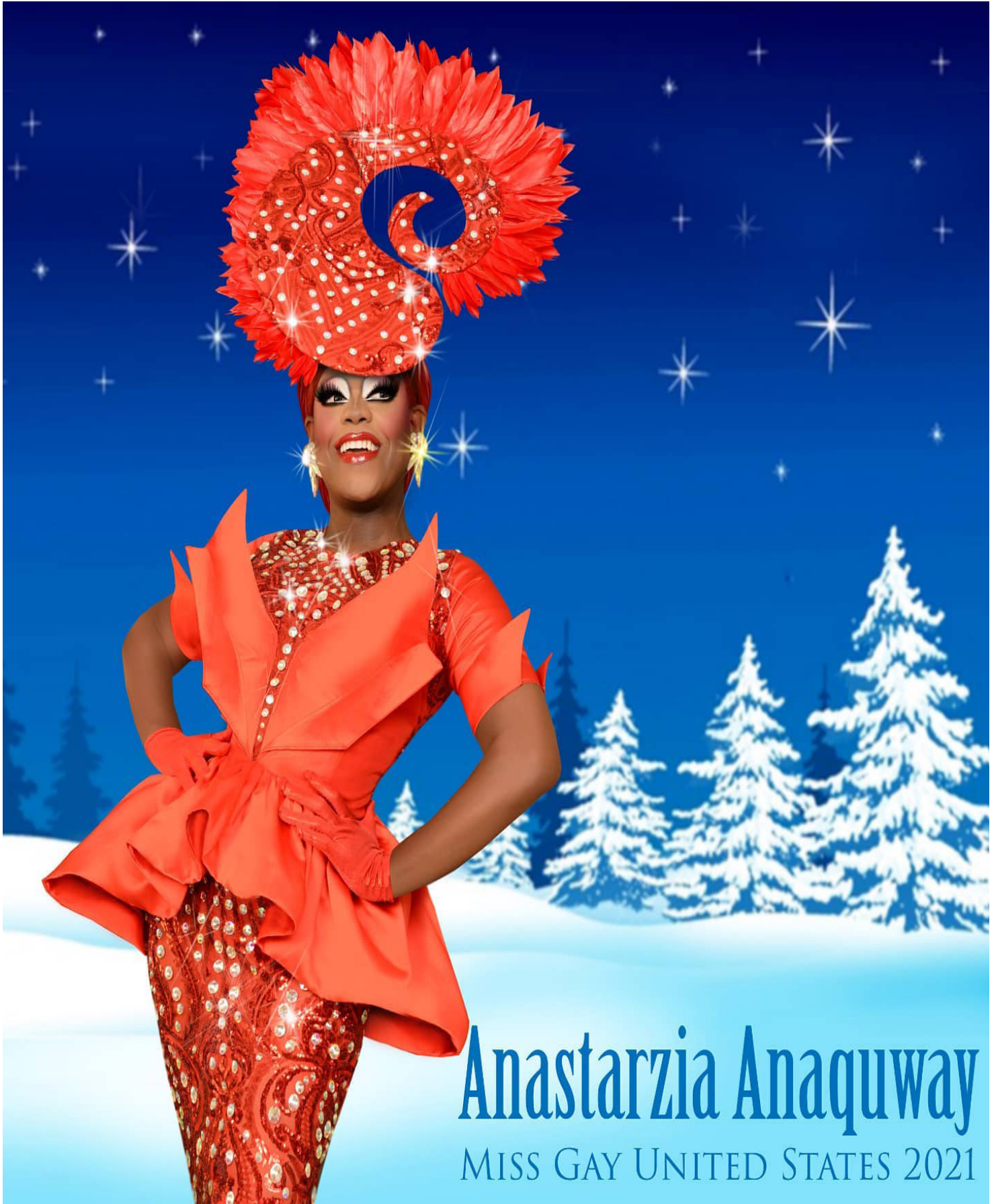
This is only the beginning of my journey. Please stay tuned as I break barriers and elevate myself to the level of excellence .

Happy holidays to everyone !!!

Signed: Mr. Gay United States 2021



*Solo Jackson*  
*Mr. Gay United States '21*



Anastarzia Anaquway  
MISS GAY UNITED STATES 2021



# *Living Fashionable with Starzy*

The Start to a Star studded reign.

The night of November 21st, 2021, twenty-one amazing queens trickled into The Park Dance Club with hopes of being the next Miss Gay United States. As the night progressed, we took turns displaying the unique styles, talents and personas that got us to that point. After several hours of competing, the time came to induct a new member into the GUS Family. I remember standing hand in hand and embracing London LeStrange with great anticipation in both of our eyes. London was announced as the 1st alternate and I, Miss Gay United States.

