

Chosen Productions, Inc. presents...

*The 3rd Annual
Crown Scholarship Pageant*



The Lion Queen

SATURDAY
February 22, 2020
4:00PM



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“The Lion Queen”

Welcome & Greetings.....**Queen Makala Langley**
Miss Dudley High School 2019-2020

INTRODUCTION OF THE CONTESTANTS

Introduction of the Judges

FIT FOR A QUEEN

TALENT

10-Minute Intermission

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. Alyrica Cooper

Alyrica Cooper is from the quaint town of Oxford, North Carolina. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from The Illustrous North Carolina Central University. During her time there, she was very active in giving back to the community through various service projects, and also marched for The Marching Sound Machine.

Alyrica participated in the Miss Black Durham USA Pageant in 2017 where she won the title of Miss Congeniality. Alyrica is also the Founder of Pure Heart, Inc. which is a faith based nonprofit organization whose mission is to show the love of Christ through community service acts, and small acts of kindness. Alyrica currently works for the Department of Neurosurgery at Duke as an

Appointment Coordinator. She loves being able to ensure quality care for every patient she has the privilege of coming in contact with. Alyrica would like to thank Ms. Douglas for the opportunity to judge this evening and she wishes the best of luck to all the contestants!



Ms. Imani Johnson

Imani Johnson is a junior political science and business student at North Carolina Central University with a GPA of 3.96. Ms. Johnson is an active member of the Durham community through her efforts to promote political cognizance as a working member of Democracy Matters NC, and as an effective lobbyist of HBCU issues for students nationwide. Her on-campus extracurricular activities include being a life-member of Pi Gamma Mu Social Science Honor Society, a Spring 2019 Initiate of Collegiate 100 Black Women, Political Science Club, Student Government Association Political Action and Civic Engagement Committee, Member of the Aspiring Eagles Academy and the former Miss Aspiring Eagles

Academy. Upon graduation, Ms. Johnson plans to obtain a degree in law and begin her journey to transform the judicial system for the African American community by working as a community organizer, legal analyst, and later, as a social entrepreneur. Currently, Ms. Johnson holds the title of Miss Black and Old Gold for the Gamma Beta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, where she is working to instill a legacy of voter efficacy through her personal platform "Project W.O.K.E." Ms. Johnson aspires to continue her efforts to empower all those around her.



Ms. Priscilla Page

A Durham, NC native, Priscilla D. Page graduated from Hillside High School in 2016 while also serving as Miss Black North Carolina Talented Teen. With a mission to further her education she was accepted and currently attends the Illustrious North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. Priscilla is a Psychology major with a minor in Dance and has an expected graduation date of December 2020. Although a full-time student Priscilla's thirst for knowledge has pushed her to gain two national certifications as a Child Development Associate and a Registered Behavioral Technician all aiding in her drive to serve children with disabilities. Along with children having a space in her heart she also shares that passion with her community and from that love

she and another young woman created Wall Street Juniors, Inc.: a nonprofit whose mission is to teach financial literacy to promote generational wealth to our underserved youth. Through her nonprofit she has been able to provide over 70 children with school supplies, impacted the homeless by providing over 100 items of clothing to the local shelter all while actively mentoring 14 children currently in her program. The mission doesn't end there, upon graduating Priscilla will pursue her doctorate in Clinical Psychology as the ultimate goal is to return back to her city to open a group home for children suffering from trauma. None of her accomplishments came easy but through all adversity, Priscilla will tell you to always "Bloom where you are planted".



Mr. Katona Thomas-Briggs

Mr. Katona Thomas-Briggs is a native of the All-American city of Fayetteville, North Carolina where he proudly graduated from the historically black E.E. Smith High School Math and Science Academy as a North Carolina Academic Scholar. After graduation, he chose to further his education at North Carolina Central University where he majored in History and Psychology. During his time at NCCU, he was a member of the Marching Sound Machine percussion section, Student Government Association Senate and National Pan-Hellenic Council, where he served as President. In addition to that, he completed a program of study in social science at the University of California at Los Angeles. As a certified teacher, he has taught social studies in both Durham Public Schools and the Wake

County Public School System. Currently, he is pursuing a master's degree in School Administration at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, from which he will graduate in May 2020.

He is a proud member of several academic organizations including Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in the Social Sciences, and Phi Alpha Theta National History Honorary Society.

His experience within the pageant community includes serving as Mr. E.E. Smith High School and the Miss Black and Gold Pageant Coordinator for the Gamma Beta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity incorporated, in which he is a 2009 initiate. As an educator and lifelong learner, he stands behind Nelson Mandela's powerful words "Everything is Impossible Until It is Done."



