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The 2019 Miss Hastings Scholarship Competition

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WELCOME

Welcome to the 2019 Miss Hastings Scholarship Competition! Tonight, it is our honor to change the life of a young woman forever. Our Miss Hastings 2019, Alaina Mattimiro knows this first hand! When Alaina secures the crown on her successor's head and places the sash on her shoulder, Miss Hastings 2020 will become part of the Miss Hastings sisterhood forever. To paraphrase the Miss America motto, it's a privilege to "prepare great women for the world and

prepare the world for great women."

As our new Miss Hastings moves through her year of service, she will advocate her Social Impact Initiative, or personal cause, and promote our community across our state. She becomes a new chapter in the Miss Hastings legacy and part of Hastings' history. Thank you for sharing the joy of seeing who she will be. We ask for your continued support throughout her year of service and look forward to sharing it with you.

ABOUT MHSP



The Miss Hastings Scholarship Program (MHSP), a 501(c)3 charitable organization, empowers young women to realize their best potential, mentors them to obtain scholarships, and supports them to achieve their goals through education and serving others for the benefit of all. As an official preliminary competition to Miss Minnesota Scholarship Organization (MMSO) and the Miss America Organization (MAO), MHSP is part of a movement that



inspires young women to reach beyond their grasp to earn these titles and their life objectives. We accomplish it by coaching them to practically apply their education and skill set.

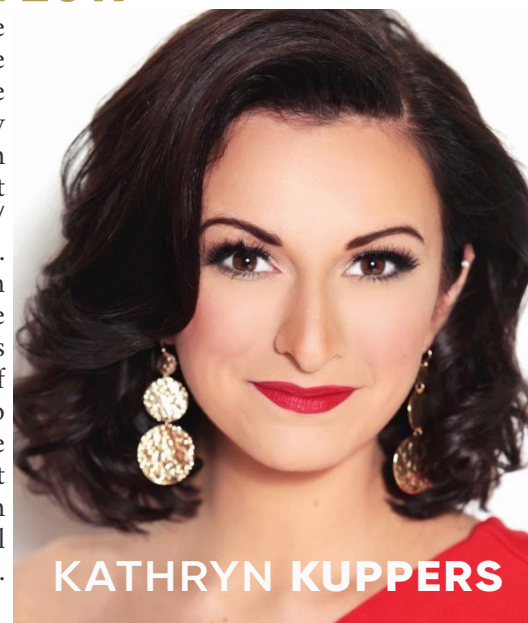
MAO, the largest provider of educational assistance to young women in the nation, propels them to socially impact their community's quality of life and promote citizen education with an initiative of their own. The MHSP guide to achieving these goals is the MAO motto:

“Prepare great women for the world.
Prepare the world for great women.”

YOUR STATE TITLE HOLDERS

MISS MINNESOTA 2019

Kathryn represented the community of Coon Rapids at the 2019 Miss Minnesota Competition, held in Eden Prairie on June 22, 2019. She is a student at Minnesota State University-Mankato working to obtain a degree in Family and Consumer Science (FACS) Education, to one day, teach valuable life skills to students. Kathryn is a jazz vocalist and was awarded both the talent and the evening wear/social impact statement awards at the state competition. She will compete for Miss America to be aired LIVE on NBC. Creator of *The Invisible Crown* comprehensive online resource, Kathryn is a strong advocate for the Miss America Organization. She works to spread awareness of the scholarships and opportunities available to women who become candidates in the Miss America program. For more information about the Miss Minnesota Organization visit www.missminnesota.org. To schedule an appearance with Miss Minnesota, email schedule@missminnesota.org.



