THE 51ST ANNUAL

Miss Black Sacramento Scholarship Pageant



"CHANGE"
2021

Virtual Pageant Competition Event

SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER

A Tribute to Our Pageant Founders

Jimmie Royster & Velma Stokley Flournoy



The late Mrs. Velma Stokley Flournoy co-founded the pageant in 1970 with the late Mr. Jimmie Royster. Originally titled, "Miss Black Beauty," the pageant today still holds true to its original purpose: to train young Black women for success and to encourage their academic pursuits.

Mrs. Stokley Flournoy was a Sacramento community icon since her arrival in California in 1962. Velma founded the Canary Modeling Agency and the Classy Lads N Lassies Club. She retired from McClellan AFB in 1985 and received the Effective Woman of the Year Award from the base as well as numerous other Mother of the Year and Humanitarian awards. After her retirement, she became a travel agent and then traveled internationally often. She was the mother of four, the grandmother of 11 and the great-grandmother of 15 as well as mother to over 30 foster children.

Jimmie Royster also retired from McClellan AFB. He was a popular local model with the Classy Lads N Lassies and won the Foxes & Hares Male Model of the Year competition in Los Angeles. He was voted Best Dressed Male in Sacramento in 1979 and participated in Kevin Hellon's All Male Fashion Show for four many years. He has trained 300+ young women in poise, grace and style and modeling with the pageant.

Today, Velma's daughter, Joni, and granddaughter, Angel direct the pageant along with a host of dedicated volunteers, most inspired at some time by "Mother" as she was affectionately referred to.

A BLAST FROM THE PAST...

MISS BLACK SACRAMENTO QUEENS

The 70's

Jessica (Mimi Dixon) douglas
Georgina Dates
Gina Claytor
Karen Spicer HalL
Robbin (Senegal) Welch
Gail Jamison
Malynn Smith

The 80's

Sandra Davis
Portia (Johnson) Stewart
Dawna Bailey Gibbs
Lorri (Curry) Odom
Pamela Jones
Angela Vaughn
Karen (Meeks) Johnson
Michaela Douglas
Angel Stewart
Moinica Moffatt

The 90's

Brandi Revis
Monique (Munson) Williamson
Stacy Rogers
Tonise Love
Elita Lee
Farrah Hines Ault
Allergra Pickett
Zakari Asher
Tara Cook
Sheila (Coleman) Hopkins

The 2000's

Danielle (Thrower) Truitt
Deanna Gray
Akela Douglas
Stacy Towles
Latasha James
Jessica McCall
Torreyana Johnson
Kanisha Allen
Karsyn Davis

The 2010's

Marleda Cooper
Jaylnn Jones
Allie (McCoy) Morris
JayRiah Thomas
Othella Marwieh
Jordan Davis
Tamar Butler Robinson
Savannah Sima
Lelonnie Cotto Davis

The 2020's

Aaliyah Adams



2021?

Miss Black Teen Sacramento Queens

1972	Cindy Ambrose
1973	Cindy McDaniel
	Teri Parsons
1979	Ruthie Johnson
1980	Annette Jones
1984	Erika Petersen
1994	Cindy Coleman
1995	Zakari Asher
1996	Kandra Merriweather
1997	Tashiana Simmons
1998	Tiffany Olive Noble
1999	Akela Douglas
2000	Ariana Douglas
2001	Tika Ingram
2003	Kia Sanford Miss Black Teen California
2003	India McGee
2004	Ashley Gaskin
2005	Nicole Dominique
2006	Joy Smith
2007	Melissa Foster
2008	Carlisha Washington
2009	Taylor Nelson Miss Black Teen California
2009	Ebony Stewart
2010	Aiesha Harris
2011	Jasmyn Starke
2012	DaNarsha Johnson
2013	Laura Mills
2014	Kayla Taylor
2015	Arianna Maryland
2016	Nyaah Daniela
2017	Imya Price
2018	Kennedy Smith
2019	Mckynz Jackson Miss Black California Talented Teen
2020	Bethany Onic Miss Black Teen Sacramento

Miss Black Teen Sacramento Princesses

In 2013, Miss Black Sacramento began crowning our First Runner Up as "Princess". This practice increases the availability of Miss Black Sacramento to be represented in the community as the requests for appearances throughout Sacramento increased.

MISS PRINCESS

2013	Samantha Baker
2014	Princess Brittany Ward
2015	Miss Alisa Townsell
2015	Sierra Martinez
2017	Felicia Forte
2018	Jenetta Davis
2019	Gloria Cameiro
2020	Felicia Forte

TEEN PRINCESS

2013	Savannah Sims
2014	Shayla Johnson
2015	Gia Jones
2015	Alyssa Hudspeth
2017	Annabelle Terry
2018	Samia Rasberry
2019	Angel Takeuchi
2020	Maddison Brodeur

Miss Black Sacramento Queens Through the Years



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MISS BLACK BEAUTY PAGEANT











Judging Guidelines

JUDGES INTERVIEW - 60 PTS

Each contestant will meet individually with the panel of judges for five (5) minutes.

Judging Criteria: clarity of speech, self-confidence, poise, and the ability to present herself well.

WARDROBE

MISS	TEEN
A business suit or dress, appropriate for a job interview.	A dress or suit appropriate for church.

AFTER FIVE ATTIRE IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR THIS COMPETITION

TALENT - 50 PTS

Each contestant must perform individually. One off-stage musical accompanist is allowed.
Judging Criteria: appropriateness of selection, degree of skill in performance, stage presence, degree of perfection and overall appeal.

WARDROBE

Any costume or outfit, in good taste, appropriate for the talent presentation.

PERSONALITY - 20 PTS

Each contestant will present a prepared speech of approximately 20 seconds in length.
Judging Criteria: articulation, stage presence, personality, enthusiasm and confidence.

WARDROBE

A business suit or dress, appropriate for a job interview or for church.

