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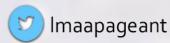
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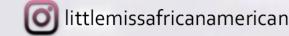
SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT

AUGUST 2024

An educational program in pageant format dedicated to the intellectual advancement of African American Youth.

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Lisa Ruffin

Chief Executive Officer



isa Ruffin is a multi-talented performer and an award-winning choreographer. After completing her education at The Juilliard School of Music in New York City, she was offered a job and moved to Los Angeles. Lisa has worked extensively in the entertainment industry from Stevie Wonder to Beyonce. Lisa recently worked at University of Southern California. She choreographed "Spring Awaking" and "Seize The King".

Lisa's first video she choreographed was the Kool and the Gang, "Joanna" video, which won an American Music Award. She choreographed "The Artist Journey and Funk Blast"

for Paul Allen's \$420 million dollar Experience Music Project, produced by Digital Domain. Lisa is the youngest African- American woman to choreograph a Broadway Stage production, "Up Close and Personal" at the Lunt Fontaine Theatre. She has also performed on Broadway. Lisa choreographed "In the Continuum" at The Ensemble Theatre of Santa Barbara and will return to The Ensemble Theatre this September to choreograph "Carmen" the musical.

In 1993, Lisa created and implemented Little Miss African American, the longest running scholarship pageant for young girls, in that age group. This educational program is in its 29th year of operation. Over 200 of Lisa's students have graduated from college and are now Doctors, Lawyers, Broadway performers, and Parents.

She would like to give thanks to her Heavenly Father for her many blessings and the gift of Little Miss African American. Lisa is an active member of SAG/AFIRA, SDC (Stage Directors & Choreographers Society).

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Staff

Melva Young, Mentor



Melva Young- Has been a part of LMAA since 1996. Her daughter Crystal was the Queen in 1997. Born in St. Louis, Mo she moved to Los Angeles area at an early age. She holds a Bachelor of Art in Finance. She has been working in Finance for over 30 years for large corporations as well as Non-profit companies. As a single parent she is very proud of her only daughter Crystal, who just graduated from USC with her Masters in Social Work. She also loves to mentor young children to help them become successful young adult. In her spare time she loves to enjoy outdoor activities as well as bingo. She lives by the motto: "Live, Love, & Laugh" Life is too short to be unhappy.

Tara Covington, Virtual Administrator / Digital Program Book Designer

In November of 2017, Tara was a featured presenter at the first annual Central Valley Women's Economic Impact Center Symposium sponsored by the Fresno Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce in Fresno, California. She went on to launch a pilot program to establish cohorts facilitating a program entitled, "The Mindset of an Entrepreneur" based on the book, "Who Owns the Ice House?" Prior to leaving the classroom after 16+ years, she was certified as a National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) Instructor. Presently, Tara is a small business owner in the Telecommunications Industry. For the past 31 years now, she has been a principle party with Little Miss African American, Inc. Tara holds a BA in Radio, Television and Film Broadcasting from San Jose State University and an MS in Integrating Technology into the Curriculum from Walden University.



Katisha Sargeant, Executive Assistant/Digital Book Design



Kastisha is an actress and a new addition to the LMAA family. She is originally from Farmville, VA, but currently resides in Los Angeles, CA. She is a graduate of North Carolina State University, class of 2014. At NC State, Katisha received her BS in Marketing, AA in Theater, and AA in French. Katisha graduated from New York Film Academy. While Katisha is very passionate about learning new things and constantly bettering herself, one of her passions is working with youth and helping them to find their way. "I love to share my experiences and what I've learned with young girls. Not all young girls have someone that they can look up to as a positive role model and that's what I want to help with." Katisha is excited to be part of LMAA and plans to continue to help the young ladies of the future.

Paul Jones IV, Technical Advisor



Paul Jones has participated in Little Miss African American since its inception. He has served as a Presenter, Dancer, Technical Advisor, and is currently Assistant to the Producer. Paul has performed across the Country as a Krump Dancer and deejayed multiple parties and events. Paul has been seen in many television and film projects as well as stage performances. Paul is finishing his BFA in Digital Film Production. An artistic soul, Paul enjoys shooting film and producing short films.

Regina Brown, Executive Team

Regina Brown has been on the Executive Staff with Little Miss African American since it's inception (1993). Although she stepped away from LMAA for a couple of years, Regina never stopped loving what it stood for, seeing the girls shine, even lending her time where she could.

Regina is an AVP for a Financial Securities firm in Downtown Los Angeles. Welcome back Regina, as Ms. Lisa would say "Gina B".



Dianne Shorté, Production Team Consultant



Dianne Shorté is a Certified Health and Life Coach and has developed and mentored hundreds of women through workshops and seminars in the areas of career, finance, health and wellness, and life skills training. Dianne has been in entertainment most of her life and began her career by receiving a Teen Model of the Year award and has held other titles including Miss Positivity - Miss Black America, Miss East Palo Alto and Miss Kool-KDIA. Dianne holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Antioch University. She is the author of "L.O.V.E. Ladies Operating Very Effectively, Finding the Power to Change Your World," and Executive Producer of the L.O.V.E. Awards. She is happily married to television writer and director, Dino Shorté, and has three adult children and six grandchildren.

Dr. Lisa Fears-Hackett, Group Leader



Lisa Fears-Hackett is currently an adjunct professor at National university. In December 2018, she was promoted to Regional Clinical Practice Coordinator (RCPC) in the Special Education department for Ontario and Riverside campuses. She teaches the Capstone Project course and is a university support provider for student interns and student teachers in the special education credentialing program. She is also currently the Director of Educational Programs for the National College Recourses Foundation. Dr. Fears-Hackett oversees the site coordinators of "The Movement" programs in Lynwood USD, Pomona USD, Long Beach USD, Moreno Valley USD, Centinela Valley UHSD and the San Diego County Office of Education. She also coordinates the Ivy League/HBCU Tours for high school students.

Chayah Mathews, Group Leader

Chayah is a recent college graduate & former 1st runner up of the pageant! Chayah has been dancing in every style since she was 5 years old and had the pleasure of working on the jitterbug with the girls, a number she has performed multiple times herself! She's so happy to have worked with our six year olds this year & is so proud of them!



Toni Jones, Choreographer



Toni Lynn Jones, native is Pittsburgh, PA. Ms. Toni is presently an Itinerant Dance Teacher for LAUSD. A Graduate of UC, Irvine with a Masters of Fine Arts in Dance. Former member of the Pittsburgh Black Theatre Dance Ensemble (with Ms. Lisa). Also danced with Barbara Sullivan's Atlanta Dance Theater and Chester Whitmore's Central Avenue Dance Ensemble., Los Angeles. She was the featured dancer for Della Reese's 70th birthday party, and an original member of WNBA Los Angeles Sparks 'Ole Skool Dance Crew. I feel more than privileged to assist with the production of Little Miss African American.

LaVondra Luckey, Group Leader



Ms. LaVondra is passionate about creating a nurturing, welcoming environment for young children and their families. She has been a part of the LMAA family since 2007 as a parent and now proudly as a Group Leader. As a Group Leader, Ms. LaVondra feels honored to give back to our girls of LMAA the encouragement, knowledge, and love that was given to her daughters and nieces over the years.

ShaVon Luckey, Group Leader

ShaVon Luckey is LMAA's 2012 Queen. She is a student at Tuskegee University studying English and Sociology with a passion for literature and analysis. Little Miss African American holds a dear place in her heart because, as someone who participated in the pageant for six years, she knows the impact that it has on the girls, emotionally, socially, and developmentally.



Dr. Sarah ShaBazz-Ugwumba, Group Leader



Dr. Sarah ShaBazz-Ugwumba received her PhD in Special Education from Walden University January 2019. Sarah is a professional educator and has teaching credentials in both general and special education. She has experience teaching students from kindergarten through Master's degree university level. Her passion for teaching goes beyond the classroom. She coached the elementary girls' basketball team for five years, where her teams swept the annual tournament and won the championship in 2015. Additionally, she implemented an afterschool cheerleading program, which gave 55 girls 18 cheerleading opportunities at the basketball games. Sarah is the founder of a mobile tutoring company that provides educational support to students of all ages. She is also a civic leader and works in the community in programs that supports women, their families, the community, and awards scholarships to high school girls. She is the biological mother of eleven children: six sons and five daughters. Sarah is the author of five books.