KATHRYN KOPPERS

MISS MINNESOTA'S OUTSTANDING TEEN 2019

Rachel Luchsinger was crowned Miss Minnesota's Outstanding Teen 2019 last month and is headed to Orlando this week to compete for the title of Miss America's Outstanding Teen 2020! Rachel grew up with love for music and the arts. Her music appreciation influenced her talent as a piano soloist and the platform she advocates, *B# - Inspiring Children with Music!* Her love of music influenced her choice to attend the St. Paul Conservatory, where she is a high school junior. Rachel is a state winner and two-time district winner of the Minnesota Music Teachers Association (MMTA) piano competition. She has also performed in the MMTA Honors Concert. Besides playing the piano for others as often as possible, Rachel also loves penguins and downhill skiing with her family. To book an appearance with Rachel, email schedulemmnot@missminnesota.org.



RACHEL LUCHSINGER

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YOUR HOSTS



Alaina Mattimiro, Miss Hastings 2019, graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Community and Regional Planning last May. She will continue her education to earn a Master's Degree in Historic Preservation after working for a time as a Level I Planner in Great Falls, Montana, which she plans to start in August. Alaina's Social Impact Initiative, All Together Now: Creating Interconnected Communities, is a manifestation of how her vocational interest helps others. Always a literal and figurative trailblazer, Alaina is the first Miss Hastings to compete in the new Miss America 2.0 format as well as the first in 34 years. When Alaina isn't planning, hiking, or scouting out the closest source of state fair mini-donuts, she loves to settle in with a bowl of spaghetti and meatballs, a good fantasy fiction novel, and her gray cat, Joker.

A life-long Hastings resident, Mike is a University of Wisconsin - River Falls graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing Communications. As the producer, host, and editor of the award-winning show Take a Hike, Mike!, he visits and promotes area businesses with his quick sense of humor on Hastings Community Television. In his spare time, Mike enjoys Vikings games, chores on his family's farm, cow whispering, and scouting locations to film new episodes for his show.



YOUR AUDITORS



Gina Purzitza is a Hastings resident with over 30 years of customer service experience. She owns Eyenique Vision with her husband, Bobby. Gina is a wife, mother, and nana who looks forward to being more involved in the Hastings Community.



LARA E WILLIS

LaRae Willis owns Mind and Body Connection established 1990 Pilates & Massage, "Experience the Freedom of Movement". She studied dance in Arizona, later performing around the twin cities in a small dance group and Dance Arts Ensemble.

YOUR JUDGES

REBECCA MATHISON

Rebecca is a native of Brainerd, MN, where she first became involved with the Miss America Organization as Miss Brainerd Lakes 2012. In 2013, she became Miss Minnesota, placing 4th runner-up at the Miss America competition and winning the talent award with her performance on the violin. After retiring the crown, she continued her studies to become a pharmacist and graduated this past May with her Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from the University of Minnesota. Rebecca and her husband, Todd, now reside in Savage, MN, and are thrilled to be welcoming their baby boy into the world in just a few weeks. In her spare time, Rebecca enjoys baking, photography, playing her violin, and serving as a part of the women's ministry at her church.



ANN FREDRICKSON

Ann Fredrickson has taught at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato for over twenty years. Her experience there includes conducting the Mary Martha Singers and Handbell Choir, teaching private voice lessons, directing the Choraliers Musical Theater productions, developing an online Music Appreciation course, and teaching Music History, Opera, Vocal Pedagogy, Music Appreciation, and Music Fundamentals. Before Bethany, Ann pursued a career in opera, performing for over ten years with the Minnesota Opera, Opera 101, North Star Opera, and Pocket Opera. After earning an undergraduate degree from St. Olaf College, where she was a National Merit Scholar, Ann received a Masters of Music in Vocal Performance from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and was the valedictorian of her class. Ann lives in the Twin Cities with her husband Sam and three children, who have two dogs, nine chickens, and a chinchilla.



SANDY SCIPIONI

Sandy Scipioni is employed as a Special Education substitute teacher with the Lakeville School District and as a job coach with MRCI. She is a published writer, drama coach, and is an active volunteer in her church and with Ruby's Pantry. Sandy holds a B.A. degree in Social Work from the College of Saint Benedict's in Minnesota. Her proudest accomplishments in life are her 39-year marriage to husband Tom, and their three daughters: Rosemary, Katherine, and Elizabeth.



