

The 2nd Annual Crown Scholarship Pageant



SATURDAY
JANUARY 19, 2019
4:00PM



Chosen Productions, Inc presents...
The 2nd Annual Crown Scholarship Pageant

“House Party 4”

Welcome & Greetings.....**Queen Taylor White**
Miss Dudley High School 2018-2019

INTRODUCTION OF THE CONTESTANTS

Introduction of the Judges

FIT FOR A QUEEN

TALENT

Entertainment.....**Kourtlynn Stewart**

EVENING WEAR

QUESTION & ANSWER

10-Minute Intermission

THE FINALE

Presentations.....**Miss Lynn L. Douglas**
Executive Director Chosen Productions, Inc.

CROWNING CEREMONY

Closing Remarks..... **Miss Lynn L. Douglas**
Executive Director Chosen Productions, Inc.

Meet the Judges



Ms. Jasmine Banks

Jasmine Banks was born and raised in Winston Salem, NC. She graduated from Simon Green Atkins Academic and Technology High School and then went on to receive her Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from THE North Carolina Central University. While attending NCCU, Jasmine was a part of the Varsity Cheerleading Team known as “Champagne.” She held titles such as the Community Service Chairman for 100 Black Women and Miss Nefertiti for the Gamma Beta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, Incorporated.

Jasmine is currently living in Charlotte, NC where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. Upon completion she plans to use her education and job training to create a safe and judgement-free place for women of all ages to learn about risks, disease and infection prevention , and overall protection of their health.



Ms. Audrey Barbee

Audrey Barbee is a proud native of Durham, NC where she attended THEE North Carolina Central University (NCCU), graduating in 2011 and 2015 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a Master of Science in Biology and Biomedical Science, respectively. During her time at NCCU, Audrey was very active as she participated in the Student Government Association, The Marching Sound Machine Marching Band playing the Alto Saxophone, as well as several pageants. Audrey continues to be active with NCCU to this day. She is a life member of the NCCU Alumni Association and she serves as the secretary for the Durham chapter and the scholarship committee chair. Ms. Barbee is a 2016

40 Under 40 Honoree with NCCU. After graduating with her master’s degree, Audrey began working at the United States Environmental Protection Agency where she published her first article on the adverse effects of engineered nanoparticles on human lung cells. She currently works at Merck, Inc. as an Operations Specialist. She commits and dedicates a lot of her time doing community service with Rise Against Hunger, where she prepares for packaging events and fixes meals to be sent to developing countries. It was her experiences as a student at NCCU that led to her success and willingness to continually follow the motto of “Truth and Service”.



Mr. Jonathan Brown

Jonathan Brown is originally from of New Bern, North Carolina but currently calls Greensboro his home. He graduated from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in 2009. While attending NC A&T, he was a member of both Air Force ROTC and the Blue and Gold Marching Machine; all four years. He is a Spring 2007 initiate of the Iota Zeta chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity Incorporated and as of 2016, a life member. After graduation, he spent 6 years in the active duty United States Air Force and was stationed in Grand Forks Air Force Base North Dakota. After serving his country and deploying overseas, Jonathan separated from the military in April 2016 and graduated with his Master's degree in Psychology with a concentration in Industrial and Organizational Psychology. He transitioned back into civilian life where he taught psychology courses at Craven Community College. He now works at UNC-Greensboro as a member of the Advancement and Development team for the university. His job entails communications, marketing, event planning, donor/alumni relations and fundraising. Jonathan one day hopes to obtain his Doctorate in Clinical Psychology, open his own independent psychology practice, and use it as a hub for future psychology students.



Ms. Demetria Carter

Demetria Carter is a native of Suburban Illinois. Born with a passion for impacting the lives of others, she fulfilled her purpose through education receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from the illustrious North Carolina Central University. During her time there, she was active in many organizations on campus including SGA, Project Safe, Impact Movement and Kappa Delta Pi International Honors Society. One of her proudest achievements was serving the Gamma Beta chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated as Miss 1906 for the 2015-2016 school year. It was during this time that she discovered her love for pageantry and committed her remaining time in school to strengthening the legacy of queens to come through mentorship. She completed her degree in the Spring of 2017 and promptly began teaching within a title-I program, as that is where she felt she could make the largest impact in her community. Now as an Elementary School teacher in Durham,

North Carolina she serves as the PLC Team Lead and continues to strive to inspire students to create their own legacy just as she did with the queens before them. She founded her ministry *Pearls With Purpose* in the Spring of 2017 and hopes to inspire young millennial women to define and walk in their purpose creating the same tenacity for leadership and a desire to create a legacy that will have a lasting impact on generations to come.