AFTER FIVE ATTIRE IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR THIS COMPETITION

Judging Guidelines

EVENING GOWN - 20 PTS

Each contestant will present herself individually in on stage in a gown.
Judging Criteria: poise, presentation and the ability to present herself gracefully in a gown but the gown itself will not be judged.

WARDROBE

MISS	TEEN
A floor length evening gown of any color, any style.	A floor length evening gown of a pastel color ONLY. Teen gowns must be age appropriate, no bare back, bare shoulder, slit skirts, etc.

AFTER FIVE ATTIRE IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR THIS COMPETITION

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT - 20 PTS

Each contestant must turn in her most recent academic report card. Points will be awarded based on overall g.p.a. Consideration will be given for strength of academic program (i.e. courseload).

COMMUNITY SUPPORT - 10 PTS

Community Support will be measured by any combination of the selling of advertisements, patrons for the program book and/or of tickets to the pageant {NOT including sponsor fee}. Any contestant receiving $500 in community support will receive 10 points.

ESSAY - 20 PTS

Each contestant will be required to submit a one-page typed essay discussing the topic provided.Essays will be judged on organization, content, development of theme and grammar.

TOTAL: 200 POINTS

Pageant Judges



DR. MARTHA BURNETT COLLINS

Dr. Martha" as she is commonly called, is a wife, mother, grandmother and a retired Optometrist. She has lived in the Elk Grove community for the last 30 years. She retired from Kaiser Permanente and the United States Air Force Reserves after 33 and 23 years, respectively. She was called to active duty and was stationed in England during Operation Desert Storm and there she met her husband, Deacon Ed Collins. She graduated from San Diego State University with a BA in Biology and Spanish and from UC Berkeley School of Optometry with a Doctorate in Optometry. As one of the only African American Optometrists in Sacramento County, she was able to connect with young people and enjoyed mentoring them while practicing her profession. She has aided more than 25 graduating high school seniors to earn enough scholarships to get through college debt free. She has tutored men and women in getting better scores on the military entrance exam. (ASFAB). Dr. Collins is a life member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and was initiated at San Diego State University. As a practicing Christian, Dr. Martha believes that God is the wing beneath her wings. Dr. Martha knows that today's youth are tomorrow's leaders. She is honored to be a part of the Miss Black Sacramento Pageant.



RAYMOND LAMBERT

Raymond Lambert is a Sacramento Native, attended Sacramento City College in 1967, he later graduated from San Francisco State in 1976 with a degree in Urban Studies. He retired from the City of Richmond and the United States Air Force and now lives in Las Vegas Nevada. Ray was a judge of the Miss Black Sacramento



JADE RODGERS

serves as Principal of Jadesirëe Consulting (Jadesiree.com). She holds a double Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and Reconciliation Studies from Bethel University in St. Paul, MN. Rodgers' philosophy is deeply tied to Ubuntu "my humanity is tied to your humanity." Professionally, Rodgers has 15+ years of experience working in schools and youth development non-profit organizations in California, Minnesota, Louisiana, D.C., and South Africa. Rodgers' experience collaborating with educators, activists, and mental health professionals across the nation have fueled her passion for transforming systems and policies impacting disenfranchised communities, including holding space as a 'Circle Keeper' or Restorative Justice Facilitator. Rodgers has raised nearly $5 million for non-profits through grant writing, individual giving, events and fundraisers in the past 7 years. In 2018, Rodgers was selected from thousands of top graduate students and professionals to complete a high impact project for Black and Brown boys in Washington, DC as an Education Pioneers Fellow. Currently, Rodgers is NELP (Nehemiah Emerging Leader Program) Class XII Fellow and patiently awaiting to begin graduate school in Organizational Psychology with Alliant International University. She has made it her life's work and commitment to positively impact BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) and vulnerable communities through healing, authenticity and empowerment. Rodgers is married to the love of her life, Gino and they have a beautiful one year old.



RYAN HARRISON, SR.

Ryan Harrison, Sr. is an attorney in the Sacramento office of Jackson Lewis P.C. His practice focuses on defending employers in single plaintiff litigation matters in state and federal court, and at arbitration. He also has experience litigating labor disputes before the Public Employment Relations Board and litigating employee disciplinary matters and grievances in labor arbitration. He is an experienced investigator, having conducted hundreds of neutral investigations for public and private sector employers and higher education institutions regarding issues of unlawful discrimination, retaliation, conflicts of interest, embezzlement, and government corruption. Prior to his legal career, Mr. Harrison served as a dignitary protection law enforcement officer in the California State Senate, later returning to the institution as a research policy consultant for the Senate Labor Committee, and then later becoming the principal internal investigator for the Senate Rules Committee during the height of the #MeToo movement. During law school, Mr. Harrison externed for the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of California and competed on the #1 nationally ranked UC Hastings Moot Court competition team. Mr. Harrison is committed to serving his community. In addition to his service on multiple state and local boards, and bar associations, he has served as a Planning Commissioner and as a Board of Appeals Commissioner for the City of West Sacramento. He has also received numerous Honors and Recognitions including "Attorney of the Year" from the Wiley Manuel Bar Association of Sacramento County, California State University, "Distinguished Alumni Rising Star" and The National Black Lawyers, "40 Under 40" and the Sacramento Business Journal, "40 Under 40" recognitions.

PAGEANT JUDGES



DR. ALLEGRA PICKETT

Allegra is a graduate of Highlands High School, completed her Bachelor of Arts degree at UC Berkeley, obtained a Masters degree at New School University in New York, and a Doctor of Education at Grand Canyon University in Arizona. Most of her working life has been spent in live entertainment as a Tour Director, Training Program Director, Producer, and most recently as a News Anchor/ Editor. Among her proudest achievements was serving as Director of Tours and Training Programs for Cesar's Way. In this role, Allegra managed Cesar Millan's international tours, speaking engagements and training programs, which is one of the company's most profitable business centers. In 2018, Allegra switched gears and joined Teichert Foundation as its Grants Manager. In this position, Allegra directs and monitors grant operations as part of Teichert's ongoing philanthropic commitment to the region. The Foundation makes grants to organizations that create beauty, foster culture, nurture children, provide access to food and housing for those in need, preserve nature, increase awareness of our environment, build an educated citizenry and a well-prepared workforce, and strive to provide better health for all. Allegra currently serves on the Board of Directors for Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps (SRCC) and the Yolo Community Foundation (YCF). SRCC is a non-profit organization transforming the lives of Sacramento young adults through education, paid work experience, job placement and overall support. YCF promotes philanthropy by serving as a public foundation and leading the campaign to create a county-wide culture of service and giving. In her spare time, Allegra enjoys mentoring youth, coaching actors, traveling, supporting local theater and dance, and spending time with her family. She was crowned *Miss Black Sacramento* in 1996!