From the moment I won, there was a sense of vulnerability that was accompanied by a feeling of accomplishment, acceptance, validation, appreciation, but above all else, there was a feeling that I was amongst family. Over the last two weeks this was proven as contestants, formers, promoters and supporters of GUS embraced me as though we've been family from the beginning of time. This is a bond I appreciate and I am certainly looking forward to the maturity of thus said bond.

Now that the dust is beginning to settle, it's time to get to work. It's time to pull out the note book of ideas and innovate plans to get GUS to the next level. It's time for visibility. It's time for promotion and marketing. It's time to be National, it's time to be United and it's time to do it all by infusing all things "Starzy" into the next 18 months. I am truly grateful for this experience, but I am even more excited for what this reign will hold. I enthusiastically look forward to meeting those I haven't, becoming better acquainted with those I have met and fostering a working relationship with all of you! See yall soon!

Lots Of Love,  
Your Miss Gay United States 2021  
Starzy

# A Few Notes from Taylor Rene Simone

Greetings!

My Reign is well underway, and it has truly been incredible so far!! I have my first Prelim under my belt, and I have to say Prelim life is the best life!! It was an honor to meet so many eager Femmes, and Huge Congratulations to The Lady Judy on her win, and Nala Jade on her 1st Alternate Placement! I can't wait to see you at Nationals!

We currently have a little less than a year to plan, prepare, and select a prelim!!! How can I help you be successful, and what are your goals? I want to personally take a stance in the life and minds of any interested Femme to help you plan and prepare! I hope to motivate and inspire the masses to take advantage of what is honestly an opportunity of a lifetime to Reign for The Gay United States Pageantry System! Calling ALL Femme Fatale's!!! STAND UP with me, and let's get you focused to Reign Supreme!

I am also working hard to secure as many prelims as possible! We currently have NY, AZ, CA, NC, Route 66, WV, VA, West Coast, and a few others in the works! Please stay tuned to The GUS website for the master calendar of prelim dates!! We know that there are many AFAB artists that are qualified and capable to join the GUS Family, so if you need anything or have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me!!

I hope to see YOU, in 2022!!!

#GUSLife #PeaceandLoveReign #Whoiscomingforthecrown

Love,  
Taylor René Simone  
Miss Gay United States Femme Fatale

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*Bionka Simone*

MISS GAY UNITED STATES ICON 2021

# *From the Desk of the Icon*

The best part of the season is remembering those who make the holidays 'meaningful. We wish you all the love and happiness this season can bring, and may it follow you throughout the coming new year.

To all our Gay United States family, promoters, formers. Barb & Kathy, board of directors, division coordinators, contestants, The Park, or just friends.-2021 has taught us it is important to cherish your loved ones and stop taking time for granted.

January will bring in a New Year, a new beginning, a fresh start.

I'd like to welcome our new King and Queen Solo & Anastarzia I know the 'system is not ready for what you two have in store for us!

Happy Holidays

Bionka Simone



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# *Reigning with Raine*

Wow! Let's call this this edition of my GUS Life the catchup LOL!

Well, it's been several months since my last installment and so much has occurred on my journey as the at Large queen. Let's start with going back to September where we attended Continental weekend where we got to witness all 4 divisions take place and 4 dreams come true. It was an AMAZING weekend full of lots of love, reunion, pageantry, and talent.

Congrats to Yasmein Campbell Star, Brittney Taylor, Prince Tavi and Juliana Rivera.

After Chicago Justyn and I promoted 4 contests ourselves, on the 19th we held our annual Oklahoma Bold and Beautiful contests here in Tulsa. We had an amazing turn out of 12 contestants, and the Congrats goes to Keaton and Liza.

2 weeks after that contest in October we held a preliminary for GUS at Large where we appointed O'dey Davenport Brooks as Mr. Gay Oklahoma GUS at Large and holding the contest of Miss where congrats go to Miss Gay Oklahoma GUS at Large Kiana Davenport Jade and alternate Sara Dela Hoya. Also, on the night we gained two new promoters as well as contestants for GUS in Nov 2021 with crowning of Ambrose Angoria and Adrienne Fischer as the new Oklahoma GUS representatives. We finally brought GUS to Oklahoma  
I'm so proud!

The rest of October was spent making appearances in many cities such as Wichita Falls Texas, Dallas, McAlester, Wichita Kansas, Eureka Springs Arkansas and performing Magenta in our rendition of Rocky Horror here in Tulsa. October is always a busy month for us entertainers but always an honor to do what we love.