Mr. Keshawn Walker

KeShaun Walker was born and raised in Greensboro, NC. He attends The North Carolina Agriculture and Technical State University and is currently pursuing a degree in Child Development and Family Studies. KeShaun is a young man who has a passion to serve as God's servant; to teach and preach God's word while focusing on helping young people. He also serves as a prophetic voice to youth and children and is committed to serving God, through serving others. One of his favorite scriptures is Jeremiah 29:11 and it reads " For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you plans to give you hope and a Future."



Lead Judge- Mr. 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 2019-2020

Miss Ayanna Shaw



On this evening as I crown the next deserving Miss Chosen, I just want to thank everyone who helped me on my journey. A special thank you to my family who never stopped believing and supporting me. Thank you to the 2019-2020 Miss Purpose, Marissa LeGrant for standing by my side as we both matured and grew as young adults.

Starting in The Visionary Institute and then continuing into The Purpose Project Cycle 2, I quickly became very fond of the mission that Chosen stood for. I found myself in the same position as these contestants last year striving to win the title of Miss Chosen. Chosen Productions, Inc. is and will forever be, very near and dear to my heart.

Thank you, Ms. Lynn for your patience, dedication, and for helping to reveal undeniable confidence in myself. Thank you for also guiding me through the college application process resulting in my acceptance to my dream school, UNC Charlotte. I've had an amazing experience and it was definitely one that I'll remember for a lifetime.

The biggest lesson that I will remember is, when you instill confidence in yourself, it can never be taken away. To the next Miss Chosen, believe in yourself throughout your journey and be proactive about completing all of your duties. I'll will always be a contact of help and guidance. Once again This is Ayanna Shaw your 2019-2020 Miss Chosen, signing off. I genuinely thank you all!

Farewell Address from our Miss Purpose 2019-2020

Miss Marissa LeGrant



This evening, as the reigning Miss Purpose of 2019 I would like to express that it has been a wonderful experience. This pageant has not only taught me poise, class, and elegance, but as I used to do pageants in the past, there's been nothing like this experience. I've made new friends and learned so much from this pageant and would recommend it to every Chosen Girl in the program. To see that every girl in the pageant receives a book scholarship is amazing. All of us are winners no matter what. When we all work hard, we should all get something at the end instead of leaving with nothing and thinking less of ourselves, which sadly happens in all of the other pageants out there. My purpose was to help girls feel good in their skin no matter what obstacle comes in their way, whether it be in modeling, applying make-up or being an influencer. Colorism is sadly

a real thing that is always overlooked. This following year our Miss Universe was from South Africa and it gave hope in a sense that black/darker skinned women could win too. I wish so much success to

each and every contestant that graces the stage at this wonderful pageant, and I want every contestant to remember that no matter what the outcome is your worth is just as much as anyone else's; win or lose. I would like to show much appreciation to Ms. Lynn and all the volunteers, judges, and sponsors that make all of this happen. Lastly, I want these roaring queens to show who's the boss of pride rock and for Miss Purpose of 2020, the crown is yours now, wear it proud and wear it loud.

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 competitive 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 within the schools, 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 the CEO of her own consulting company: Lazar Enterprises, LLC. Her life's mission is to advocate for underrepresented high school students and she works diligently towards fulfilling her mission on a daily basis. She was recently awarded the 40 Under 40 Award from her beloved Alma Mater North Carolina Central University for her efforts in making impactful change within the community.

Meet the Contestants



In The Great Circle of Life



CONTESTANT #1- *Miss Harmony Garner*



CLASSIFICATION: Senior

HIGH SCHOOL: Eastern Guilford High School

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITES:
Women's Varsity Basketball Team,
Varsity Softball Team, EGHS Step
Team, National Beta Club, Chosen
Productions, Inc.

COLLEGIATE ASPIRATIONS: To attend *Winston Salem State University*

INTENDED MAJOR: Business Administration

HER PLATFORM: **“Heart2Heart”**- a series of conferences to bring awareness to congenital heart disease and prevention practices for a better tomorrow.

CONTESTANT #2- *Miss Destiny Morrison*



CLASSIFICATION: Senior

HIGH SCHOOL: Eastern Guilford High School

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITES:
Varsity Cheerleading Team, Leo Club,
Church YPD, Chosen Productions

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

INTENDED MAJOR: Elementary Education

HER PLATFORM: **“Starting With You”**- a program that empowers young women to know their inner beauty, find out their self-worth, and learn how to have a positive self-image by teaching them that it starts with you!

