

# Integrity

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# USofAurora

Aurora Sexton  
 Miss Gay USofA 2016  
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Summer is officially over and now it's time for one of my favorite seasons - Autumn! Boots and scarves, boys in sweatpants, pumpkin spice hysteria and haunted houses everywhere! My favorite childhood memories were often around Halloween, that one magic night where anything can happen.

I want to start by saying, a huge, congratulations to the new Miss Gay USofA at Large Sasha Lauren! I know how much you wanted this and I'm so excited to work together on the road. Welcome to the family! Congrats also to Ka'aliah on a wonderful reign!

September kicked off in my old stomping grounds of Chicago with Mr. & Miss Continental weekend. I always look forward to this weekend when I get to see so many friends and family from across the country. Congrats to Antwuan Steele and Jazzelle Barbie Royale on your wins! Wait until you hear this lady SING! Congrats to Jim Flint on a wonderful event and to Tiffany and Mykul on a great year.

We are looking for great promot-

ers and contestants for the USofA system! If you are interested in promot-



ing or competing, I am always here to help in any way! Don't forget there are some great prelims coming up soon to qualify for Miss Gay USofA!

Wisconsin - October 23rd & 23rd  
 Illinois - November 12th

Fire & Ice - December 4th  
 Lonestar - January 9th  
 Colorado - January 20th-21st  
 California - January 27th  
 Arkansas - January 28th

I will add dates as they become available! I look forward to seeing everyone in Memphis for Miss Gay America to honor my USofA sister Asia O'Hara. I will also see everyone in Dallas for Mr. Gay USofA October 20th at The Round-Up honoring Michael LaMasters. Kane Connors will also be giving up his title of Mr. Gay USofA at Large on October 17th, congrats on a great year I'm sorry we didn't have more time togeth-

er!

USofAurora is coming to MOOVZ soon so keep your eyes out for the first episode! The hashtag is now live. If anyone has pictures from prelims this year please download the MOOVZ app and upload them with the hashtag #USofAurora to join the photo carousel, the conversation and one of the biggest LGBTQ communities in the world!

To close out this month's article I leave you with a challenge. This election has been an insane roller coaster and the stakes have never been higher. It's important now more than ever to pay attention, get involved and exercise your right as an American to vote.

My challenge to you is this. The President is not the only people we vote for in this election. We also vote for local leaders, Congressman and Senators. The people who direct local law and policy. Pick one that represents your interests and help them win. Campaign for them. Join a cause or organization you believe in. Share their message with your friends and neighbors. Your voice matters, this is the time to use it!

Respectfully,

Aurora Sexton  
 Miss Gay USofA

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# Love, Kindness and Tolerance



Nancy Taylor  
Miss Gay USofA Classic 2016  
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Hello everyone!! This was a busy month with many events taking place. During the beginning of September, I was part of a benefit show organized for one of my dearest friends. I was so happy and honored to participate. Later, I had the chance to be a judge on Dessie's Drag Race. This gave me the opportunity to encourage our new talent to fight for their dreams no matter how hard or far they may seem and to believe that we set our own limits to success.

I was also able to judge another amateur show "So You Think You Can Drag" again, which is a platform for up and coming entertainers and a great way to prepare for the world of pageantry.

In the middle of September, I was invited to be part of the Miss Utopia Pageant in Houston. It was truly an honor to be part of a great event and represent USofA. I also had the chance to catch up with Teryl Lynn Foxx, Miss Continental Elite. We had such a great time!

We are working on organizing a fundraiser for the Children's HIV Foundation. The details are to be determined, but I will release them as soon as they're available. I would truly appreciate your participation and support so that we can strengthen the LGBTQ com-



munity here and everywhere.

My September itinerary also included Columbus, Ohio for the Miss Gay USofA at Large pageant. I was filled with excitement to visit a new town and be able to catch up with old friends and make new ones! I was welcomed with open arms, so I do appreciate the hospitality from everyone, including the bar staff and management.

The formers were great and sweet to me, as well. They gave me great advice, so I appreciate all you ladies! I also got to talk to promot-

ers for the Classic division and I hear that many contestants are looking forward to entering the completion. I am dedicated to creating new prelims, so I will keep you posted as more unfolds.

I would like to congratulate Ka'aliyah McKim Diamond on an excellent reign. You are fabulous! I have never met someone so hard working, kind and most of all, sweet and down to earth. I know that we will see her doing more great things in the future. We love you lady.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Sasha Lauren on competing for and capturing the crown of Miss Gay USofA at Large. Welcome to the family, Sis. I want to applaud all the ladies that came out and competed this year. Being a judge for this completion is never an easy task because of your hard work, passion and dedication to the art.