PRODUCTION PRODUCER

Redelia Shaw

AUDIO TECH MANAGER

Keisha Beasley

STAGE MANAGERS

Cynthia Madison Leisha Smith Dasmine Maites

COSTUMERS/SEAMSTRESSES

Karmiya Amarise
Channel Guice Thomas
Cat Thomas

SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING COORDINATOR

Marqueeda Watson

Redelia Shaw has worked in various capacities on commercial and independent media productions. She has worked on numerous projects, Office, Scandal, including The and The Muppets. As an awardwinning independent producer, she has worked on The Bolivian Case. Cocaine Prison, La Lucha, and In the Gray. She has been with United Notions Film since 2013 and currently leads the Media Production, Esports, and Promo Pathways disciplines at Santa Monica College. Redelia is passionate about training the next generation of media makers and inspires them to be fearless when telling stories that matter.



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Special Guests

Erica Gimpel



Trica Gimpel burst onto the scene as the Lunforgettable "Coco" in the international hit series Fame (1982). Since that time, she has appeared in dozens of feature films and television shows. She played "Angel Brown" in the NBC series Profiler (1996) and appeared for six seasons as "Adele Newman" in the Emmy Award-winning series ER (1994). Her other television credits include the Golden Globe winning series House (2004), Criminal Minds (2005), recurring role on the Emmy Award-winning Boston Legal (2004), and recurring role on the CW hit Veronica Mars (2004) as Wallace's mother. Some of Ms. Gimpel's favorites include Touched by an Angel (1994) opposite Phylicia Rashad, JAG (1995), and the Christmas fable Santa and Pete (1999) opposite the legendary James Earl Jones.

s. Gimpel's film credits include the Oscar nominated short "Tuesday Morning Ride" with Ruby Dee, Wayne Wang's "Smoke" opposite Academy Award-winner Forest Whitaker, Abel Ferrara's The King of New York" with Christopher Walken, "Touch Me" opposite Amanda Peet, Hal Hartley's "Flirt" and "No Such Thing" opposite Academy Award-winner Helen Mirren, and Disney's hit "Freaky Friday" opposite Jamie Lee

Curtis. Ms. Gimpel has just completed shooting the independent film "Blue Eyes" which was shot in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.

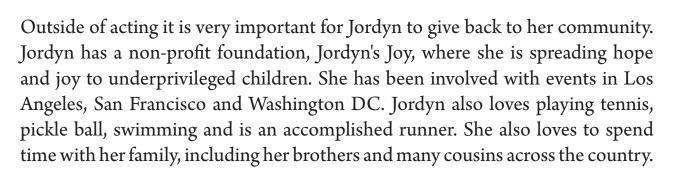
While balancing a full acting career Ms. Gimpel is also a singer/songwriter blending the styles of Jazz/Pop and Alternative. She is currently (2008) performing in the Los Angeles area with her trio. Ms. Gimpel is also an active member of the world peace organization, The SGI-USA.

Jordyn Curet

Jordyn Starr Curet is a child actress who has been performing since the age of two. She has appeared in major films, several TV shows, multiple national commercials, print campaigns and has walked at Fashion Week in New York City, Miami and Los Angeles. Currently, she is starring in the ABC Network series Home Economics.

Jordyn had a supporting role in the Oscar®nominated film Marriage Story. Curet
received three Young Entertainer Awards
for her work on Disney Channel's Raven's
Home and Bizaardvark, and for her
portrayal of "Young Phylicia Rashad" in
A Tale of Two Sisters. Jordyn also hosted
DreamWorks TV's YouTube series Life
Hacks for Kids, which has more than 5
million subscribers with Curet sharing

DIY hacks to her weekly audience. Jordyn released her first original song, "Lift Me Up," in 2019.



Stacey McBride-Irby - Black Barbie Designer

Stacey McBride-Irby is a world known Doll Designer, Speaker, Mentor and Entrepreneur who was a Project Designer at Mega Toy Company, Mattel for 15 years. At age 22 she was given her dream job, to design Career, Feature and Seasonal Barbies, Fashions, and Play sets along with Disney Princess Dolls. Later in her career at Mattel, she was recognized for designing the first Sorority Barbie celebrating AKA's Centennial Year. In 2009 she became a trailblazer for creating the So In Style African American line of Barbie dolls, fashion dolls designed as a positive reflection of her daughter and friends in their community. Stacey's motto is: "A Happy, Inspired Childhood Creates Happy, Inspired and Powerful Women." Stacey took a leap of faith, resigned from Mattel in 2011 and co-founded her own doll company. The One World Doll Project's Prettie Girls are a Multi-Cultural line of Dolls, designed to represent diversity while empowering girls. With her wealth of knowledge in the industry, she advises companies and designers on how to achieve their goals. Stacey continues to role model for the youth by giving them reflections of themselves, motivating to pursue their dreams.



Hattie Winston Wheeler - Actress/Singer/Producer/Director



HATTIE WINSTON, actress, singer, producer, director and Broadway veteran continues to entertain audiences on film, stage and television in a career that has spanned more than five decades. Currently Hattie can be seen as Sister Pearlie, opposite Cedric the Entertainer and Niecey Nash in The Soul Man on BET. She is perhaps best known for her role as Margaret on the hit CBS series Becker, with Ted Danson for six seasons. Other TV credits include The Electric Company, Homefront, Castle, Girlfriends, ER, The Game, Scrubs, Reed Between the Lines, Cold Case, Mike and Molly and many more. She has strutted her stuff in Quentin Tarantino's Jackie Brown and sparred with Clint Eastwood in his True Crime. Hattie was a Founding member of The Negro Ensemble Company and has acted both on and off-Broadway in The Tap Dance Kid, Two Gentlemen of Verona, The Me Nobody Knows, Vagina Monologues, Scapino, Up the Mountain, American Menu and Love, Loss and What I Wore. As a member of Longwood Writers Group, led by Denise Nicholas, their book will be published February 2024. She is wife of Harold Wheeler and mother of Samantha Wheeler (her proudest roles).

Saundra McClain - Director/Actor

Member of SDC, SAG-AFTRA, AEA



Over 40 years as a performing arts specialist, Ms. McClain has worked in all aspects of the theatre discipline, both as an actor and director, performing in numerous shows on and off Broadway, films, and several guest-starring & recurring roles on TV. As an actor and director, she has been nominated for several Ovation and NAACP Theatre Awards, in 2019 the LA Drama Critics Circle Award for Best Lead Actor in a Play. Yet she still finds time to develop two new musicals as well as a children's book and film series, "Peepo & the Magic Talisman." She has taught/guest-directed at Queens College, California Lutheran University, AMDA, AADA, Pomona College & California State University-Fullerton, and holds an MFA in Directing from CSU-Fullerton. Saundra most recently directed Spring Awakening, Cabaret. and The Play That Goes Wrong . Currently, she is performing in The Tempest at Antaeus Theatre Company and collaborating on a book, Pushing Boundaries: Career Paths of African American Directors- with Clinton Turner Davis for Routledge Publishing.

Ingrid Hadley - Principal & Chief Possibilities Officer

Ingrid Hadley, founded ILH Possibilities to help companies and individuals create inclusive spaces and equitable culture that lead to workplace happiness and next-level profits. She believes that the possibilities are limitless when we create space and opportunity for everyone.

Born in South Central Los Angeles to an interracial couple prior to the Loving Act, she's been a Global Diversity and Inclusion Expert and Leadership Coach for over 20 years and has helped countless organizations build lasting structures that facilitate joy, belonging, and purpose.

