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**Miss America's Outstanding Teen 2019 Competiton**  
**July 21-28, 2018**  
**Rosen Centre Hotel**  
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# Miss District of Columbia's OUTSTANDING TEEN

*Brooke  
Miller*

**MAOTeenDC 2017**

Bertie Backus Auditorium  
Community College of the  
University of the District of Columbia  
5171 South Dakota Ave. NE  
Washington, DC

Friday, April 13, 2018 | 7PM

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## The Miss District of Columbia's Outstanding Teen Organization

The mission of the Miss District of Columbia's Outstanding Teen Organization is to cultivate and encourage excellence in today's young women.

Founded in 2005, Miss America's Outstanding Teen, Inc. has become one of the top scholarship providers for teen girls in the United States! All of our participants, on the local, state, and national levels, have been the recipients of valuable scholarship assistance upon graduation from high school. In just a few short years, we have made available almost \$4,000,000 in cash and in-kind scholarships. We believe that education is key to a person's success and we are proud to be able to assist so many outstanding teens with their college expenses.

Miss America's Outstanding Teen, Inc. has been organized to encourage positive achievement by helping to nurture and build the scholastic achievement, creative accomplishment, healthy living, and community involvement of our nation's youth.

The Miss America's Outstanding Teen Organization has also established community-based initiatives and mentoring programs aimed at helping our nation's youth build character and gain the skills necessary for success in the real world. In partnership with committed adult volunteers, community and business leaders, as well as participants from the national competition, the Organization continues to implement programs aimed at helping young people develop strong values, leadership skills, social conscience, self-worth and conviction about their own potential.

The Organization's mentoring and community-base initiatives are available to all young people (male and female) between the ages of 13 and 17. The Miss America's Outstanding Teen Organization has been awarding scholarships to individuals on the basis of academic merit and civic and social achievement.



## MISS DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA'S OUTSTANDING TEEN 2018

### Program Order

National Anthem ..... Brooke Miller, MDCOTeen 2017  
 Opening Number ..... Miss DCOTeen 2017 & Contestants  
 Introduction of Mistress of Ceremonies  
 Introduction of Judges  
 Introduction of Auditors  
 Lifestyle & Fitness Competition  
 Performance ..... Brooke Miller, MDCOTeen 2017  
 Talent Competition

#### INTERMISSION

Evening Wear & Onstage Question  
 Performance ..... Briana Kinsey, Miss DC 2017  
 Remarks, Executive Director ... Crystal L. Bailey  
 Final Walk ..... Brooke Miller, MDCOTeen 2017  
 Awards and Crowning







## A Farewell from *Brooke Miller*



Where to start with this amazing, unforgettable and blessed year? Having the honor of being Miss District of Columbia Outstanding Teen opened doors to many opportunities I could never imagine such as singing the National Anthem in RFK Stadium for a DC United game, lending support to the GI Film Festival and competing with 52 talented & smart young women on a national stage. As a spokesperson for Miss District of Columbia's Outstanding Teen, another door the crown opened was to the DC City Council where I was able to spotlight my platform of promoting youth literacy. I carried this message by being involved in local events such as the National Spelling Bee, the National Book Festival, programs through the DC Public Library and other public service forums. These experiences hopefully inspired other teens to seek opportunities for scholarship and growth.

There are so many people to thank for this journey. To the Miss District of Columbia Organization, with a special shout-out to Jen for her personal touches on style and talent, I am grateful for their support and generosity towards helping provide wardrobe and travel expenses. To my big sis, Bri, your dedication to the spirit of self-improvement is inspirational. To our Outstanding Teen Director, Miss Crystal Bailey, for her leadership and efforts in producing a stellar pageant, as we have this evening, for my Send-off festivities, for the long hours of coordinating with the national organization along with traveling to the pageant in Orlando. To Ms. Tonya Thomas, consider me deeply in your debt, you were more than a second mom in this journey, besides being graphics artist extraordinaire, photographer (even arranged photo shoots inside the Library of Congress), you were both wardrobe consultant personal shopper, and overall, very special friend who was always ready to lend a hand to countless activities. To Mr. John my trainer, Ms. Jennifer for your time and styling for MAOT, Signature Gowns, TriStar Litho, Corps d'Elite, BodyBronze and Moshe Zusman, thank you for your generous sponsorship. Lastly, I would like to thank my family for their endless encouragement. I am absolutely grateful to my cousin Olivia and my Aunt Sheila – their mentoring and guidance, as well as taxi service, made it possible to be selected at Nationals for Top Ten Teens in Action with my platform, "B4 Books Build Beautiful Brains". Thank you with all my heart!