REVEREND DR. CHAPLAIN ROXANNE PARKS-HAYLES

Reverend Dr. Chaplain Roxanne Parks-Hayles, known as Pastor Roxie, or the "Little Preacher Woman" is a licensed, ordained and confirmed Apostle. She has been in ministry for 37 years-she spent 11 years on the mission field living in Portugal for 2 years, and she has also worked as an evangelist, an associate minister, and a pastor launching 2 churches in Fremont California and 1 in Portugal that remain active today. Apostle Parks- Hayles served for 1 1/2 years on the Elder board of "Voices of Triumph" in Fremont California. She worked in Radio and Television as a producer of "The Connection," and, for the past 9 years, she has hosted her own show. Her radio show is a powerful and intriguing radio experience entitled, "This is Your Season." Among her upcoming projects are a book and a Christian movie script. Pastor Roxie conducted an intriguing and inspiring radio interview with Miss Black Sacramento 2020 Aaliyah Adams.



GENOA BARROW

Genoa has worked as a professional journalist for 20+ years. She serves as the Sacramento Observer's Senior Staff Writer and produces articles on a variety of topics including ranging from government and politics to education and entertainment, health disparities, and the fight for social justice. She counts legendary actress and activist, Ruby Dee, and fellow Oakland native, comedic actor Mark Curry, among her all time favorite interviews. As a freelance writer and through partnerships with the NNPA and California Black Media, Genoa's work has also appeared in publications throughout the country. She does editing, design and layout work, helping her colleagues and other authors shine. Genoa is a founding member of the West Coast Book Team, an online resource for authors, illustrators and publishers. In 2019, Genoa edited and published her first book, the anthology "Daddy Issues: Black Women Speaking Truth & Healing Wounds," which tackles the subject of absentee fathers and the impact on their daughters. Genoa is a former student state president of the Journalism Association of Community Colleges and is a proud alum of The Advocate, Contra Costa College's nationally acclaimed student paper. After serving as The Advocate's Editor In Chief, she went on to serve as Executive Editor of The Spartan Daily at San Jose State University. Genoa's work as a professional journalist has been recognized by the International Women of Color Day, the Sacramento Valley Section of the National Council of Negro Women, SacCultural Hub magazine, the Father's Resource Center, and the Sacramento Chapter of the Black American Political Association of California (BAPAC). She is also a 2021 Carrie's TOUCH Making A Difference Award recipient, acknowledged for her continued coverage and support of Black breast cancer survivors. Genoa dedicated the award to her late aunt, Denise H. Johnson and to all the little girls who participated in her Pretty In Pink calendar project, raising money to directly assist local breast cancer survivors. Genoa has also served as president of the Girls Self-Esteem Program's (G-SEP) Parents Guild. GSEP produced the Little Miss Capital City pageant for which Genoa also photographed contestants, produced event program books and other promotional materials.



JAYLYNN JONES

Jaylynn is a graduate of Inderkum High School in Sacramento, she received a Bachelor's degree from the University of Southern California and a Masters degree from Bowling Green State University in College Student Personnel. Currently, Jaylynn is an Associate Campus Recruiter for JPMorgan Chase investment bank. Previously, she served as the Assistant Director of Residence Life at the University of North Florida and the Community Director at Arizona State University. Jaylynn was crowned Miss Black Sacramento in 2011.

Talent Judges



ANNABELLE TERRY

Annabelle is a 20 year old junior undergraduate, music major at University California, Berkeley. In 2017 she participated in the MBS Pageant and was crowned *Miss Black Teen Sacramento Princess*, winning the Teen talent division. Annabelle takes pride in being a versatile artist and has a deep passion for vocal studies. She was a member of Rhythmical Madness Dance Company for three years and continues her dance journey in local workshops and classes. When not studying, Annabelle spends her time song writing and singing at gigs in Sacramento and the Bay Area. The stage is where her heart is, and she is beyond thrilled to help judge in this years pageant.



KEYAH NATAE BROWN

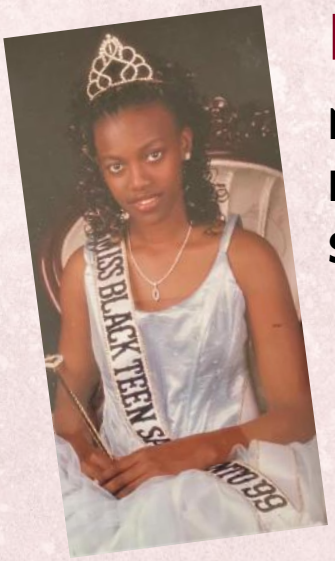
A graduate of Pleasant Grove High School in Sacramento, Keyah is currently a Graduate student at the Morehourse School of Medicine, studying Biotechnology. She is an alumna of Tuskegee University, and was recently featured on Ebony Magazine's online website as a finalist in the Olay Cosmetics x Ebony Magazine's first ever HBCU STEM Queens Competition! Keyah acknowledges that, according to The National Science Foundation, only two percent of scientists in America are Black women. She is one of these women, and she plans to make a large impact in the world of STEM! Keyah was formerly a top Finalist in the Miss Black Sacramento Scholarship Pageant. She is an accomplished spoken word artist.