Now on to November where we had our third preliminary on the GUS at Large train in Canton, Ohio where my king Big Fee held a 3-division contest yielding 7 contestants to represent what I like to call the other O state lol. Big Congratulations to all winners and special shout out to the new Miss Ohio GUS at Large Nichelle Kartier.



2 weeks after Ohio we held another GUS preliminaries in Tulsa MI and Femme Fatale divisions bringing Oklahoma to now having 6 divisions out of 7, we hold nationally. Had an amazing turn out of 8 contestants with winning placement going to Scrappy Legacy the new Mister Gay Oklahoma GUS Mi and alternate Shire Paige as well as Miss Gay Oklahoma GUS FF Lady Judy and alternate Nala Jade.

After the prelim 2 days and I was off to Roanoke Virginia for national GUS week to celebrate Sabrina White and Jackson Nite. It was amazing to see 35 individuals from all over the UNITED STATES and beyond coming together to BE UNITED! It also marked my exact 6-month mark of my reign, so it was all full circle for me as I was in that line last year trying to make my mark of becoming UNITED. It was great to see camaraderie that each of the contestants shared with each other as they tried to capture their dreams and personal competition goals.

Congrats to our new parts of the class of FOREVER 21 from Toledo, Ohio Solo Jackson the new Mr. Gay United States and from way north our first international contestant and queen Anastarzia “Starzy” Anaquway Miss Gay United States from Canada.

As we head into the holidays, I hope you all get to spend them with the ones that you love and those that choose to love you. Remember to tell people you love them as it could be the last time you see them.

And as always, I’m spreading LOVE all year!

Miss Gay United States at Large

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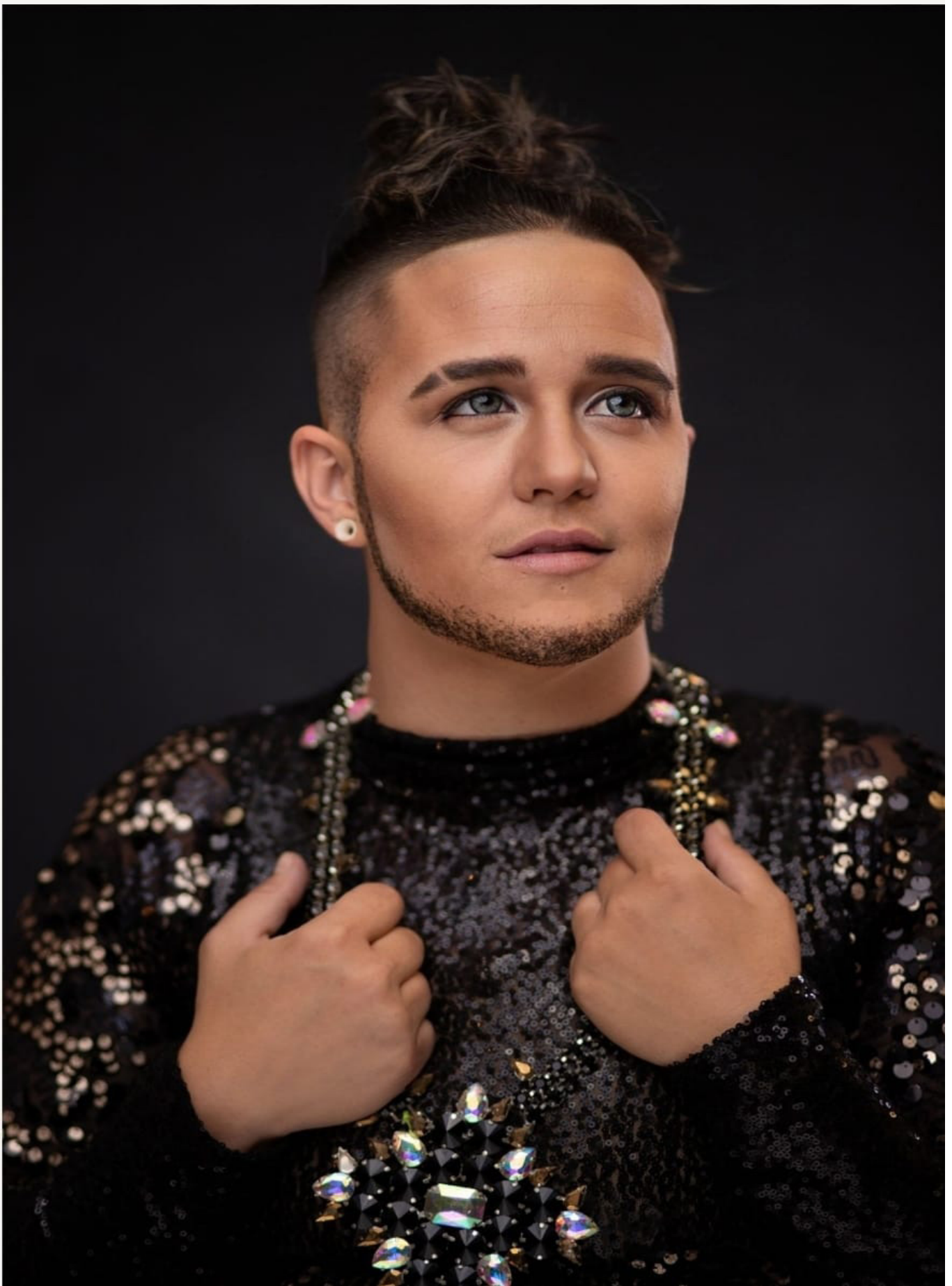
\*\*\*\*Upcoming at Large Preliminary Dates\*\*\*\*