To my successor, you are so fortunate to hold a title in our Nation's Capital because the city has so much to offer you to help you grow. You will have fun activities and opportunities that will change your life. I encourage you to take advantage of them all. Cherish every moment and have fun. Welcome to the MAOTeen sisterhood! Forever your Miss District of Columbia Outstanding Teen 2017, Brooke Miller.





# Miss District of Columbia's OUTSTANDING TEEN 2018 Contestants

Who will be next?



**Natalie Beckford**  
School Without Walls  
High School



**Ashley Jones**  
Center City Public Charter  
School - Trinidad Campus



**Nina Mitchell**  
District of Columbia  
International School



**Nyah Williams-Perry**  
Theodore Roosevelt  
High School



**Arjunahlisa Shoda**  
Duke Ellington School of  
the Arts High School

## 2018 Winners Package

- Scholarship: \$1000 Awarded to winner
- MAOT Nationals Scholarship: \$1500
- Roundtrip Package to MAOTeen in Orlando, FL
- Fitness Training w/Renowned Award-Winning Pageant Fitness Trainer John A. Morris @johnanthonymorris
- Gown package from Regalia @regaliagowns and Signature Gowns @signature.dresses
- Hairstyling Sessions with Corps d'Elite on U St. NW @corpsdelitebeauty
- Coaching from The Etiquette Institute of Washington @commoncurtsey
- Mock Interview, Makeup and Style Coaching
- Professional Graphic Design and Marketing @vsunlimited
- Professional Headshot with Head Shot DC @moshezusman
- Professional Talent photos with Randolf Images LLC @randolfimages

## 2018-2019 Sponsors

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Are you a talented teen and scholar?  
Do you need scholarship money for college?

## You could be the Next Miss District of Columbia's Outstanding Teen 2019

### AREAS OF COMPETITION

Private Interview – 25%

Talent – 35%

Lifestyle and Fitness in Activewear – 15%

Evening Gown/Onstage Question – 25%

Become a contestant.  
Contact us today!

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*Brooke Miller*  
MISS DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA'S  
**TEEN** 2017  
OUTSTANDING

Platform Issue

**B4: Books Build Beautiful Brains**  
Promoting Youth Literacy

Brooke, a **Top 10 finalists Teens in Action Award**,  
Miss America's Outstanding Teen 2018



## Mistress of Cermonies *Briana Kinsey*

Miss District of Columbia's Outstanding 2017



Briana Danielle Nicole Kinsey was crowned Miss District of Columbia on June 18, 2017 at the beautiful Howard Theatre. Participating in the Miss America Pageant has been a longtime dream for Kinsey, who has competed in the Miss Alabama Pageant five times and was first runner-up in 2015. She decided to compete in the Miss District of Columbia pageant after moving to the area last year. During the 2018 Miss America Competition, Miss Kinsey, holding the title Miss District of Columbia 2017, was awarded 3rd Runner-up, Top 5 finalist, STEM winner, Quality of Life finalist for her service platform and foundation (Daring to Defeat Diabetes, Inc) and \$30,000 in scholarship awards.

Miss Kinsey is the daughter of Velda and Robert Kinsey of Hoover, Alabama. She graduated from Hoover High School in 2011 and the University of Alabama in 2015 with a B.S. degree in Biology. Currently, Kinsey is taking post-baccalaureate classes American University and is preparing to apply to medical school. She plans to become a pediatric endocrinologist.

In addition to working full-time as an eyewear consultant, Briana spends time with making appearances and performing community service especially at schools, Children's National Hospital and Veterans' Hospitals. She has worked tirelessly on her diabetes platform since 2011 because this disease is the 6th leading cause of death in America. She established the platform as a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation called Daring to Defeat Diabetes with the purpose of advocating, educating youth and raising funds for awareness and research to find a cure for diabetes. She created a Daring to Defeat Diabetes Patch Program for Girl Scouts and was awarded the Young Woman of Distinction by the NCA Girl Scout Council.

Briana has received many awards and honors which include the Point of Light Award, the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award and the Champion to Stop Diabetes. Additionally, Briana promotes STEM education in schools by judging science fairs and has hosted a STEM Girls Rock Summit to introduce girls to women with STEM professions to serve as mentors. For the past six years, she has also raised funds for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals which is a partner to the Miss America Program. She is a role model to young people everywhere and wants to promote her message on the importance of healthy lifestyles and the power of perseverance.