JUDY RASBERRY

Judy is an Employee Relations Specialist for a private health care organization. She attends Paradise Missionary Baptist Church where she serves on the Hospitality Ministry. Judy says that, most importantly, she is the proud mom of 2018 Miss Black Sacramento Teen Princess and Western Regional Queen (for 6 states), Samia Rasberry. Samia is currently studying at Tuskegee University to become a Doctor of Veterinarian Medicine!

Congratulations to our very own Akela Douglass!



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MISS
BLACK TEEN
SACRAMENTO 1999

TO...

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BLACK
SACRAMENTO
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TO...

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2021- 2022

MISS BLACK TEEN SACRAMENTO PRINCESS 2020









Maddison Brodeur

MISS BLACK TEEN SACRAMENTO QUEEN 2020









Bethany Onic



Kimiah Jacobs

Kimiah is a 17-year-old senior and she is the daughter of Carrie Jacobs. She attends Rocklin High School and maintains a 3.8 grade point average. At Rocklin High, Kimiah is the founder of the Real Estate Club, and for two years, she has been Treasurer and Event Coordinator of the Black Student Union. She's also served as Vice President for two years of the Multicultural Club. Kimiah was selected by the Principal for the Principal's Equity Board, a group of students who serve as advisors to the Principal. Kimiah is a member of the Associated Student Body and she has also been a track and field athlete for the past three years. She has completed over 200 hours of community service. Kimiah notes that her achievements in high school have come while attending a campus that has less than a 1% Black student population.

Outside of school, Kimiah is a two-time Sacramento NAACP ACT-SO champion in both modern dance and essay. ACT-SO is a national academic Olympic competition for outstanding high school students. Kimiah attends Bayside Adventure Church. At church, she is a Breakaway Youth Camp leader. Her hobbies are dancing, and working on and recording her podcast entitled "Kimiah's Guide to Real Estate," a project she completes through Impact Sac and Guide Real Estate Sacramento.

She also enjoys her involvement with the Sacramento NAACP and serves as the Community Coordination Chair for the Youth Council. And, Kimiah is the founder of the"Empresses for Princesses" a nonprofit organization of the NAACP.

In the future, she plans to become a five star real estate agent, owning and operating her own marketing firm. Towards that goal, she plans to attend Howard University, major in business and minor in marketing while also acquiring a real estate license.

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CONGRATULATIONS, KIMIAH!

With Love,
TAMU TURNER



Alaina Dillingham

Alaina is the daughter of Tashawna Dillingham. She is 17 years old and attends Sheldon High School as a junior. At Sheldon, she's a member of the Black Student Union, Girls Empowerment, the Homeless Ministry, and the Help the Blind Society. She is also a member of the Drill Team and Future Farmers of America. Alaina plays the Japanese drums, formally known as the TAKO drums. She's been praise dancing since she was five years old, she's played basketball for four years, and she is in advanced theater and advanced agriculture. Alaina attends Blessed Kingdom Builders and there she is active in the praise dance ministry and the homeless ministry.

Her career plans are to attend an Historically Black College or University, possibly Clark Atlanta University, where she can double major in journalism and criminal law. After graduating, she would like to attend the Harvard Law School and eventually become a trial lawyer. She hopes to retire at the age of 50 and then travel the world. Her hobbies are helping others, playing basketball, dancing and singing.

Alaina says proudly that she is starting to change in a better way. Previously, she would never really try new things in school because she thought she couldn't do it or that she wasn't smart enough. Since she has started applying herself and working harder, she continually sees success. She played basketball for four years, she has been a cheerleader for two years and she recently qualified for the advanced agriculture class as well as for advanced theater.

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES TO A FUTURE ATTORNEY AT LAW!







Elizabeth Nadia Ogundairo

Elizabeth is the 16 year old daughter of Tola Ogundairo. She is a 3.4 junior at Laguna Creek High School. Previously, Elizabeth played volleyball, softball, and soccer at her school. She has received an award for GPA Recognition, Honor Roll, District Honor Roll, the Outstanding Ambassador Certificate, and an award from the National Junior Honor Society.

Elizabeth attends the Common Ground Covenant Church and there she works in the Common Ground Cafe which raises money for the youth group. Also, at church she is a volunteer in the infants & kids ministry, as well as with the food distribution program.

Her career plans are to attend San Diego State University or Sacramento State University and study to become a real estate agent.

Elizabeth loves photography, sports, and anything that allows space for her creativity.

Linguistically, Elizabeth understands three languages besides English: some Yoruba, some French, and some Spanish, if spoken slowly!

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Tresor Tatum

Tresor is the 14 year old daughter of Mrs. Janeen Rainey Tatum and the late Willie Tatum, Jr. She is a Freshman at Natomas Charter School Performing Arts Academy. At her high school, Tresor participates in Black Girls Code, the STEM program sponsored by the University of California, Davis, and she attended a summer program at California State University, Sacramento. Tresor also participates in Digital Programming and Coding, Math Camp, Reading Camp, and Cyber Camp. She is involved with Video Game Productions, enjoys drawing art and creating digital art, and she is a member of the Recreation Club and the Black Student Union. Tresor enjoys playing Wallball and she was a volunteer for the homecoming crew helping to create the float, performing at the homecoming rally and participating in the float parade. She studies piano and is in Jazz II Dance at her school. Tresor attends the Center of Praise and she in the choir and is a part of the Youth Ministry and volunteered for Community Service in The Park, with the homeless. Since she was 3½ years old, Tresor studied and competed in gymnastics. At age 13, she transitioned to acrobatics because of her height, she just grew too tall for gymnastics. Now, she competes in Acrobatics since height isn't an issue and the sport still falls within USA Gymnastics. She likely gets much of her height and athleticism from her late father - he was a professional athlete and member of the Red Sox Baseball Team! Tresor has placed first in multiple acrobatics competitions. She has also participated in National American Miss. Tresor lists her hobbies as dancing, playing the piano, acrobatics, Marvel movies, drawing, digital art and programming, and hanging out with her friends. She plans to attend the University of California, Davis to pursue a career as a dancer, veterinarian, choreographer, programmer or coder, or maybe a model or an actress. Tresor has four brothers and one sister.