JEFF DEYO

Jeff Deyo (@jeffdeyo) is best known around the world as the original lead vocalist for the Grammy-nominated band, "Sonic Flood" on songs such as, "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever" and "My Refuge".

Serving in a variety of ministries internationally as founder of Worship City Ministries and as a full-time faculty member at North Central University in Minneapolis keeps Jeff busy. Miraculously, he still has time to serve at Celebration Church in Lakeville as one of its worship leaders. Jeff and his wife of 27 years, Martha, have four beautiful children and share their home with two pet leopard geckos, two beta fish, and one mouse.



JINA DUCHNOWSKI

Jina Duchnowski is a former titleholder in the Miss America Organization, who was a candidate in the 2003 Miss Minnesota Competition as Miss Frazee 2002. Later, she served as the executive director of the Miss Southern Valley Organization. Jina's background is in dance, theater and the arts with a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities as well as a Master's Degree in Strategic Communications. Her thesis focused on the branding and communications of the Miss America Organization. Jina lives in Prior Lake with her husband, Matt, and their three sons, Colbey, Leo & Victor. In her spare time, Jina enjoys volunteering with the Miss America Organization whenever possible.



ORDER OF EVENTS

6:30 PM MAIN HALL DOORS OPEN

7:00 PM EVENT BEGINS

Onstage Question

Talent

Miss Minnesota Talent

Recognition of Current Title Holders

8:00 PM INTERMISSION

8:20 PM RESUME EVENT

Miss Hastings Talent

Evening Wear & Social Impact Statement

Director Address

8:55 PM CROWNING 

SCHOLARSHIP & AWARD

EACH CANDIDATE

- An 8" x 10" framed color portrait courtesy of Mary Kelly Photography
- A commemorative 6" square glass vase courtesy of Target and custom-etched by Glass Etching Fever
- Apt. 9 embellished black, gold, and white t-shirt

TITLEHOLDER

- \$1,000 Cash Scholarship for her education at the accredited school of her choice
- An official Miss America local crown and crown brooch of Swarovski crystals by KA Concepts
- An official Miss America local titleholder sash by The Sash Company
- A glass Miss Hastings 2020 presentation plate custom-etched with her name by Glass Etching Fever
- the opportunity to compete in the 2020 Miss Minnesota Competition
- An official portrait and Miss Minnesota program book headshot courtesy of

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- A Dale Carnegie scholarship to prepare for the Miss Minnesota Competition

1st RUNNER-UP

- \$300 Cash Scholarship for her education at the accredited school of her choice
- A glass 1st runner-up presentation plate custom-etched with her name by Glass Etching Fever

2nd RUNNER-UP

- \$100 Cash Scholarship for her education at the accredited school of her choice
- A glass 2nd runner-up presentation plate custom-etched with her name by Glass Etching Fever

SPIRIT OF MISS AMERICA, PEOPLE'S CHOICE, AND BEST TALENT AWARD

- \$100 Cash Scholarship for her education at the accredited school of her choice
- A glass presentation plate custom-etched with the winner's name by Glass Etching Fever

JASMIN KOTEK



EDUCATION

Winona State University: Bachelor of Science in Public Relations and a Bachelor of Science in Journalism

SCHOLASTIC/CAREER AMBITION

Television News Anchor

SOCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

“Stronger Than the Stigma – Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention”

TALENT

Lyrical/Contemporary dance – “Ooh Child”



RACHEL ERON

EDUCATION

University of Minnesota: Twin Cities,
Senior; Bachelor of Industrial and Systems
Engineering and Bachelor of Arts in
Computer Science

SCHOLASTIC/CAREER AMBITION

Software Engineering Manager at a surgical
robotics company

SOCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

STEMing Creativity, Growing Innovation

TALENT

Vocal – “Almost Like Being in Love”

SOPHIE KEELER



EDUCATION

University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa (UA)

SCHOLASTIC/CAREER AMBITION

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist with an MSN Degree

SOCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The Right Type to Save a Life: Building Blood Donation Awareness

TALENT

Jazz Dance – “I’ve Got Rhythm”

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