Some of my upcoming events include:

- Mr. Gay USofA & Mr. Gay USofA At Large October 17-20
- Round-Up Saloon – Dallas, TX
- Miss Gay Wisconsin USofA Classic November 20, 2016

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Miss Gay Lonestar USofA  
and Miss Gay Lonestar USofA  
Newcomer  
January 9, 2017

Miss Gay California USofA  
Classic  
January 27, 2017

Miss Gay Arkansas USofA Classic  
January 28, 2017

Please don't forget to visit my Facebook page, where I will be posting more details especially on the Classic division. If you have any questions or need any help, please message me. And remember, if you don't fight for your dreams, no one will! Much love and respect!

Nancy Taylor  
Miss Gay USofA Classic



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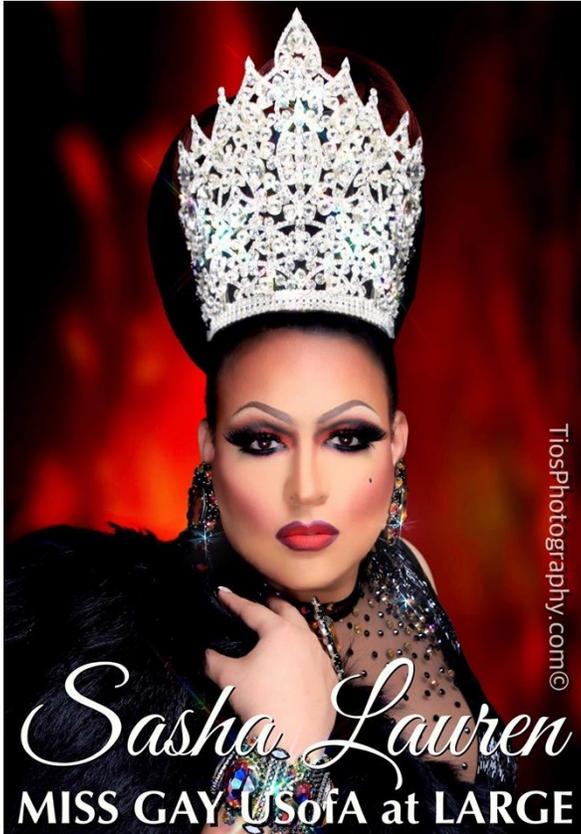


# Beading with Ms. Lauren

Wow! How do I even start something I had always dreamed about. I still cannot believe I have accomplished this dream. I am still in la la land. From being announced on RuPaul's Drag Race to becoming Miss Gay USofA at Large 2016. I must say it has been an amazing September.

I am dedicating this article to all those people behind Sasha Lauren. Without them I would not be here. Thank you to ShaeShae LaReese and Louise West for allowing me to be their queen and push me to become Miss Gay USofA at

Large. Lawanda Jackson and Craig Henderson, I love you guys so much thank you for believing in me. To the rest of my team Jaida Hall, Geneva Lush, Michael LaMaster, Xa'Pariis Charming, Mari Jane, Armani Nicole Davenport and all my dancers - Thank You from the bottom of my heart. I know that this was OUR win!! We have cried, we have fought and we have smiled on this journey, thank you for being by my side.



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Sasha Lauren  
Miss Gay USofA at Large 2016  
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Crystal V. Lauren - you know the spot you will forever hold in my heart - even if our paths are headed in different directions I have been so blessed to have met you. You are the true meaning of never give up on your dreams, continue your path and fight hard.

I look forward to having an amazing year and to make lots and lots of friends. Look out Dallas, Texas the big girls are taking over in September 2017. I am so happy to have my give-up in my hometown. I can now say goal one for my reign has a check mark. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need anything I am here for you. Cheers to an amazing year and I hope I make all of you proud.

Sasha Lauren  
Miss Gay USofA at Large

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# Vanity's Fair

Hello beautiful people of the USofA!

