



Miss DC Teen
USA





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What was it like growing up with a military family?

I was born in Ansbach, Germany to a military family, both parents having served and is currently serving in the United States Army. I lived overseas the majority of my life, living a good portion in South Korea. Growing up in a military family was difficult at times because I never stayed in a single location for too long. But on the other side of it I am well traveled and have family and friends around the world.

Are you a self taught musician or did you take lessons?

I am not a self taught musician. When I was six-years-old, I took up violin while my parents were deployed in Iraq and I was living with my grandparents. Learning the violin was a way that my mind could be occupied while my parents were away. When I moved to Korea at the age of seven, I learned to play piano very quickly.

I soon entered my first competition in South Korea and won the championship. It was then that the kids at my school and in my community started to ask questions about the competition and music in general in the hopes that I would teach them. I knew then that my mission was to spread the power of music to our future leaders, our children. Restoring music programs in public schools is vital and it is my plan to raise awareness about the importance of music as part of each child's complete education.

How did you get into the world of pageants?

I started pageantry very young. My grandmother first introduced me to the world of pageants during a summer that I had visited her. As I got older I really enjoyed pageants even more and what they stand for. Confidence, commitment, scholarship and leadership is what comes to mind when I think of what the world of pageants bring. Pageants have contributed greatly and are instrumental in my success toward my life goals. Pageants helped to build my confidence and interview skills that I have needed to prepare for college as well as job interviews. Furthermore, I have built relationships with my sister queens that will be everlasting.

What advice do you have for other young women looking to get started in competing in pageants?

My advice for women wanting to get into pageantry is DO IT! You won't regret it. Pageants bring out the best in you and can put you on a path to success.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I love volunteering and spending time with family and friends.