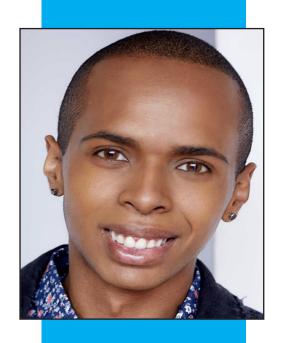


Gene Hale - CEO of G&C Equipment Corporation

Gene formerly served as an appointee by President Obama to the President's Export Council. He was also appointed by President George W. Bush President's Board of Advisors on Historical Black Colleges. Governor Gray Davis appointed Gene to the California infrastructure committee for the 21st century and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed him to the California Small Business Commission. More recently, Governor Brown appointed Gene to the Governors International Trade and Investment Advisory Board, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti recently appointed Gene to serve as the president of the Mayor's Export Council, Los Angeles County Supervisor, Mark Ridley-Thomas appointed Mr. Hale to the Los Angeles County Small Business Commission. Mr. Hale serves on many boards including the Southern California Leadership Council. Currently, Mr. Hale is the Chairman of the Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of Gardena Police Foundation. Encouraging strong community involvement has been one of Gene's principal objectives. He has promoted these values by providing equipment and financial support to churches, charities, schools, and local business organizations. A Birmingham, Alabama native and a Business Administration degree from Cal State University-Dominguez.



Christopher Giovanni - Talent Manager



Hollywood talent manager, producer, and writer Chris Giovanni entered the entertainment business at the age of 19 in 2010. Through perseverance, genuine connections, and hard work ethic - Christopher has quickly become one of the most sought out choices in diverse entertainment representation.

Christopher has managed and developed some of Hollywood's brightest stars including Vaughn W. Hebron, Darius McCrary, Cynthia Bailey, Sheree Whitfield, and more. He has placed his clients in over 100+ commercial credits, and hit television series such as All American (CW), Grey's Anatomy (ABC), Lovecraft Country (HBO MAX), and more.

Christopher is the Youngest Manager in History to join the Talent Manager's Association of California at the age of 24.

"" It's all about the presence I know who has star potential within seconds of meeting them."

Carlacia Grant - Actress

Carlacia Grant is an actress whose upbringing brought her all around the world. A former pageant queen, she found her passion for acting in summer theatre camp where she was cast as the Lead in the Robert Louis Stevenson Play "Treasure island". Carlacia is best known for her breakout role in the second season of the Netflix Hit Series "Outer Banks".



Dr. Lance McCarthy - Economist & Model/Brand Ambassador

Dr. Lance McCarthy's resume and accomplishments are extensive. Dr. Lance has consulted and or been affiliated with White House Task Force, Harvard Lecturer, Ferguson 1000 Jobs, Black Silicon Valley, The Catholic Church, Orlando Urban League, Rainbow Push Silicon Valley Project, and Venture Draft a conference connecting Athletes, Technology and Venture Capital.

- Capital Formation Award from the Institute for Strategic Thinking and Technology Development at UCLA.
- Listed in the International Who's Who of Intellectuals
- Listed in "2000 Most Notable Men in America"
- Named to the Inaugural class of Leadership U.S.A.
- Outstanding Leader Award, National Association of Black Architects
- White House Lecture
- TED Talk Lecture
- Harvard Lecture



Elia Cantu - Actor/Writer



Elia Cantu is a California native and a talented and versatile actress who has made a mark in both the television and film industries. Currently, she captivates audiences as the fearless Detective Jada Hunter on Peacock's long-running and beloved soap, Days of Our Lives. Prior to this role, Cantu showcased her exceptional acting skills as Stacy Green on the wildly popular FOX show, 9-1-1, leaving a lasting impression on viewers. Her comedic talents shone brightly in Showtime's comedy hit, Black Monday, taking on the character Suki and sharing the screen with acclaimed actors such as Academy Award winner Don Cheadle, Regina Hall, and Kadeem Hardison. She also appeared on ABC's acclaimed sitcom Black-ish, CBS's MOM, and delighted audiences with her impeccable timing and wit on HBO's A Black Lady Sketch Show. Not only limited to comedy, but Cantu also showcased her talents on NBC's emotional drama This Is Us. Alongside her acting career, Cantu has over 12 years of experience as a skilled makeup artist in the industry, adding a creative touch to various projects. Beyond her expertise in acting and makeup artistry, Cantu is a writer and ready to explore new creative avenues. As her passion for storytelling continues to grow, she aspires to establish her own production company, where she can bring her visions to life as a producer and director.

Special Guest Presenters

Preliminary Host

Nasreen El-Shabazz LMAA 2015





Crystal Young – Born May 24th I made my LMAA debut in 1997 and was crowned Little Miss African American Queen in 1998. (What an Amazing Experience) After graduating from High school I earned my B.A in Psychology from Mount Saint Mary's University located in Los Angeles Ca. In 2016 I earned my Master's Degree in social work with a concentration in mental health from the University of Southern California. Now in 2022 I have my own business: Crystal Young Therapy. I have continued to wear my "CAP" throughout my life and I still love working with LMAA. Fun Fact about me: I love walking and playing with my French bulldog "Blue Deniro"



Nasreen El-Shabazz, 2018 Little Miss African American wears a new crown of Miss Black CA USA Talented Teen. She dances, acts, models, sings, cooks, and loves doing make-up. Nasreen has had the opportunity to interact and perform for some pretty incredible events in front of legends. As the 2018 gueen for the Little Miss African American Scholarship Pageant, she has performed for the legendary Berry Gordy of Motown at their 11th Annual "Friends of Fuller Gordy Strikefest", presented speeches for LA Mayor's office as well as Black History Month events, shared the stage on the RuPaul Show with Miss Teen USA, Nia Kaliegh Garris, the late and very phenomenal Miss USA, Cheslie Kryst, Miss America, Nia Franklin and appeared on OWN TV show, Homemade Simple" with Laila Ali. One of her most rewarding accomplishments is being an honor roll student with a 3.8-4.0 GPA at Victory Valley High School, volunteering at her church, West Angeles Cogic God In Christ as a praise dancer, the Victor Valley Library, serving food to the homeless community and being awarded 1st place in the 2018 and 2019 for the Athletic Cheerleading Championship.

Brytani Garnett

Award Presenter

Special Guest Presenters

The Queens of LLAAPast

Summer Jimpson LMAA 1994



Crystal Young LMAA 1998



ShaVon Luckey LMAA 2012



Mariah Victorious Hall LMAA 2015



Princess Mapp LMAA 2016



Nasreen El-Shabazz LMAA 2018





CRYSTAL YOUNG THERAPY

Hi! I am very happy you have made it here. My name is Crystal Young. I am a Licensed Clinical social worker with a Master's degree from the University of Southern California in Social work. I am proudly born and raised in Inglewood, California. I have been in the mental health field for the past eight years and counting! My experience ranges from, but not limited to field based mental health, outpatient, psychiatric hospice, inpatient hospital setting, group homes, and currently private practice. I have my own experience with therapy and being on the other side of the couch! I believe that If I am going to be a therapist, I have to certainly know what it feels like to be a client. and well we all need some support! I have overcome many things in life, but the greatest healing came from being able to support others.



What To Expect During Therapy?

My approach is lighthearted, yet challenging, passionate, supportive and safe. I am a straightforward therapist, while still respecting and being mindful of where my client is at in the present moment. I focus on understanding your culture, beliefs, customs, and values. I am passionate about creating a therapeutic space where my client come as they are while facilitating insight and understanding and laying the groundwork for hope and healing. I implement effective psychotherapy methods to instill self-understanding and encourage you to adopt new attitudes and feelings towards life situations. Therapy is a healing process that necessitates participation and is a self investment.