I actually had a very easy, stress-free September. I did have the honor and privilege of welcoming the newest member to the USofA Court, Miss Gay USofA at Large 2016, Sasha Lauren. She exuded an amazing aura all week and I could not be happier for her. You did it girl!!! Also, we did add Ka'aliyah McKim Diamond to the distinguished list of Miss Gay USofA At Large Formers. You have been an amazing reigning symbol and I can honestly say that I have learned so much from you and your reign. I wish you the best in your future endeavors and I'm so happy to call you my sister. Lastly, I want to thank Jeremy Burnette for giving me the opportunity to spend an amazing week in Ohio and be a part of such a great pageant. I had so much fun in Ohio and I am so happy to have made some new friends, networked with promoters, and be reunited with my USofA family.

Like I mentioned in my last *Integrity* article, my goal as Miss Gay USofA Newcomer this year is to make sure my contestants are even more prepared than last year. I hope everyone noticed another #NewcomerGraduate that made the top twelve at Miss Gay USofA At Large; Miss Brandi Williams represented herself beautifully and you could see the knowledge she gained from the Newcomer System propelled her to the top of her next goal.



An important aspect of being prepared is making every opportunity one you can learn from.

Before I began my career in drag, I spent a lot of time with the local queens, all amazing and special in their own rights. I remember one of the show directors telling a new queen at the time to always show up to her show with a CD because she would

have been able to perform a number that night if she had brought one. Even though I had not started my drag career, I catalogued that little piece of information. I also remember the Saturday show director telling the girls competing at a "Drag Race" like competition to stop wearing control top tights because they were extremely noticeable; this is another example of information I learned and tucked away for later. Therefore, when I was ready to cake the makeup on and create Vanity, I knew so much information from listening and learning from the local queens. I can honestly say I would not be where I am today without them. With that said, this month's lesson is to learn from those around you. Do keep in

mind though, not every piece of advice is good advice. This is where we must take what we are told and sift its validity.



This month will be jam packed with THREE national pageants!!! I will be at Miss Gay America representing the USofA Newcomer system all week. Then a week after that we will be sashing our new Mr. Gay USofA at Large and Mr. Gay USofA. I am so excited for October to get here! Come

November, we will be kicking off a new prelim season.

#RoadToNewcomer where we will be honoring Makenna Michaels as she gives up her title as Miss Gay Illinois USofA Newcomer. I look forward to seeing everyone there, contestants, promoters, and my Newcomer sisters. Please feel free to address your questions to Makenna Michaels, Mahogany Knight, Andy Lewis, Darryl Neumann or myself.

Xoxo,

Vanity St. James

Miss Gay USofA Newcomer

*"You learn something everyday, if you pay attention."* ~ Ray LeBlond

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# Congratulations

## Sasha Lauren

2016 Miss Gay USofA at Large

1st Alternate - Sasha Adams

2nd Alternate - Chy'enne Valentino

3rd Alternate - Rita Andrews

4th Alternate - Alyssa Nicole Whitney



# Mastas Minute

This is my final USofA Integrity Newsletter column. I'm sitting on an airplane trying not to cry my eyes out in front a random group of strangers. I have so much I feel like I want to say and share with you all and I am finding myself in a moment of being speechless, a moment of silence, as I reflect on what this year and this journey has been.

What does it mean to me to be Mr. Gay USofA? What does it mean to be a symbol of integrity? Let us take a look back on what I thought it meant then, and what it means to me now.

I think as people, well in the pageant world, we have this idea of what we think it is to be a national titleholder. When you asked me a year ago, what does it mean to you to be Mr. Gay USofA? I would have simply answered: To promote the USofA brand, attend your preliminaries, stay in contact with your contestants and celebrate your win throughout the year. One of the things I mentioned in my interview that I wanted to bring to the male division was visibility and unity



amongst all systems. This ideology became a quick reality and spread like wildfire soon after winning.

I was fortunate enough to not only attend but be booked at several national walks and systems across the country. I remember the first walk at Mr. Renaissance when I text Craig saying I didn't know what to do because my heart was beating out of my chest and I wasn't ready for this. Of course Craig immediately replied with words of encouragement and love. Something I am so fortunate to have received throughout my entire reign. This style of promotion and visibility was something I hope can continue on to the next Mr. Gay USofA's. Not only was this a great tool to reach new contestants and audiences, but it really sets a standard of admiration and respect for the USofA system. Some places I have traveled to did not even know what this system was and now hopefully we can continue to foster those relationships and build the brand and legacy that has been such a success.