WITH MUCH LOVE FROM YOUR FAMILY!!!



MISS BLACK SACRAMENTO PRINCESS 2020



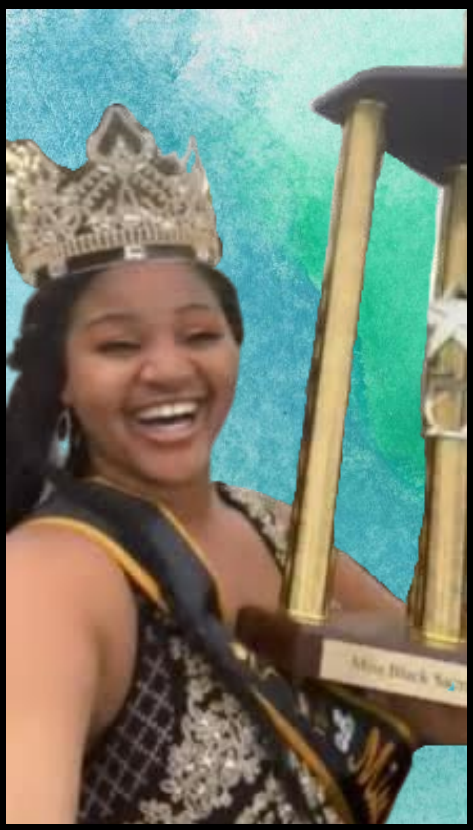






Felicia Forte









MISS BLACK SACRAMENTO QUEEN 2020

Aaliyah Adams



Mikayla Bowie

Mikayla is the daughter of Lashaunda Price and she is 21 years old. She is a graduate of Monterey Trail High School with a 3.67 GPA. Mikayla is also a graduate of the Carrington College of California and she received her Home Health Aide license from the state of California. She also received a Basic Life Saving Certificate from the American Heart Association and a certificate as a Mandated Reporter from the California Department of Social Services.

In high school, Mikayla was a member of Delta Gems, which is a Black Sister Sorority, the Step Club, and she was a football manager. She also played soccer and Powderpuff football. Mikayla attends the New Creation Church of Arden where she serves as a church volunteer.

Mikayla plans to attend the University of Reno to become a registered pediatric nurse. She also plans to obtain a Masters Degree in nursing so that she can become a pediatric nurse practitioner.

She enjoys dancing, reading, drawing, running, playing with her dogs Ziggy and Max, yoga, meditation, practicing make up and studying miscellaneous diseases and their causes and symptoms. Interested in health, she also enjoys watching Grey's Anatomy. And, for fun, she enjoys interior design.

Mikayla loves caregiving and worked as a caregiver for four years at various skilled nursing facilities and caregiving agencies. Currently, she's a Medical Assistant for the Pinkerton Middle School in the Elk Grove Unified School District.

Mikayla is a previous finalist in the Miss Black Sacramento Teen Pageant and she received the Outstanding Christian Service Award, the Most Photogenic Award, and she was named Miss Congeniality by her pageant peers. Indeed, this is actually her third time participating in the Miss Black Sacramento Scholarship Pageant! She continues to participate because she loves being a part of a group of uplifting, friendly, courageous Black women.

CONGRATULATIONS FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE & WILL ACHIEVE, MIKAYLA!

With love,
FAMILY & FRIENDS



Arionna Monique Wilson

Arionna is the daughter of Lanentra Brown and she is 24 years old. She completed her high school education at the Sacramento Academic and Vocational Academy. In 2018, Arionna was launched into a fashion career when a friend opened a clothing boutique and she was asked to be a part of the business launch as a model. This led to hear appearing in fashion shows all over Sacramento and the Bay Area, working for multiple designers.

Additionally, she is a Production Associate in the Energy Department of Tesla where she re-populates battery cells. Arionna says that, whether wearing pieces of art or contributing to the solar energy revolution, work ethic is her gift.

She is also an Instagram influencer. She believes that as an influencer she's more than just a photo, but strives to be an inspiration for life.

Her ultimate career plans are to attend San Francisco State University to study pediatric nursing, business and fashion design.

Arionna lists her hobbies as modeling and eating, shopping and working.

In the future, Arionna's plans are to become an influential fashion model, and a comedic actress.

BEST WISHES TO YOU, ALWAYS!



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Aryanna Lewis

Aryanna is the daughter of Yvonne Chapel Stevenson. She"s 25 years old and attends West Coast University as a junior and has a 3.6 grade point average. Aryanna is a member of the National Student Nurse Association. She is also a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and she was Valedictorian at Los Angeles City College in 2021. She finished her anatomy and psychology classes in the top five of her class, and completed the nursing prerequisites with a 3.8 GPA. Fluent in American sign language, Aryanna is an American Sign Language certified interpreter

She attends the Showers of Blessings Church of God in Christ and enjoys participating in bible study.

Aryanna operates a nonprofit organization called Hero"s for Youth. It"s a program designed to create a sustainable foundation for high school students by presenting lifestyle workshops designed to build skills in financial literacy, mental health awareness, leadership and cover letter and resume writing. The program serves students at schools throughout Sacramento. She also works with community members to collect and provide school supplies for children in Sacramento. At the beginning of the most recent school year, she facilitated the collection of over 100 backpacks filled with supplies!

Previously, Aryanna ran a catering business from a food truck in Los Angeles and she titled the business "Prepped to Perfection." She loves to cook! Her ultimate career plans are to obtain her Bachelors degree in Nursing and to become a traveling nurse. She also plans to open a restaurant with her Grandpa. Aryanna was the second runner-up in the Miss Black Teen Sacramento Pageant in 2013.

BEST WISHES, ALWAYS, ARYANNA!