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8 Year Olds



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8 Year Olds

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Harley

10 Year Olds

Pageant Contestants



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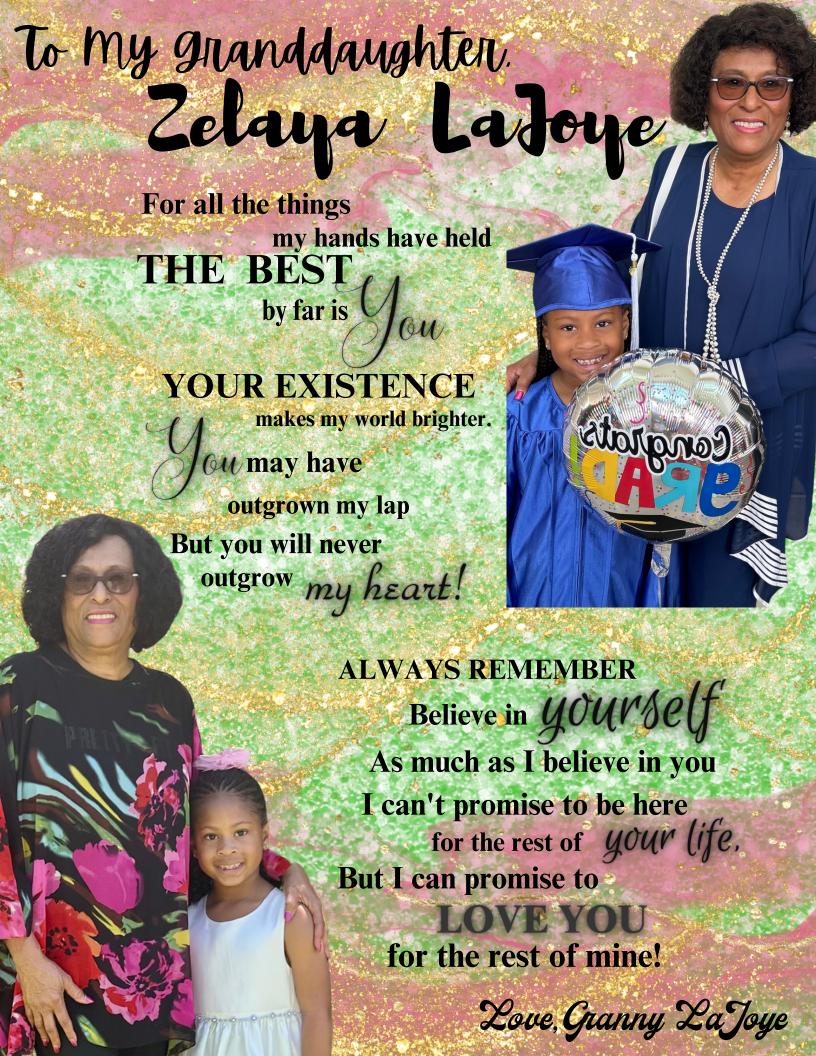




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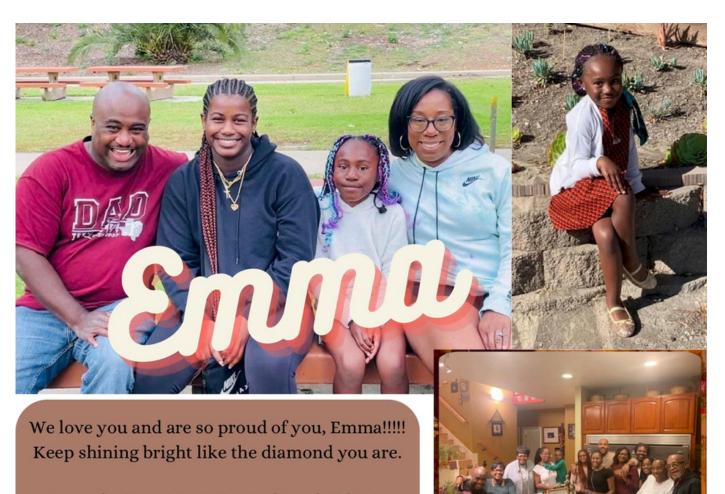
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Your incredible talent and strong genes will lead the way to an amazing future!

Wishing you all the best now and always,

Felicidades!

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Luz, Jon, Jaydon and Taina

Congratulations Zelaya











Elijah & Crystal Walker Family of Charlotte, North Carolina



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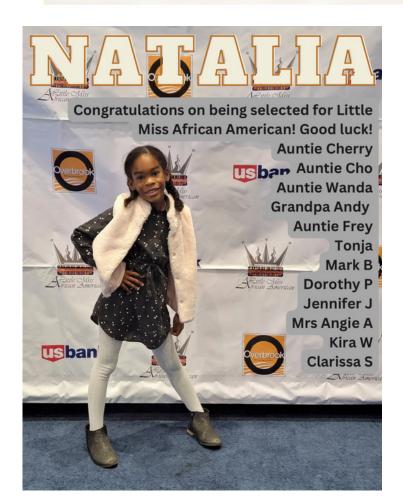








Congratulations Natalia! We are so proud of you, we know you will do your best. Love aunt Pam & uncle Bobby!





Malachai



100 Black Men of Los Angeles, Inc. Congratulates

Zelaya La Joye Walker







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Mom & Dad

To our incredibly smart and driven daughter, Payton, Mom and Daddy love you so much. We are very proud of you. We know you will continue to offer amazing things to this world, and we will continue to root for you all the way.

Brother & Sissy

To the sassiest, spunkiest, busiest, smartest, most talented and beautiful preteen I know! Love, Sissy

To my talented & fearless little sis, don't ever let anyone dull your sparkle. Your star shines the brightest amongst them all. This is your moment, baby girl. Always proud of you.

Love, Brother

Grandma & Grandpa

Payton, we're very proud and excited for you, granddaughter.

Love, Grandma & Grandpa

Carys & Sydney

Good luck, Payton, and I hope you win! From Carys and Sydney





CONGRATULATIONS ZELAYA

Grand Opening: Preschool Tech Academy Compton Legacy Early Academy Powered By St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

We are thrilled to announce the much-awaited Grand Opening of the Preschool Tech Academy, where young minds embark on an exciting journey of learning, exploration, and innovation!

About Preschool Tech Academy: At Preschool Tech Academy, we believe in nurturing young talents and preparing them for a world that embraces technology in every aspect of life.

Our academy is specially designed to provide children aged 3 to 6 with a unique blend of early childhood education and hands-on technology experiences.

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Zelaya LaJoye Walker



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AALAIJA

Aalaija, I am so proud of your determination and drive! It is an honor and a blessing to be your mother and I thank God for giving me this assignment. You are truly favored, blessed, and gifted! Never give up on your dreams and I am grateful to be on this journey with you. Have fun and do your best!

I would like to thank all of my family and friends that supported and encouraged Aalaija. I would like to give a special thank you to Canon Brothers Investments and Hazel Candles for giving a special donation. Also, thank you so much to Grandma for all of your love and support.

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2023 Little Miss African American Scholarship Pageant Contestant

LaJoye Mallory (Boule)

Brenda Childs (Omega Iota Omega) Charlotte, NC Linda Stokes (Eta Gamma Omega) Sacramento, CA Sandra Henson (Alpha Omega Omega) Beaumont, TX

We Love You Billie Congrats!!

The Cast of CARMEN JONES

Chauncey Packer, Desmond Newson, Ashli Ferguson, Miguel St. Dossette, Fredericka Meek and A.L.



Congratulations ZELAYA!

"SOME GIRLS

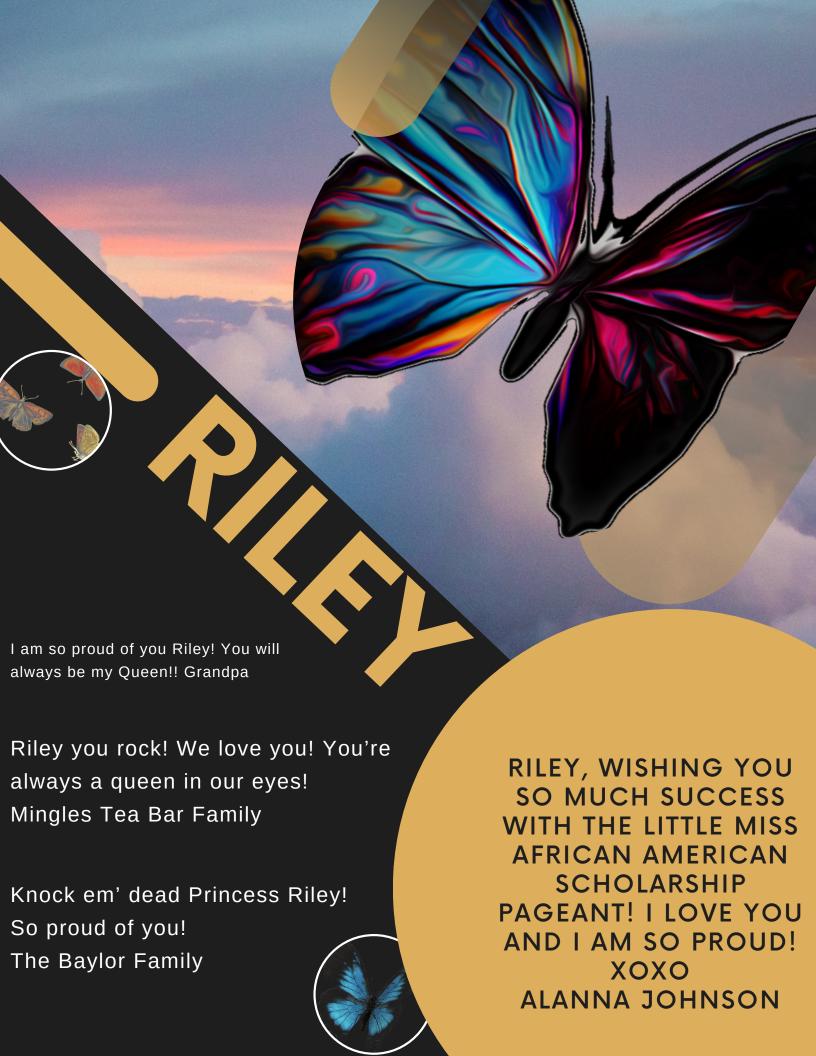
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WITH GLITTER IN