Mr. Matthew Chalk

Mr. Matthew Chalk is from Burlington, NC. He received his BS from The North Carolina Central University in Education. There he participated in many organizations on campus, including becoming a 2008 initiate of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Since graduating, Mr. Chalk has been very active in the pageant community to include coaching/mentoring the ladies of various Miss Black and Gold pageants; being a judge for other organizational pageants at NCCU, additional university-level pageants, and the Mr. and Miss Hillside High School Pageant.

Mr. Chalk currently works at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NC as a Workforce Analyst. Mr. Chalk appreciates the opportunity to be a judge this evening. He is delighted to see that these young ladies are courageous enough to step out on the stage and let their light shine bright.



Lead Judge- Melvin Aikens

Melvin Aikens, Jr. is a native of Winston, NC. He is a 2009 graduate of Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy where he was the valedictorian of his class. He continued his education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he received his bachelor's degree in both African American Studies and Communications Studies with a concentration in Media Relations. Melvin is an advocate for education, community, and creativity. He currently works for the Winston-Salem Forsyth School system as an assistant to the Instructional Superintendents. He also coordinates the district's minority male equity and mentoring initiatives.

Melvin is a gifted singer and songwriter. He has worked with numerous local and mainstream artists. He is a member of Central Triad Church, where he serves as a praise and worship leader. Melvin is passionate about cultivating creatives, and helping each person to tap into their true potential!

Farewell Address from our Miss Chosen 2018-2019

Miss Tina Bakayoko



On this evening as I crown the next beautiful Miss Chosen, I would like to say this was a wonderful journey. Within a year I have accomplished the one major goal that I set for myself which was to influence young ladies around me and to let them know that being perfect is not what makes you a queen; having great character is what really makes you a queen. This was really an amazing experience. I learned so many things that I'm glad to say I'll take with me into the future. I remember the day like it was yesterday: I was standing in the same spot as the contestants; nervous, anxious, and wondering if I was even close enough to perfect to take the crown home. I proved to myself that day that I was enough

and that's what I want the contestants to remember tonight; not matter who takes the crown.

Throughout this journey I had a great support system: to my wonderful pageant advisor, my family, and of course to my fantastic Miss Purpose, I love you guys so much! This isn't a goodbye; this is a see you later. I'll always be here as a support system to the new Royal Court to help them accomplish their goals. I want to leave on this note "The **strongest** actions for a woman are to love herself, be herself, and shine amongst those who never believed she could." ~ The Free Woman

Farewell Address from our Miss Purpose 2018-2019

Miss Breona Hines



Today I would like to thank everyone for their support and prayers during this experience. This was my first pageant and I felt so welcomed and at home. The opportunities that I've received from participating in this pageant have been amazing. This time serving as your

Miss Purpose 2018 has helped me to grow as a person, and to do more in my community while making my ideas become a reality. I've gained so many connections from this

program and I will forever be indebted to Miss Lynn. To the mentors and volunteers, thank you for your advice, guidance, time, and overall care throughout this process and

throughout the years that I've been a part of this organization. The friends that I've made and the girls you help are beautiful, intelligent women. I thank God that there is someone like

Miss Lynn to help us as young African American ladies. To be able to be a helping hand in the mission of this organization was a blessing.

Meet Our Executive Director

Miss Lynn L. Douglas



Lynn L. Douglas is a proud native of Greensboro, NC., and the **Founder & Executive Director of Chosen Productions, Inc.** She is a 2006 graduate of James Benson Dudley Senior High School and a 2010 graduate of North Carolina Central University where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. While attending NCCU, Lynn was a member of the NCCU Marching Sound Machine, Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Band Sorority, Inc. and was crowned Miss Black & Gold 2009-2010 for the Gamma Beta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. In 2011, Lynn returned to NCCU for graduate school and received a Master of Arts Degree in School Counseling in May of 2014. Throughout her collegiate career, Lynn coordinated and participated in several scholarship pageants throughout the state of North Carolina. To date she has over ten years of experience in Pageantry and believes that it highlights the best that the community has to offer while instilling principles of professionalism, self-confidence, and a consideration for the needs of others. Pageantry provided her with a positive outlet for discovering her inner beauty while connecting with other women who were just as passionate about changing the world as she was.