Michael Phillips Care Home

41 Alta Vendorized Foster Family Home

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Nebiyah Tserruwyah White

Nebiyah is 21 years old and she is a 2018 graduate of Luther Burbank High School with a 3.8 gpa. She also attended Long Beach Polytechnic High School. In high school, Nebiyah was a member of the drumline, founder of the Poly Arts Club, and a member of the Gaming and Computer Program Club. Also while in high school, Nebiyah attended California State University, Long Beach, and took advanced placement classes in Ethnic Studies, Calculus, Statistics, Forensic Science and Advanced Art. She received several Honor Roll and Student of the Month awards for both AP and non-AP classes, she has voted Best Dressed in the yearbook, received a medal of recognition for honors classes and she received a gold sash for having a GPA of over 3.5 as a high school sophomore in an Ethnic Studies college course. At the age of 18, she received her California State insurance license. Nebiyah worships at the House of Israel..

Currently, she is a high fashion model and she also teaches performing arts, modeling and acting at the Barbizon School. She has appeared in multiple Los Angeles Fashion Weeks, as well as at fashion events in New York City, Miami and Hawaii, and she often appears in local fashion shows. Her mother, also a model and a clothing brand owner, inspired her interest and career in modeling.

Nebiyah also works as a media marketing consultant focusing in creative content. Eventually, Nebiyah would like to become a Certified Life Coach, a youth mentor and she also wants to expand her photography portfolio. Her hobbies are teaching modeling to all ages, graphic design, photography, singing, poetry and gardening.

As the oldest of 11 children, while in high school, Nebiayah held a full-time job and took care of eight of those children. She desires to be an inspiration to young ladies that need to be encouraged to turn their tragedies into triumphs.

REACH FOR THE STARS
NEBIYAH!



Volunteers and Mentors



GINA CLAYTOR

Gina Claytor, since she retired she makes sure to carve out time for her thriving side-gig - her gourmet baking business, SWEET STICKY THINGS. If you think that SWEET STICKY THINGS is just the name of an old-school album, you haven't tasted her Lemon Cake, Apricot Brandy Poundcake or her award-winning Sweet-Potato-ChocolateChocolate-Chunk Cake. But she's most proud of her three children - J'maica, Andrea, & J'rocque. Gina was crowned Miss Black Sacramento 1974, and until her retirement in 2013, she served as the pageant Mistress of Ceremonies for the at least the past 30 pageants! And, she recently completed the District Attorney's 10-week Citizens' Academy. She will soon begin training to become a certified childbirth educator.



AKELA DOUGLASS

Akela Douglass is a graduate of California State University Sacramento and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Finance. She is currently a professional hair and makeup artist and in 2007, founded Beauty by Akela. Since then, she has created beautiful looks for numerous brides, models, hair shows, music videos, magazines, and even New York fashion week. In 2014, Akela relocated to San Francisco to expand her career. It paid off because she became a Brand Educator for world renowned Wella Haircare company, and 2 years ago she opened her own salon Got Roots: Root Touch up & Style Bar in the trendy Lower Haight neighborhood of San Francisco. Most recently, Akelal relocated to Houston, Texas and has become a national educator for Wella and she placed first in a major styling competition held in Las Vegas. Akela is also very talented with a great passion in music. She is a classically trained pianist and has been singing since the age of three. Her voice has taken her all over Europe, and she has even sung the national anthem for a Sacramento River Cats game. Akela was crowned Miss Black Teen Sacramento 1999, Miss Black Sacramento 2003, Miss Sacramento Valley USA 2005, Miss Black Expo 2007, Ms. California World for 2019, and, most recently, Ms. US Global World!



ANGEL STEWART

Angel Stewart is the Director of Talent Management for the Robert Toigo Foundation, the premier source of diversity MBA professionals on Wall Street and she is based in New York City. Formerly, she was the head of Global Recruiting for the International Division of New York Life Insurance, and a Vice President at both Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs investment banks, also in New York. Angel was previously an adjunct faculty advisor in the career center at the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley. She is a member of the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem, the former Vice President of the Board of St. Hope Academy Charter School in Harlem, and a formerly a volunteer with both the Sacramento and New York City NAACP ACT-SO Programs. She was the Scholarship Chairperson for the Sacramento UCLA Alumni Association and was a Big Sister with Big Brothers/ Big Sisters of New York. In February of 2013, Angel lent her voice at the Apollo The- ater as an off stage announcer or "voice of God" for a special gala event. Angel is a graduate of Sacramento High School and UCLA. She has studied and taught tap and jazz dance and was a drummer for Sac High's marching and jazz bands. Angel frequently takes classes at the Alvin Ailey School in New York City. Though she has worked in New York City since 1998, she still considers Sacramento home. She was Miss Black Sacramento 1987.



DR. JONI STEWART

Dr. Joni Stewart is a retired social worker/therapist. She was married to the late Alex Stewart, Sr. for nearly 47 years, prior to his death in 2009. She holds a Master's Degree in Social Work and a Psychology Doctorate (Psy.D.) Dr. Stewart has worked with foster children and other youth for more than 25 years and has received many honors as a Social Worker and Therapist. She was the founder of a Group Home, Co-Founder of a Foster Family Agency and she developed, managed and provided therapy at a treatment center for foster and adoptive youth. In 2006, she received the Social Worker of the Year award from VBR Family Agency and she was named Christian Woman of the Year by the National Council of Negro Women in 2006. She served as the director and chaperone for the Miss Talented Teen Pageant for several years, and she was founder and Director of the Sacramento Christian Youth Pageant. She was the first Miss Black Sacramento Pageant Coordinator for many years and then as an Advisor and Graphic Designer. She is a key pageant mentor to the contestants, taking the time to meet individually with the girls at her home. Joni was again named Christian Woman of the year in 2013 by the Amhorro Women's Ministry. She along with her daughter Angel, is the co-founder of the nonprofit youth and young adult program called Mentoring Black Sisters, Inc. now the parent organization for the Miss Black Sacramento Pageant and former producers of the Sacramento NAACP ACT-SO program. She is a member of Center of Praise Church where she served as a member of the Congregational Care Ministry and the Velma Stokley-Flournoy Scholarship Committee. She is also the mother of three and the grandmother of three. Dr. Stewart is the daughter of the pageant founder, Velma Stokley Flournoy and the mother of the Pageant Director, Angel Stewart.