THEIR VEINS"

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!

-UNCLE RALPH & AUNTIE ANDRIENNE SMITH



Zelaya LaJoye Walker

Would Like To Thank Everyone For Their Support In The 2023 Little Miss African American Scholarship Pageant!

- 1. Tiffany-LaJye Walker
- 2. LaJoye Mallory
- 3. Jewett L. Walker Jr. & Sandra Walker
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- 6. James & Hermmina Mallory
- 7. Winifred Davis
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- 13. Ahri Mallory
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- 15. Chris Weaver
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 - & Aria Bush
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 - & Honor Mitchell
- 34. Charde Shields
- 35. Veronica Green
- 36. Samantha McGeary
- 37. Kristen Bossette
- 38. Cristal & Brooklyn Coffee
- 39. Raye Brown
- 40. Mercilyn Brown
- 41. Kristin Smith



CONGRATULATIONS ZAYA!!

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!
ALWAYS REACH FOR THE
STARS!
WE LOVE YOU PRINCESS!

WITH LOVE,
LADONNA & D.L. HUGHLEY
A.K.A
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MAKENZIE EMMIE ADILAH AZIKIWE









We salute our Princess today.

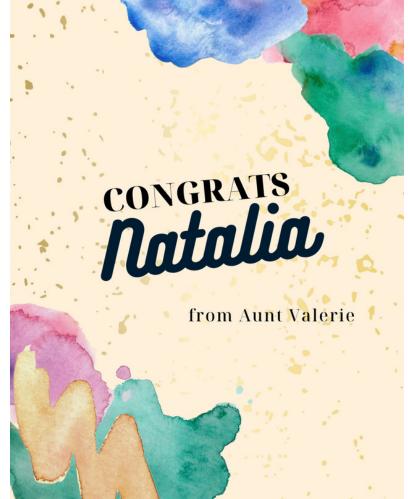
We are proud that you chose us as your family!

Mom, Dad, Grandma, Granny, Malik and the rest of your family tribe!





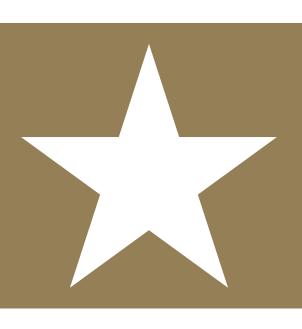
Congratulations, Emma! We love you so much!
From Ms. Keira and Ms. Jackie

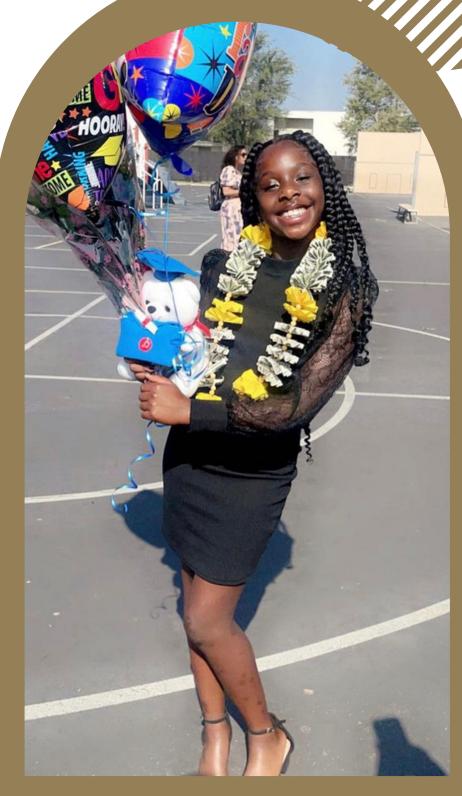


Taylor congrats!

we are so proud of the young lady you are growing into. You light up every room you enter!

