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Title:
Hometown:

Date of Birth:

Education: University of State – sophomore – Bachelor of Science, Liberal Arts
America's High School

Platform Issue:

Scholastic/Career Ambition: Obtain a Masters of Communications

Talent: Lyrical to "A Note from God"

Scholastic Honors: Dean's List; Member of the President's Leadership Council at the UCF

Leadership Roles: Created and implemented a comprehensive Cultural Diversity Education Curriculum for grades K-12 in twelve Public Schools; University Student Body Senator; H.S. Sr. Class Pres.; College Sorority President.

Accomplishments: Recipient of the J.C. Penney Golden Rule Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service to Community; Recipient of the National Conference for Community and Justice Humanitarian Award;

Interesting Facts: First person on either side of my family to attend college; Youngest of seven children with a 10- year gap between me and my next oldest sister and an almost 22-year gap between the oldest and myself.

Employment: Internship with a Law Firm; Internship with local CBS television affiliate; Student Assistant at State University.

What impact can the Miss America Organization and its contestants have on society through the partnership with Children's Miracle Network?

Children's Miracle Network (CMN) hospitals throughout the country treat over 17 million children each year. It is their goal to save and improve the lives of children by raising funds for children's hospitals across North America. The Miss America Organization and the over 12,000 young women who compete in the Miss America Program, can make a huge impact by not only raising much needed funds for CMN, but also awareness. CMN hospitals provide charity care worth billions of dollars and need community support in order to continue to provide these services. Miss America contestants are hard-working and passionate, especially

when it comes to community service. By working together towards the same goal, we greatly increase the impact we can make. This not only helps CMN hospitals, but each of the communities where these hospitals are located and the children in these communities who need medical care.

What is the best way to make Miss America more relevant to people your age?

I feel that Miss America is extremely relevant to people, especially women, my age. What I feel we need to focus on is breaking down common misconceptions that make Miss America seem irrelevant. The misconception people have is that Miss America is simply a beauty queen. By working to educate people on who 'Miss America' is – someone who is not only beautiful but also intelligent, talented and community service orientated – we start to break down misconceptions and show young women just how alike they are to Miss America. Today's young women need to know that 'Miss America' has the same goals as them. Contestants competing in the Miss America System are college-bound young women, who are active in their communities and who work to bring attention to issues that are important to society.

If you could create and produce one single event that would best utilize the partnership between the Miss America Organization and Children's Miracle Network, what it be and how would you do it?

I think a large- scale event that utilizes the power of the current Miss America and the state titleholders is the best way to utilize the MAO/CMN partnership. An annual event like the Black Tie Gala, which MAO and CMN held in Las Vegas before the pageant, not only raised money, but also awareness for the two organizations.