CONTESTANT #3- *Miss Serenity Preston*



CLASSIFICATION: Senior

HIGH SCHOOL: Eastern Guilford High School

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITES:
National Beta Club, National Honor Society, Student Council, College Bound Club, Part-time Zaxby's Employee, Miss Black North Carolina Talented Teen

COLLEGE ASPIRATIONS: : To attend North Carolina A&T State University

INTENDED MAJOR: Business Administration

HER PLATFORM: "Vision of Excellence": a program that provides teens with the information needed to make their transition from high school to college as comfortable as possible.

CONTESTANT #4- *Miss Jalyn Tyson*



CLASSIFICATION: Senior

HIGH SCHOOL: The Early College Academy at James B. Dudley High School

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITES:
Senior Class President, National Technical Honor Society President, National Honor Society, Service-Learning Ambassador, Students Against Violence Everywhere Club, Youth Choir, Vacation Bible School
Youth Teacher/Assistant, Friendship

Baptist Church Women's Fellowship, Chosen Productions, Inc.

COLLEGE ASPIRATIONS: To attend The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

INTENDED MAJORS: Biology/Pre-Med

HER PLATFORM: "Education is a Right, Not a Privilege": a workshop series that aims to help students be better prepared for the classroom setting while learning how to not only survive but thrive in school.

CONTESTANT #5- *Miss Shenyah Dillard*



CLASSIFICATION: Junior

HIGH SCHOOL: Eastern Guilford High School

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITES:
Chosen Productions Inc.,
EGHS Step Team, Part-Time Job at
McDonald's

COLLEGE ASPIRATIONS: To attend North Carolina Central University

INTENDED MAJOR: Double-major in Sociology & Psychology

HER PLATFORM: **"Beauty Is Beauty"**- a series of workshops to help teenage girls with their self-esteem.

CONTESTANT #6- *Miss Shainyce Serrano*



CLASSIFICATION: Senior

HIGH SCHOOL: Eastern Guilford High School

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITES:
National Beta Club, EGHS Step Team,
Women's Varsity Volleyball Team
Manager

COLLEGE ASPIRATIONS: To attend North Carolina Central University

INTENDED MAJORS: Accounting

HER PLATFORM: **"Home Is Where The Heart Is"**- a program that provides support to those who come from a single parent homes for any reason such as separation or death.



**I Just Can't Wait
to be Queen!**



Contestant #1

Harmony Garner





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Congratulations &
Best Wishes
Harmony!!

Doc & Marva



Grandma and
PawPaw
Love You!!

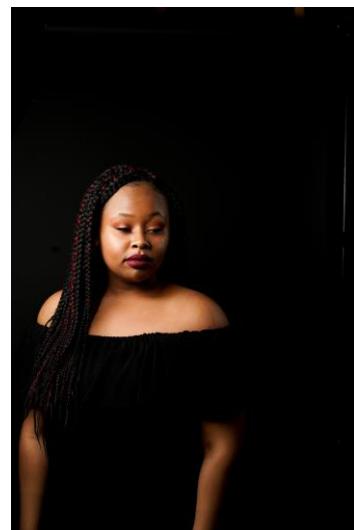




Congratulations
Harmony!!!

Contestant #2

Destiny Morrison



**Love you
Destiny**

Mother: Tara Morrison
Brother: Emmanuel



**Good luck
Destiny**

Love Uncle Lamont and
Aunt Vickey



**Good Luck
little cousin**

Love Kyrystal and
Montre Mackey



**Good Luck
little cousin**

Love Kyristal and
Montre Mackey



**“Stay
focused”**

Love Momma Dot



**Good luck
Destiny**

Love Aunt Brandy and
Uncle Chris



Wishing you
much success
in your future
endeavors!

-From the
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the moon and
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your life!
Love you Dot!

Congratulations
Destiny
Morrison

Love you,
Foust Family

God bless you
on your
journey! I love
you!