Love, Friends & Family



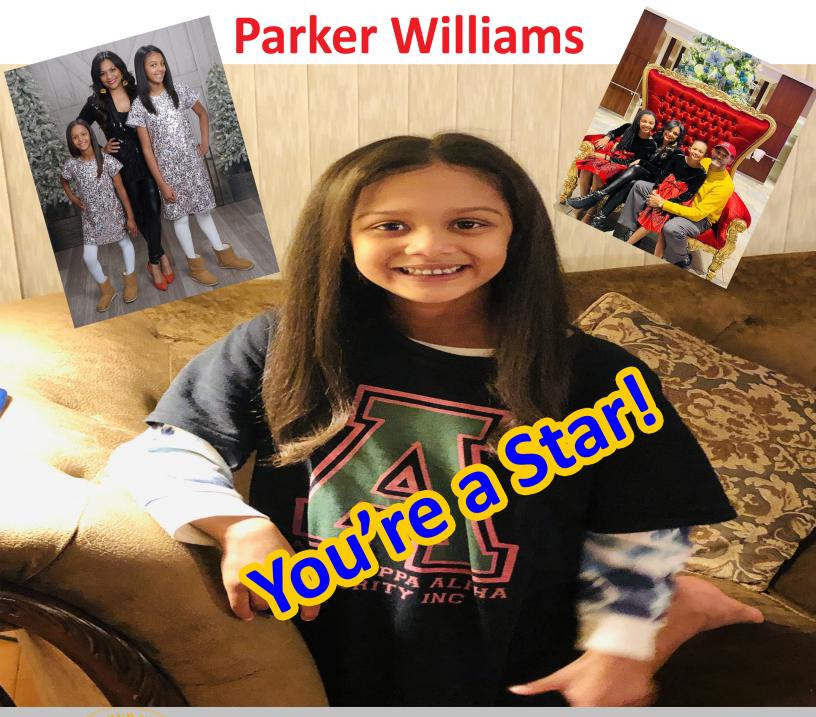


Congratulations Zelaya



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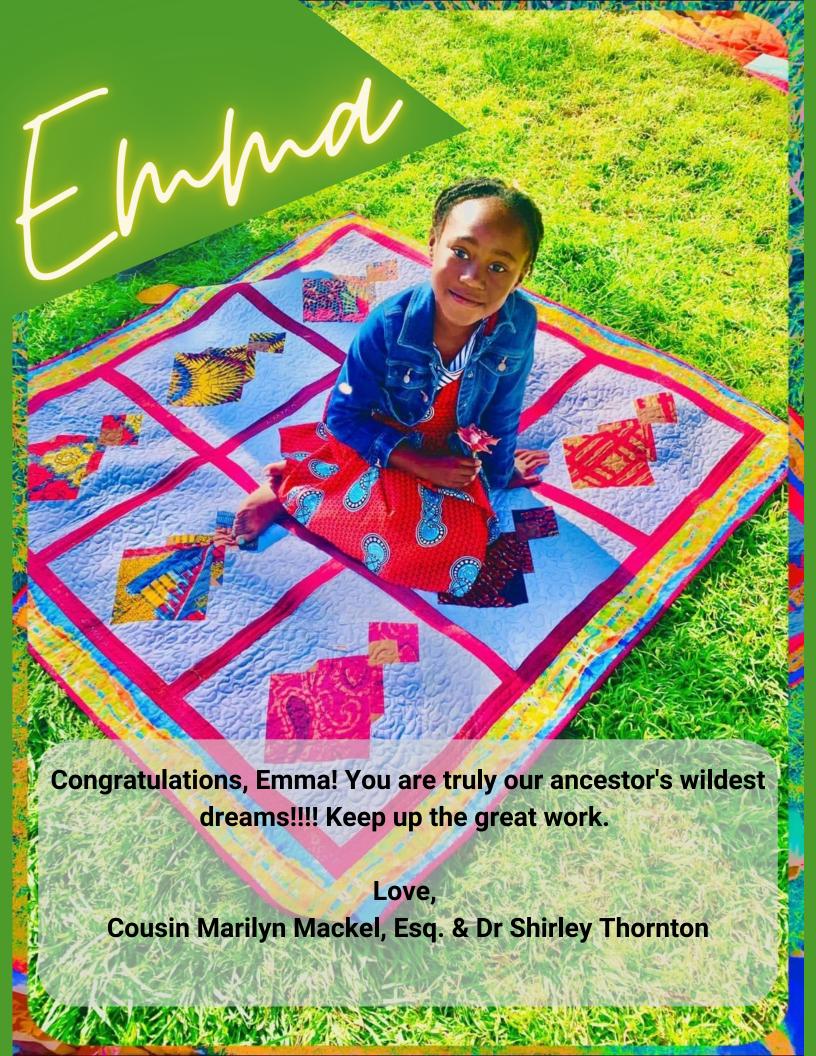
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KEEP SHINING! THE WORLD NEEDS YOUR LIGHT!

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SHE COULD *
SO SHE DID

CONGRATULATIONS ZELAYA LAJOYE WALKER

WELOVEYOU*
YOUR TEXAS FAMILY

Amife Winn, Shonya, Jerome, Jemark, Ahri, Kell, Erika, Sebastian, Chris, Tyler, Deshera, Felicia & Keith

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU



Queen Riley!
You truly are a
star! I love
watching you
grow up!
Love Godmommy

Good luck Riley on your first ever pageant! We love you!
Richard & Meghan
Chapman





Riley, we are so beyond proud of you! Always remember to wear your crown! Dianne & Dino Shorte





You're doing an amazing you're doing an amazing of job! We are so proud of you!



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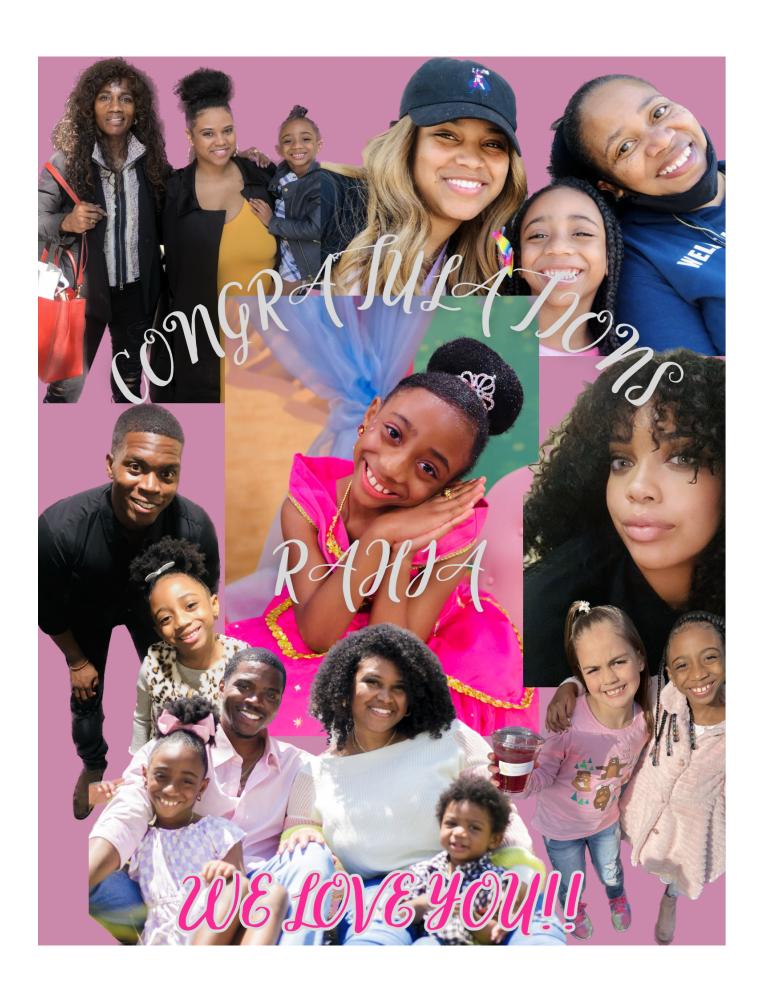


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Congratulations Riley Arnold!!! Your family is beyond proud of you! Keep reaching for the stars and making your dreams come true!

The Arnold Family!





Congratulations Cranddaughter Zelaya









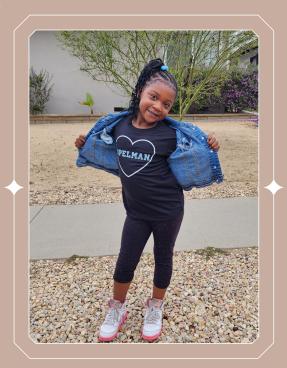
Dr. Jewett L. Walker, Jr.



You are amazing! We are so proud of the stong, young woman that you are becoming!

Love,

Your Familiy and Friends



D'LOY

From: Aunty Angel
To my beautiful, bold, bossy big girl,
always remember you are royalty, you
are worthy, you are valued, and you
are loved. I love you always and
forever!

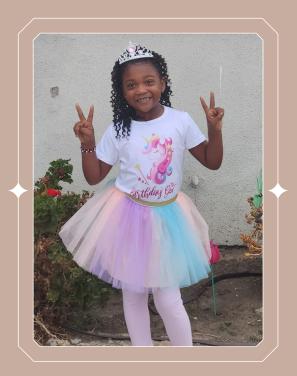


D'Lor - Your beauty emanates from your spirit. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Congratulations! - Teniel

D'Lor you are chosen, loved & covered by God. Keep smiling big - I love you.
Uncle Donovan

From: Aunty Myeva Girl after my heart, you are amazing and I am so proud of you.