After a short break, Lynn returned to the world of pageantry in 2014 when she competed for the title of Miss Black Greensboro USA. Upon being crowned Miss Black Greensboro USA 2014-2015, Lynn coined the term, "**The Visionary Institute**" as her platform title; it would later become the first program implemented through Chosen. Through "The Visionary Institute", she assisted high school students with setting attainable goals that would lead them to becoming college bound students. She would later go on to inherit the title of Miss Black North Carolina USA 2015 and have the opportunity to spread her platform work statewide. Lynn strongly believes in the power of being an Educated Black Woman and feels that her purpose is to empower young girls to become the same. For several years, Lynn dreamed of creating a program for college-bound girls where they would not only receive academic preparation, but life skills and self-empowerment tools to become valuable members of society. As a first-generation college student herself, Lynn empathized with students who were often unsure of what to do and where to turn in starting the college process. Whether it's in the school building, in her church, on a pageant stage, or within the community Lynn is dedicated to being an advocate for change and a vessel for the Lord. Currently, Lynn is a School Counselor for Guilford County Schools and has over five years of experience in the field of Education. Her life's mission is to advocate for underrepresented high school students and she works diligently towards fulfilling her mission on a daily basis.

Meet the Contestants



Welcome to The House Party!



CONTESTANT #1- *Miss Je'Hmya Burgess*



CLASSIFICATION: Senior

HIGH SCHOOL: James Benson Dudley High School

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Dudley Ladies, National Technical Honor Society, Food Drive Initiatives, Women's Volleyball Team, Track & Field, Chosen Productions, Inc.

COLLEGIATE ASPIRATIONS: To attend Guilford Technical Community College

INTENDED MAJOR: Sonography

HER PLATFORM: *"Finding My True Potential"*- a program that helps young women and men to voice their opinions on low self-esteem.

CONTESTANT #2- *Miss Joi Letang-Jones*



CLASSIFICATION: Senior

HIGH SCHOOL: Eastern Guilford High School

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: EGHS Women's Softball Team, Leo Club, Student Council, Part-Time Job at Wendy's, Women's Varsity Basketball Team Manager

COLLEGE ASPIRATIONS: To attend Winston-Salem State University

INTENDED MAJOR: Criminal Justice

HER PLATFORM: *"Melanin Magic, Inc."*- a program created to help African-American girls to gain self-confidence, positive body image, and to become comfortable with the skin they're in.

CONTESTANT #3- *Miss Marissa LeGrant*



CLASSIFICATION: Senior

HIGH SCHOOL: Parkland Magnet High School

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Chosen Productions Inc., National Beta club (president), National Society of High School Scholars, Crosby Scholars, Gospel Choir, Youth Group, National Technical Honors Society (Vice President), Dance for Triple Threat Studio, Church Dream Team (Media, Child Care, Church Coffee Shop), Youth Praise Team, Works for AMC 12 Theater

COLLEGE ASPIRATIONS: : To attend The University of North Carolina at Greensboro

INTENDED MAJOR: Double major in Marketing and Fashion Merchandising with a Minor in Business Administration

HER PLATFORM: *"Beauty Has No Shade"*- an Instagram Community for young girls to enjoy the artistry of makeup and learn how to properly apply it, while appreciating the beautiful skin they're in.



CONTESTANT #4- *Miss Ayanna Shaw*



CLASSIFICATION: Senior

HIGH SCHOOL: Northeast Guilford High School

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Chosen Productions, Inc., New Millennium Christian Center Youth R.E.B.E.L.S, Area Health Education Center at Greensboro, Northeast Marching Rams Ladies of Elegance Auxiliary Team

COLLEGE ASPIRATIONS: To attend The University of North Carolina at Charlotte

INTENDED MAJORS: Nursing

HER PLATFORM: *"I am Beautiful, I am Gold"*- a program catered to teenaged girls of color that focuses on increasing confidence and love for themselves by exposing them to successful women of color.





RAISE THE ROOF!



Contestant #1

Je' Hyma Burgess





**Congratulations from
Your Sisters at Chosen!**

Slay Girl Slaaaaay!