LINDA BRIM

Linda Brim is employed as a Counselor for the Sacramento Self Help Housing Renter Help Line and she is retired from the UC Davis Medical Center Pharmaceutical Services. She is a graduate of CK McClatchy High School as a Pharmacy Administrator. Linda is a member of the Kyle's Temple AME. Zion Methodist Church and serves on the Steward Board and the Pastors Aid Board. She has been a dedicated pageant volunteer for over 20 years and serves as the Secretary of Mentoring Black Sisters, Inc. She is also the Event Coordinator and secures most of the pageant sponsorship. She is the organizer of the popular "Ladies Night Out" in Sacramento. Jasmyn Starke is a graduate of The University of California, Davis with a Master's degree in Education. Jasmyn currently works for the Sacramento City Unified School district as an Elementary School Teacher. She is a member of Shower's of Blessings COGIC. At Shower's of Blessings, she participates in the adult praise dance ministry, Praise N Motion. Jasmyn was crowned Miss Black Teen Sacramento in 2011 and currently works with the pageant as a mentor and choreographer.



NICOLE NIA ANN BROWN GRAVES

Nicole Nia Ann Brown Graves is a graduate of California State University, Sacramento with a Master's Degree in Education Counseling and School Psychology. Mrs. Brown Graves works in the Elk Grove Unified School District and was formerly a high school Career Counselor and Community Engagement Coordinator. She is now Head Counselor for the district. She is also a part-time instructor at CSU Sacramento in the College of Counseling and Continuing Education. Nicole is a member of Center of Praise Ministries. She participates in African dance and drumming and has served as a volunteer chaperone for participating students on Historically Black Colleges.



SAVANNAH SIMS

Savannah Sims is a 23 year old former Miss Black Teen Sacramento Princess (2012 & 2013) & Miss Black Sacramento (2017). She previously attended Xavier University of Louisiana as a Biology Premed major. Savannah aspires to become a Neonatologist and to one day work in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, saving the lives of premature babies. She is a busy and popular high fashion model and also an accomplished dancer. While pursuing her education and medical career, Savannah intends to continue mentoring young ladies through the Miss Black Sacramento community and beyond. Savannah mentors, choreographs and coordinates the music pageant night.



CYNTHIA SMITH

Cynthia Smith has worked at VSP for 21 years. Her current role as a Certified Scrum Product Owner (CSPO) and Membership Team Lead/Trainer requires her to act as liaison between the software developers and the business area to ensure that the business needs are captured and implemented. She also trains new hires and documents all processes for her team. Cynthia's career path is technology but she has many other passions. She created Cynful Elegance a wedding and event planning business where she handled obtaining vendors for her clients such as the DJ, photographer, caterer and facilities. On occasion she would select the dresses and the tuxedos for the extremely busy bride and groom. Cynthia also enjoys listening to audiobooks (she has over 180 books in her library), finding a good deal and supporting her daughters Shanaz and Kennedy in their endeavors. Cynthia's pageant experience consists of serving as a parent volunteer for several years with the Girl's Self Esteem Program (G-SEP) and Little Miss Capital City. She is the mom of Miss Black Teen Sacramento 2018, Kennedy Smith.



BRENDA CEPEDA

Brenda Cepeda conducts etiquette classes, personal hygiene seminars, and acting and modeling workshops. She also teaches cycle classes at 24 Hour Fitness. Brenda is active in her church where she writes, directs and produces drama plays and monologues. She recently returned from a mission to Jamaica, where she visit- ed a former prime minister and the minister of education. She traveled the island reading to students from the ages of 3 to 16, creating and teaching praise dances and story telling. She organized a fundraiser "Taste Across Jamaica" to raise money for books that were delivered to libraries and schools throughout the island. Brenda is married to Tony Cepeda and together they have one son, Marcus Cepeda who lives in Phoenix, Arizona. Brenda is a graduate of Brooks College with a degree in Fashion Merchandising. She loves to read, write, cook, travel and shop. Brenda recently became a certified personal trainer through the National Academy of Sports Medicine. She plans to target women's fitness health.



LAWANNA WADE

LaWanna Wade is employed as a Risk Analyst for University of California, Davis. She has worked for the University for over 13 years. She enjoys traveling and spending time with her husband of over 19 years. LsWanna has been a pageant volunteer for the past 6 years serving as a pageant night auditor.



ANDRIA RUSHTON

Andria Rushton has been a pageant volunteer for over 18 years and has served as the Fashion Show coordinator and judge coordinator. She has also served as the director of the Ms. Black Sacramento Pageant. Andria was employed with the Employment Development Department for the last 39 years as an IT Manager in Data Processing and is now retired. After she retired she returned back to working part-time as an Analyst for the State. She was also the Grant High School cheerleader advisor. Andria is a member of Macedonia Baptist Church. She enjoys traveling and has 5 grandchildren, including pageant volunteer, Ta'meyah Rushton.



ARNITA KING

Arnita King is a graduate of California State University, Sacramento. She has worked as an Insurance Premium Auditor for the last 40 years. She is currently semi-retired working as an independent Insurance Auditor. Arnita has been a pageant volunteer for the past 6 years, serving as the pageant bookkeeper and pageant night auditor. She is the mother of Akela Douglass, former Miss Black Teen Sacramento and Miss Black Sacramento.



DAVON BRIM

Davon Brim is attends Consumnes River College majoring in automotive mechanics. Davon is a long time pageant volunteer with his grandmother, Linda Brim. He has attended the pageant since he was 7 and now escorts contestants and staff to events, helps set up for events and helps backstage at the pageant. He also coordinates the escorts pageant night.



Change

by Amanda Gorman

I can hear change humming,
In its loudest, proudest song.