Congratulations D'Lor. From the Spears Family



CONGRATS D'LOR. FROM COUSIN JEANETTE

My Glam Girl Is a Diamond Full Of Love.
From: MiMi





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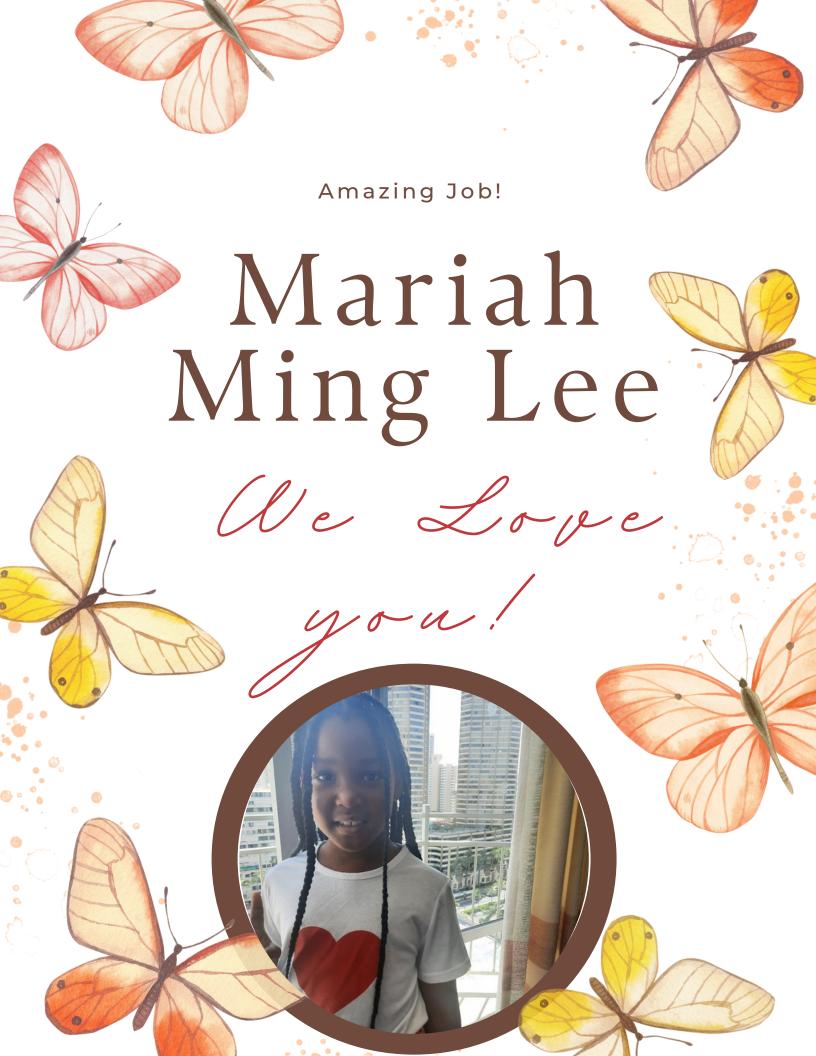
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CONGRATULATIONS ZAYA!!

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU & THE YOUNG LADY YOU ARE BECOMING!

CONTINUE TO KEEP GOD FIRST, LEARN & GROW!

WE LOVE & SUPPORT YOU,
YOUR FAMILY
THE CAMPBELLS

KHAILYNE AURBI VERGO



Auntie Dot and I are so proud of you...

Shine Bright like a DIAMOND.

Auntie Dot & Pooh



Khai,

"You are intelligent, gifted and talented; always remember that."

Charlene Brown



Khai,

You are Simply AHHHH-MAAZING!

Jody



Princess Khai

Continue to make us ALL proud

The world is yours!

Laura

Congratulations Zelaya



We are so PROUD of your bid to become the 29th Annual Little Miss African-American Scholarship Pageant (LMAA) 2023 Winner

Love from your Village,

(1-r) Great-Uncle Jon, Great-Aunt Rene,
Grandmother Sandra, Great-Grandma Julia,
Great-Aunt Michelle, Great-Aunt Ella
and Grandaddy Jewett





D'LOR

From: Aunty Barbara
Congratulations to an amazingly
talented and gifted little lady. D'Lor I'm
so proud of you. Continue to let your
light shine bright baby girl, with hard
work, dedication and determination
you can achieve anything your heart
desires. Sky's the limit. The best is
definitely yet to come! Love and
blessings.

D'Lor God bless your journey! We love you! Sis. Sarah and family.

Go D'Lor, Continue striving for excellence. We're so proud of you!!! Love, Asia & Kali



I'm proud of you D'Lor. You have a bright future, so keep shining like that star you are.
From Aunty Carla

Congratulations D'Lor, you will always be a winner!
Your Church Granny Christine











CONGRATULATIONS!

CONGRATS ZELAYA

DON'T LET ANYONE'S WORDS, DULL YOUR SPARKLE!

YOUR NAC COUSINS, DANIELL, TRAYVON, AHLANA & CINA



We are so proud of you!



You are an amazing young lady with a very bright future!

From: Daeshon

D'Lor, you are an embodiment of grace and radiance. Your inner beauty shines through, captivating hearts wherever you go. Embrace your uniqueness, showcase your confidence, and let your light illuminate the stage. You have the power to inspire, empower, and leave an indelible mark. Embrace this opportunity, dazzle the world, and let your true beauty conquer the stage. Believe in yourself, D'Lor for you are destined for greatness. Good luck!

BELIEVE IN YOURSELF
AND YOU WILL BE
UNSTOPPABLE. WHEN
YOU FOCUS ON THE
GOOD THE GOOD GETS
BETTER. WE LOVE YOU
SISTER. FROM
VALANCE AND PEYTON

FROM: KEIVON YOU CAN DO IT. I'M PROUD OF YOU. Family is forever. Love brings you peace.
Don't forget to smile.
Be all that you can be.
From Your Favorite
Brother Jokim

Congratulations D'Lor. I am so very proud of you. Love your bestfriend. Love Aunty Dawn.

Baby Girl I'm proud of you. Love Poppy

CONGRATULATIONS D'LOR. YOU ARE VERY SMART AND WE LOVE YOU VERY MUCH. FROM JAMARI & JEMMOTT.

FROM: KENDELL CONGRATULATIONS MY D'LOR.

CONCRATULATIONS

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!
REMEMBER YOU ARE SMART,
YOU ARE STRONG &
YOU CAN DO ANYTHING,
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D'LOR

Always remember to hold your head up high because you are beautiful and smart. Honey is so proud of you. I love you Honey's baby.



D'Lor Grace Simmons-Taylor! You truly are a gift from the Lord! We are so proud of you! You are the epitome of beauty, excellence and intelligence.

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,
Nor have entered into the heart of
man the things which God has
prepared for those who love Him," I
Corinthians 2:9
With love, your God-family the
Lowery's

I'm so proud of you Little Miss D'Lor! You are Amazingly Awesome in every way! Love you, Mrs. Kimmie



Princess KHAILYNE VERGO



There are not enough words in the world to express how I feel about you!

You are my EVERYTHING!

Continued success to you always

Love MiMi



KHAILYNE

My favorite Great-Granddaughter
You are a

SUPERSTAR!

Love you FOREVER!

Your GG

ZELAYA LAJOYE

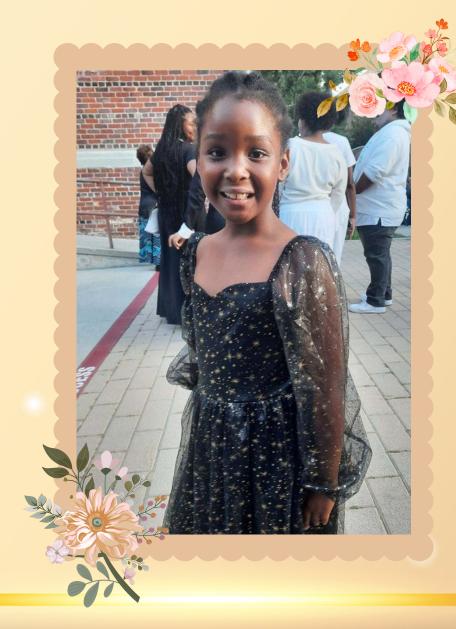
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Congratulations,

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Congratulations Mariah



We are so prond of you! You have done an amazing job!



BEST WISHES & CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL THAT YOU DO! I AM PROUD OF YOU!