Contestant #2

Joi Letang-Jones





CONGRATULATIONS

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Contestant #3

Marissa LeGrant





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**Congratulations
 Marissa!!!**

Contestant #4 Ayanna Shaw





*Zania,
my beautiful granddaughter!
I'm so proud of you and all of your AWESOME accomplishments.
Continue to go above and beyond, I'll always be here to support you
110%.
Let everyone see you shine! Good luck!
-Love, Grandma Brenda*



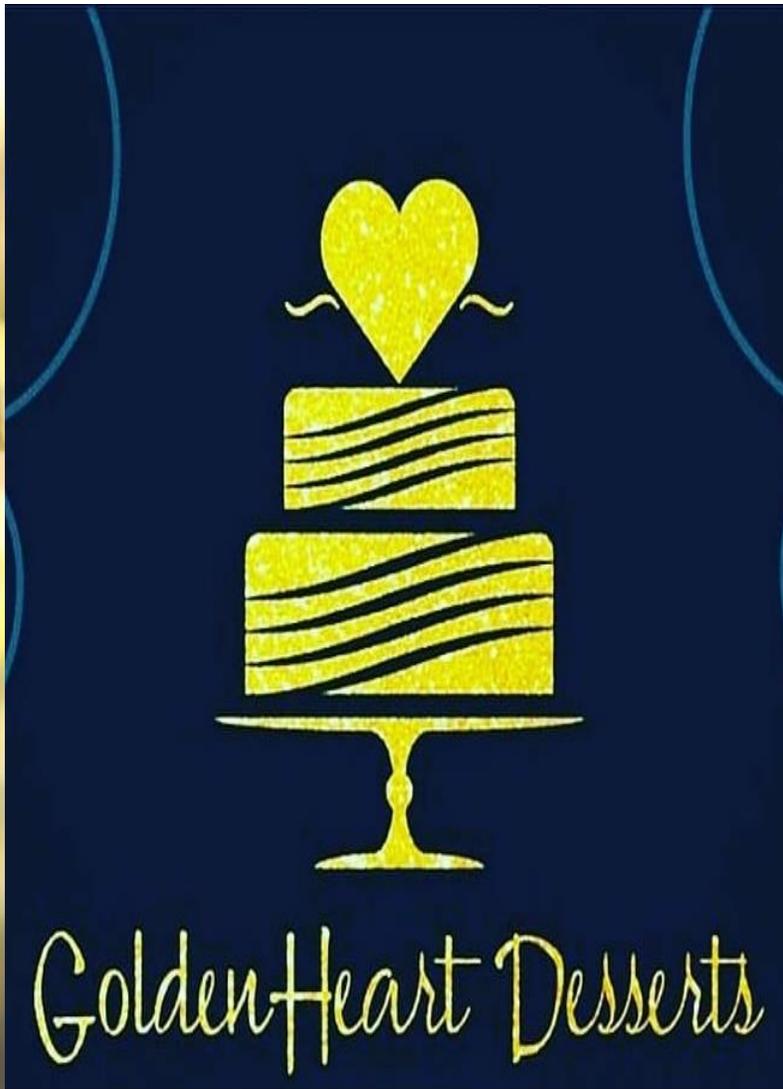
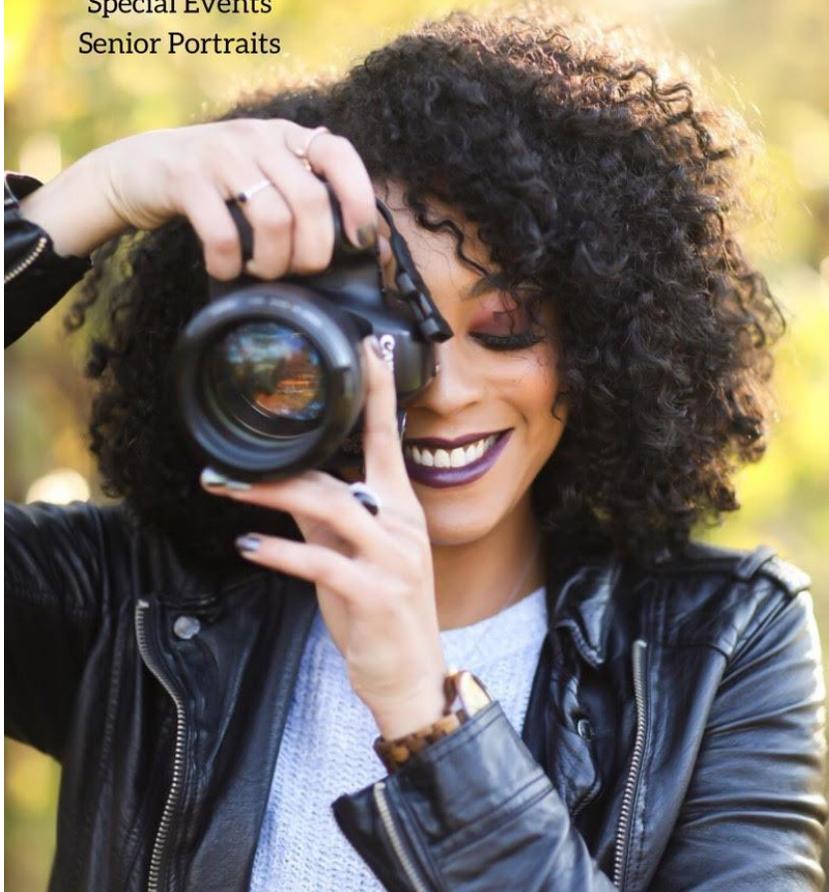
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-Love, Grandma Donna**