I don't fear change coming,
And so I sing along.

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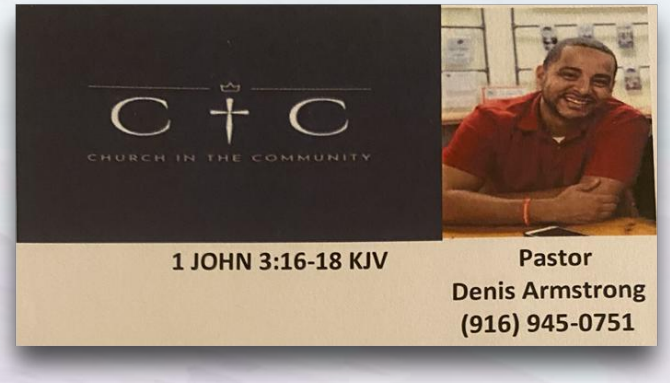
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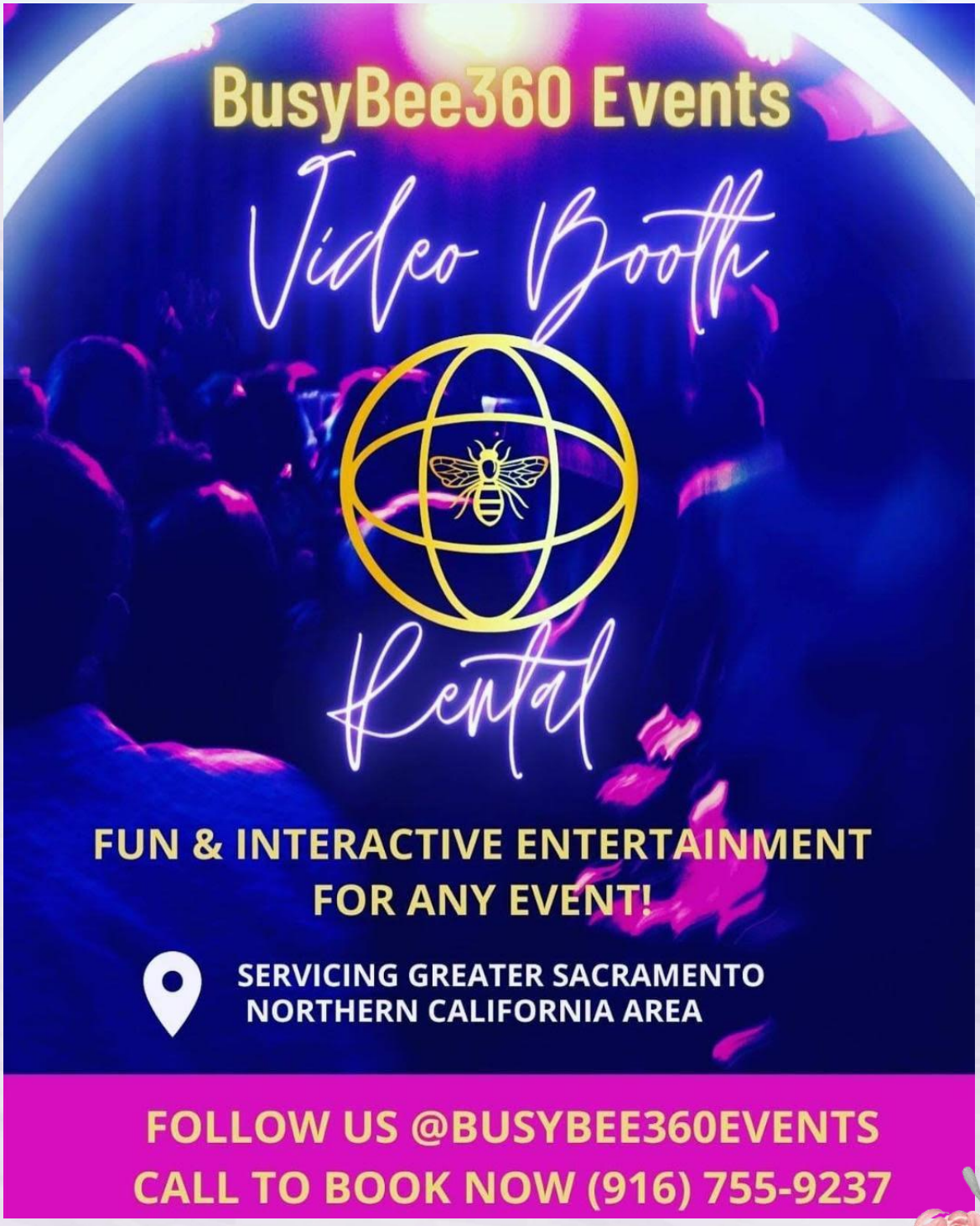
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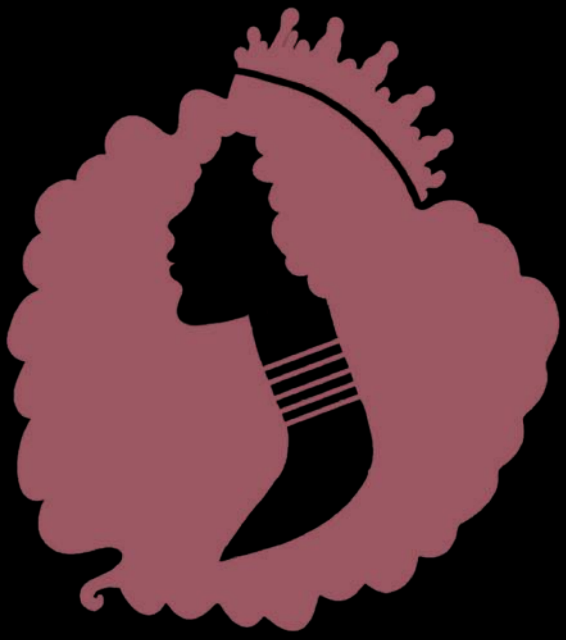


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