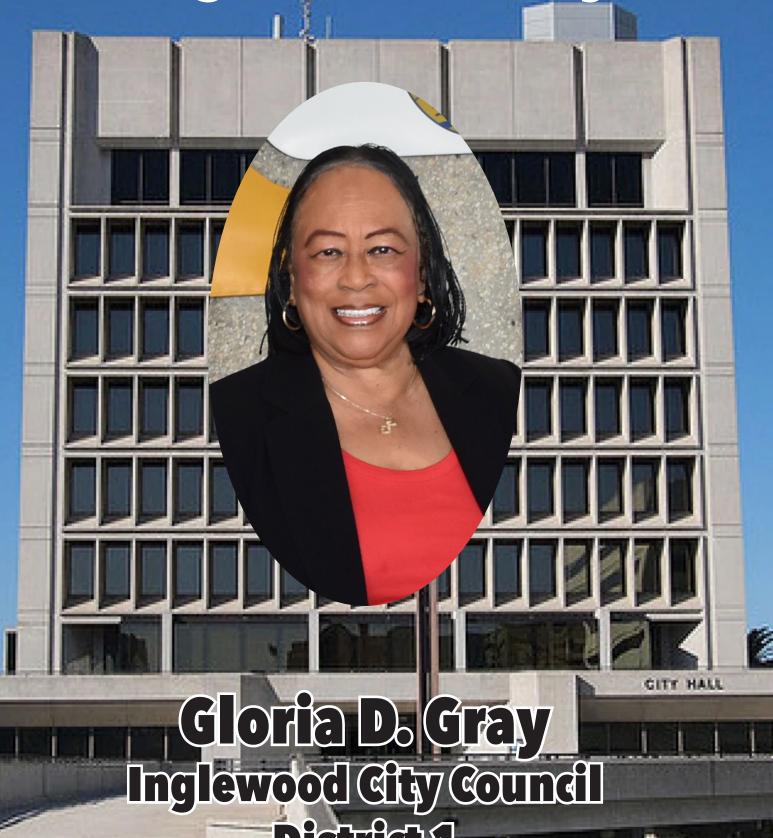
-MRS. KATIE WASHINGTON







Congratulations Zelaya



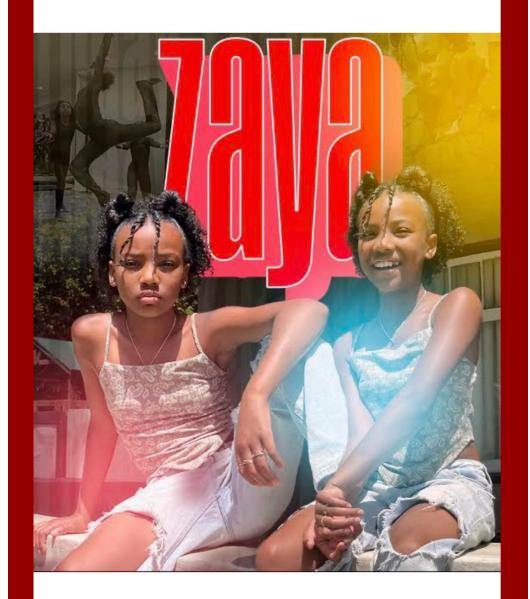
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My Angel D'Lor Simmons
You stole my heart from the movement
I saw you and held you in my arms,
I knew you were special. I knew you were one of a kind. Continue to shine bright like the stars in the sky!
Show the world why I call you, My Angel!
Just know, I am here for you always!!

Love you, Auntie Q





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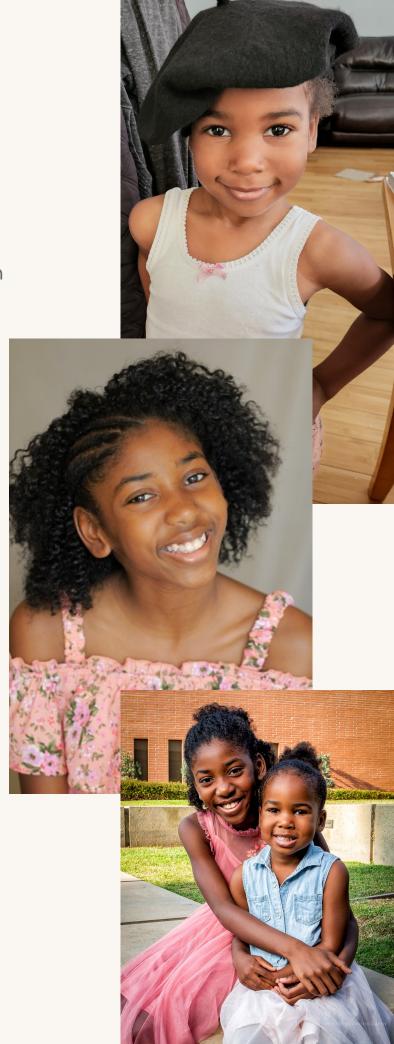
You've been part of this pageant since birth and to see you on the stage in your first year is amazing just like you!!!

SARAI

You've been a phenomenal queen!! Keep shining like the star you are and always wear your CAP!

With love,

Mommy, Daddy, Papa Larry,
Auntie Courtney & Uncle Franco
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Daughter,

I am so proud, happy, and totally believe in you journey.

Continue to do you and what defines you.

You have our total support.

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Love Always

Mom & Mr. Jiron



Congratulations to my beautiful smart friend, Khailyne!

I love you and our secret fence talks!

You Rock!

Love Maya







Love, Auntie Michelle Denise Walker & Cousins Percy III, Tish, Percy IV, Erica, Laecy, Cairo, Kaia, Troy, Timothy, Timmell, Khalil, Geoffrey Sr., Jamicia, Zakai, Geoffrey Jr., Brooklyn & Auntie Ella



To My Great Granddaughter:

Zelaya Za Joye Walker

IF I CAN GIVE YOU THREE THINGS, IT WOULD BE

1) THE CONFIDENCE,

to always know your self worth

2) THE STRENGTH,

to chase your dreams and

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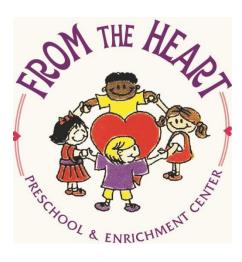
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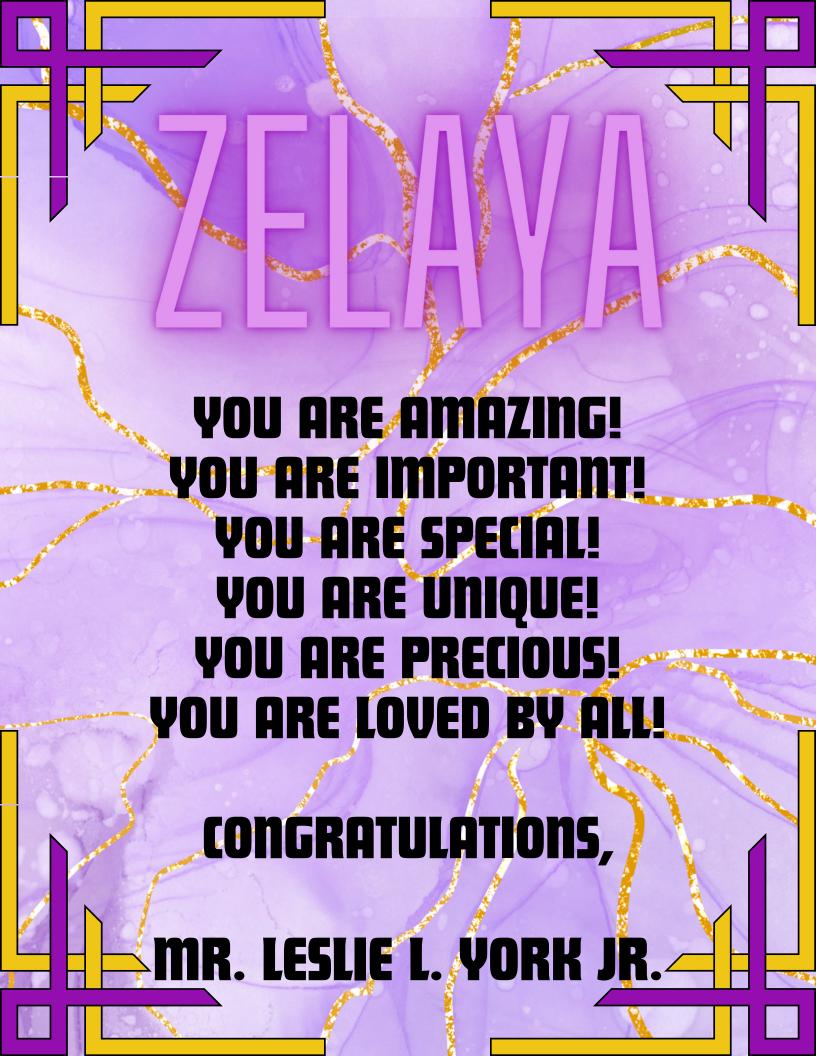
DILOR



D'Lor You are an amazing little girl and I am so proud of you. Keep letting your light shine Princess. Always remember that you are amazing. You can do and be anything you want to be as long as you try your best. You will always be my #1 Little Miss African American Princess. Mommy loves you.

To my bright star, anything is possible that comes to your mind. Just know hard work always pays off. I see nothing but greatness in you. All you have to do is own

From Corry



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