Carolina Mutya

Contestant #3

Serenity Preston





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YOUR ANGELS ❤**





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YOU SERENITY!**

Contestant #4

Jalyn Tyson

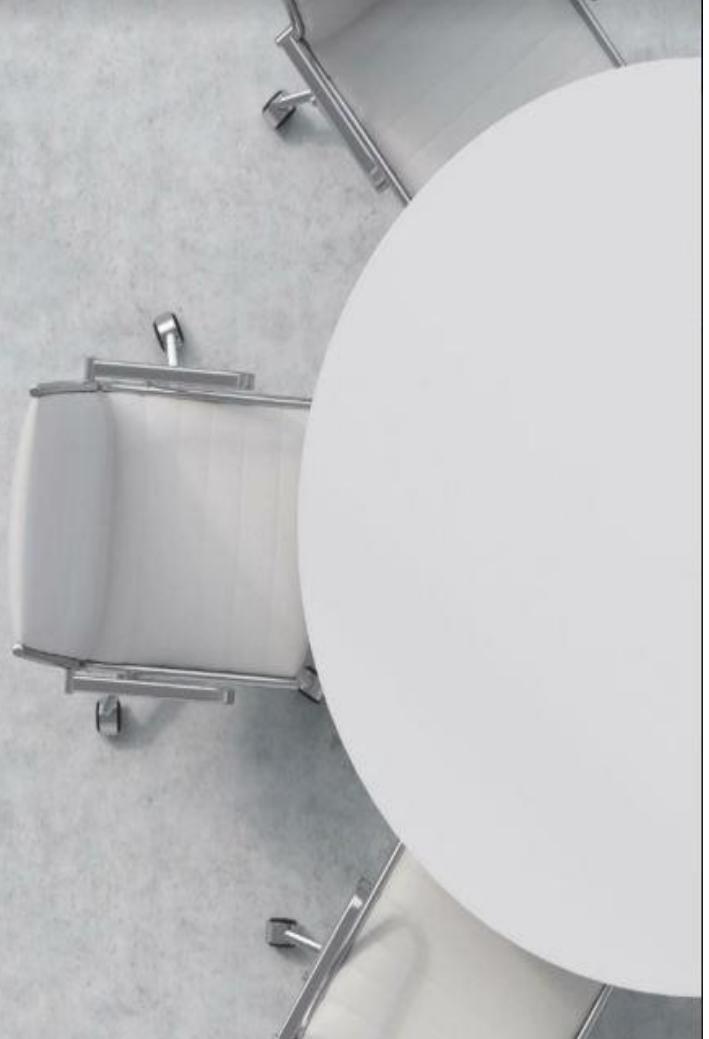




Congratulations!!!

Jalyn Tyson

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JALYN

May God bless you and all your endeavors as you move to the next phase of your life. Be true to yourself, dedicated, and strong in your beliefs.

Remember Philippians 3:14: *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

Best wishes!

Glen & Carolyn Mark



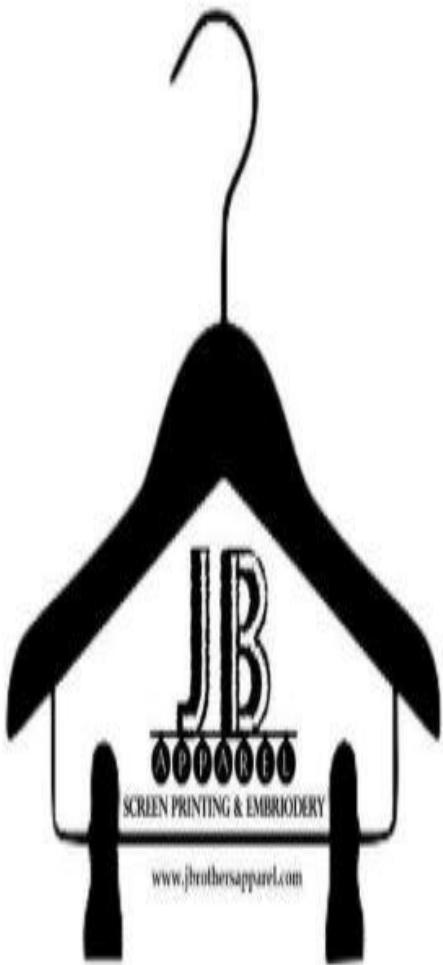


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Best Wishes!

Jalyn Tyson



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Congratulations Jalyn

*From our company, we wish you many blessings
and successes as you prepare for your life journey
of continuing your education.*

Jermaine, Wilhemenia and Madison

Contestant #5

Shenyah Dillard



I'm so proud of you,
my beautiful daughter,
I love you so much
Shenyah!!



Congratulations
Shenyah!!!

Contestant #6

Shainyce Serrano





Best regards, from your
favorite Angel.





i can do all things
through christ
who strengthens
me





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Keith Jordan at Zaxby's of Whitsett, NC

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 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!