## Dr. Melody Butler-Long

Dr. Butler-Long was born in Raleigh, North Carolina. She lived with her family in the Raleigh area through high school. Dr. Butler then attended Meredith College where she earned her undergraduate degree in Biology with a concentration in Health Science. For her studies in Dentistry, Dr. Butler moved to Columbus, Ohio to attend "The" Ohio State University. At Ohio State she became a Doctor of Dental Surgery. Post-graduation, Dr. Butler moved to the Northern Virginia area where she began practicing. Dr. Butler enjoys spending time with her husband and daughter Madison.



## Ms. Natalie de Graaf

Ms. de Graaf is a native Michigander, Ms de Graaf attended college at Arizona State University where she received her Bachelors in Science—Biochemistry with Medicinal Chemistry followed by her Masters in Science—Science and Technology Policy. Ms. de Graaf continued her graduate studies at NYU to earn her MPH in Global Health Leadership and Management. After experience working with the United Nations, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in 2016 Ms de Graaf was honored with acceptance into the Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health; recognizing her merit, commitment, and advancements in Public Health. Ms de Graaf continues to serve at the U.S. CDC managing global biosecurity projects. She has twin twelve year-old daughters and spends her free time teaching Pilates, running with her dog, practicing guitar, and rowing on the Potomac River.



## Courtnie Gore, Esq

Ms. Gore is a native of Richmond, V.A., a graduate of the College of William & Mary, and an attorney in Washington, D.C.

Ms. Gore works with children in matters of immigration, family law, and criminal law. Ms. Gore also provides legal representation to small businesses and entrepreneurs.

Prior to her work in humanitarian law and entrepreneurship, Ms. Gore participated in pageantry. She was 'Miss Kappa Pi' of the Alpha Phi Alpha Chapter at William and Mary and she participated in Virginia Union University's 'Miss Gold Bowl Pageant.'



## Linda Suter

Linda Suter is a Talented Events Manager effective at building long-term relationships and customer loyalty. Her events company specializes in photography, interactive green screen photo booth, and event services for Corporate Events, Schools, Non-Profits, Launch Parties, Sporting Events, Weddings and More. Linda also has experience judging pageantry. She has judged the Miss United States National Pageant 2015, DMV International Miss 2016, and Runway Show for Miss World America 2015. She has produced fashion shows, and been involved in many charity events around the DMV, and Washington DC Area.

In 2015, she produced Runway for Life Benefit-Every Shoe Counts which included thirteen title holders that walked the runway. This show was to benefit a nonprofit helping families effected by cancer. One of her VIP's was Miss United States 2015, Elizabeth Safrit. She have several media outlet groups. She started Fashion of NOVA, DC, MD, and plans events with designers, models, HMUA's , and provides media coverage. She is a photographer herself and enjoys fashion and pageantry. She has worked with Operation Renewed Hope Foundation, Still Brave Foundation, Loudoun Therapeutic Riding, Fashion For A Cure To Support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Lolly's Locks, and Tiger Lilly to name a few. She is an executive committee member for the Northern VA Autism Society for the past three years and is the Designer Liaison for the gala fashion show and does the production for the show segment. Over the last two years the Charity has raised \$183,000 at the Galas. This year she is one of the chairs for Arts for Autism Gala. Linda also attends events and reports them for her own Fashion blog, Linda on the Town. She covers events in DC, MD, VA and New York.

She also works full time as a catering sales manager at a luxury hotel in the District of Columbia.



## Jon-Michael Washington

Jon-Michael Washington, a native of Marietta, Georgia, is a graduate Howard University. He then received his Masters of Business Administration from Trinity University. Jon-Michael is the CEO and Senior Event Planner at Polished 2 Perfection Consulting & Event Design, a DMV based full event design and planning firm that specializes in life's celebrations!

He entered the world of pageantry in 2009 and has since coached contestants for the Miss America, Miss USA, Miss United States, Miss Black USA, and various other pageant systems. As a brother of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.—initiated at Beta Chapter in spring 2011 he continues to assist with the local Miss Black & Gold pageant. He has two younger brothers Marc, 15, and Quincy, 12, who he hopes to inspire to follow their dreams and aspirations all to the glory of God. Jon-Michael is guided by the Rudyard Kipling poem "If," "If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs... then yours is the earth and everything that is in it!"

## Scholastic Achievement Judges

Alexis C. Logan  
Terrence W. James