Cosmopolitan GUS at Large Dec 17,21

Nebraska GUS at Large Feb 13,21

West Coast GUS at Large Feb 27,21

Mid-Atlantic GUS at Large March 6,21



# Fun with Austen Lee

This past month has been extremely busy. With every great honor comes great responsibilities. So off to my first prelim in Akron Ohio where Big Fee, the promoter for Gay Ohio United States guided me through how to run a prelim as he showed me all sides of things, and treated me like a KING!! It was so amazing to have my first prelim in my home state. I acquired four wonderful contestants to represent the state of Ohio, Puck Erup became Mister Ohio Gay United States MI 2021. First alternate is Fyre Strm. Second alternate is Vintage Blue. Third alternate is Jay Daniels. All four boys are qualified and headed to Nationals!!!

Later that week, I flew out to Oklahoma where I had several bookings throughout the state and then Oklahoma prelim and this time i got to share it with my beautiful queen Taylor . I had five amazing contestants! Your Oklahoma Gay United States MI is Scrappy Legacy and first alternate is Shire Paige; both are headed to Nationals. And

P.S. I'm working diligently to get the other contestants to another preliminary that will take place in Oklahoma later next year. Oklahoma was an incredible time. Best of all, Taylor Rene and I flew back to my hometown of Dayton, Ohio. We ate and drank, had some bonding time, she even got to meet my incredibly supportive Mother and my Son Jackson!!! Then the next morning off to Nationals we went. I got to meet all the contestants by being back stage coordinator. And what an honor that was to be amongst the contestants and the comraderie. It was such a beautiful thing to be a part of!! During my downtime, I got to have some great conversations with some of the

promoters and meet some new ones.

I have alot of prelims in the works just awaiting dates to solidify things. I promise to keep everyone updated on things as the dates start to roll in!!! Christian Gaye will be promoting New York MI and Femme and that will be held on April 16th message either one of us with any questions or for a packet!!!

This year will be epic so stay tuned for more information!!!!

Happiest of Holidays to you all!!!

With much Love!!

Mister Gay United States MI 2021

Austen Lee

## Seasons greetings Mr Gay United States at Large

Topic of discussion is holiday depression .

It affects so many people for different reasons . My personal experience is my parents took the holidays so seriously growing up and in my adulthood. Sadly my mom passed in 2012 and then my dad passed in 2013- which caused me to spiral down a year of depression which included much needed grieving counseling.

I shunned the world and took a year long leave from my job. I stayed home alone to self destruct in pain from my double loss . My parents were my best friends and the world greatest parents . Then suddenly they were gone. Even after this long time I still suffer seasonal holiday sadness. Today I'm much better and stronger now but I miss the holiday events my parents would do for me.

I know now that God does things for a reason but my heart still aches to see them again and have fun like old times. This is why I stop and listen out when I hear someone not happy during the holidays. We all have reason for being sad but I try and uplift those that feel emptiness and sadness. Try and stop and observe folks mental health and moods. I never judge anyone because we all have our treason and demons

This holiday season- try and reach out and uplift people during the holidays . I pray that we all reach our inner peace and be grateful, be blessed by gods grace. Please cherish each other Bc we never know when our time is up

This is Felix "Big Fee" Correa sharing my personal story and hope this finds people that can relate to my story

Be blessed and love each other  
Be United



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Mr. Gay United States At Large



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