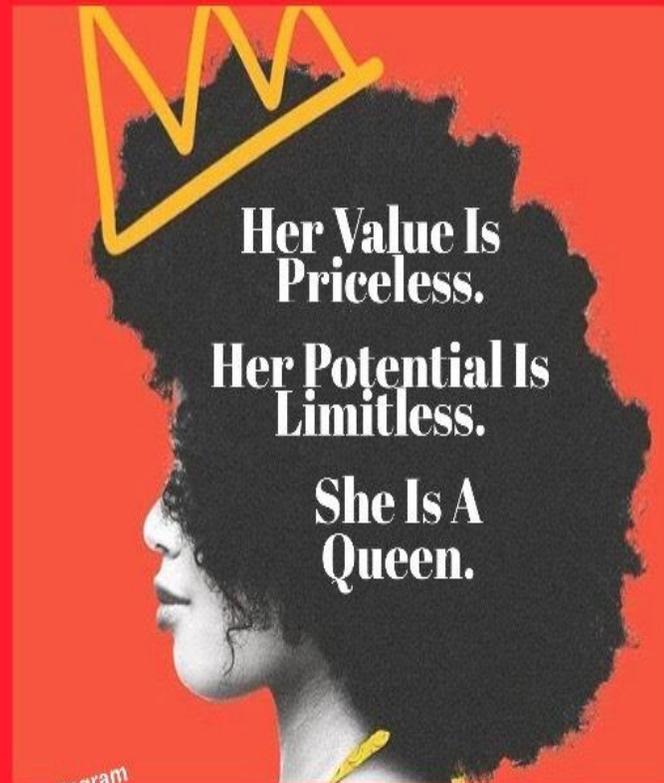
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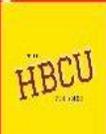
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About Chosen Productions, Inc...

With a desire to impact the lives of underrepresented, college-bound girls in the Triad, Chosen Productions, Inc. was founded. Lynn Douglas, our Executive Director, is a first-generation college graduate who remembers how difficult it was for her and her family to prepare for college. Having struggled through the process but overcoming its snares, she went on to attend North Carolina Central University where she obtained her Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees. She decided to become a School Counselor so that she could impact the lives of students just like her. Although she is passionate about her career and the success of her students, she often feels as though she is drowning in the demands placed on educators to serve the needs of hundreds of students at a time without having adequate time to fully meet their needs. More often than not girls are expected to perform well in the classroom, but it tends to go unnoticed when they don't. When they do not meet these expectations, more attention and encouragement is needed for them to be successful but unfortunately, it is virtually impossible to meet, let alone reach every single child during the school day. With this in mind Lynn decided to take action in her own community to break the cycle for girls who "fly below the radar." She believes that education is the cure to poverty and if armed with the proper tools, girls just like her can succeed and go on to become anything that they want to become.

Chosen Productions, Inc. was created to serve as a program for girls where they are able to receive a hands-on college readiness experience that will prepare them for success beyond the halls of their respective high schools. Our organization believes that through connecting girls with valuable resources and networking opportunities, they can virtually change the status of wealth within their families for generations to come, and ultimately change the world.



Special Acknowledgements

Executing a successful pageant production is not an easy feat! It is the effort of an entire team of people who all believe in the vision of the production. Chosen would like to thank and recognize the following people and businesses for being a part of our Team this year
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We would also like to thank our beautiful contestants for all of their hard work, and their parents for supporting their endeavors! Best wishes to you all!



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