I was fortunate enough to have 15



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Mr. Gay USofA 2015  
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preliminaries this year! Something I am extremely proud of and another one of those things I remember saying to myself, wait how am I going to get all these days off work lol. Something I was not prepared for was the abundance of love and respect I received in every city. It is truly an out of body experience and something I will cherish forever. I have said this before and I will continue to say it, the best experience I had during this year was the amazing people I was able to meet and get to know throughout my travels. I am so thankful for the friendships and bonds I was able to make that will continue on for a lifetime. I want to thank everyone for the many laughs we all shared all year long and hopefully I was able to make everyone smile at least one good time whether during my silly antics in the dressing room or on stage. Above all, I want to thank all of the qualified gentleman for not only being so much fun to work with but truly inspiring me each day to do better and be better as a leader for you guys and set the example in my own unique way. From the preliminaries, to the promoters, and especially to the contestants, the fans, and audiences, you are what makes this year so memorable for anyone who is fortunate to win this title. Please do not stop the coveted family style bonds and relationships that you have built because it is much appreciated. It really is the root system and foundation on what USofA has been

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built upon.

If you asked me today what it means to be Mr. Gay USofA I would enthusiastically tell you it is EVERYTHING, a complete life changing experience that you literally get to hold the reins and navigate your journey. You may not necessarily know where you will end up or what life experiences you will face, but in the end you will have definitely grown as a person and an entertainer. What does it mean to be the national symbol of integrity? Although in interview this four syllable word has so many varying meaning, I have learned that integrity is more than just an action or verb. Integrity is a lifestyle and a way of living. This year I have gone through several emotional states from love, the heart-break, to anger, happiness, and even sometimes being sad. When put in a seat like this you get the decision to wake up every day and put all your worries on the back burner and just be thankful for what todays experiences may bring. Being that example and upholding a positive attitude and being assertive was not always easy but definitely helped me grow as a person. I am thankful



for everyone who just put a dreaded microphone in my hand and taught me that public speaking is not as scary as I always thought. Whoever is to follow in line, remember you have a choice to be a beacon of inspiration and guidance, motivating and uplifting, and most importantly a loving and caring person in our commu-

nity. Find the good in every situation and be genuine about it. I am forever a changed man for the better and I owe a lot of it to the growth and experiences I was blessed to have had

this year.

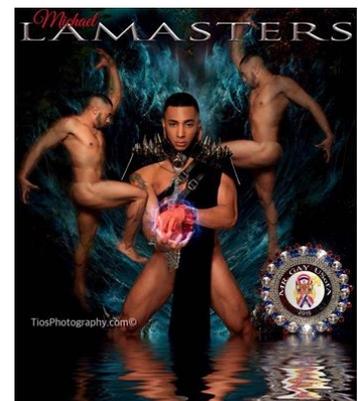
I know this is not the typical “goodbye” column, and don’t get me wrong I have many of thanks to give but those will come closer to my celebration week. I will give a big thank you to everyone who has been a part of this year, booked me, sent me words of encouragement, a funny meme, let me annoy you on snapchat and poke you a thousand times over on FB, and most importantly provided continuing unconditional love. Every person I came in to contact with be it face to face or on social media, is a moment nev-

er forgotten. So thank you, this year is for you guys. I will see you all at the Royal Kings Ball, October 18-20.

Cheers to the best year of my life!

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Michael LaMasters  
Mr. Gay USofA





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- 15 - Mister Georgia USofA MI
- 15 - Mister Georgia USofA MI Classic
- 16 - Mr. Gay Southern States USofA at Large
- 17 - MR. GAY USofA AT LARGE - Dallas
- 18 - 20 - MR. GAY USofA - Dallas
- 21 - Mister Arkansas USofA MI
- 21 - Mister Arkansas USofA MI Classic
- 22 - Miss Arkansas USofA DIVA
- 22 - 23 - Miss Gay Wisconsin USofA



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## Kane's Corner

Well this is it!!! This is the last article for me for *Integrity*. I must say that I have had a blast writing all year about myself and my adventures of being Mr. Gay USofA at Large. This is a bitter sweet article for me but like everything in life, things must come to an end. I have had the pleasure of being in this position and I wouldn't trade it for a million bucks.

First, I would like to thank my family and friends for all their support during this year. If it wasn't for them pushing me the last seven years of me competing I wouldn't be here. I also want to thank Jerry Bird and Craig Henderson for their vision for the USofA system and allowing male leads to be on national stages as national titleholders. This couldn't be possible without you two. Thank you. I also want to thank the promoters for the Mr. Gay USofA at Large division and their hard work in putting together great contests for guys to compete in. Promoters are the core of the USofA system and without you guys there would be no USofA system. I hope you all know how important you are to me and I love you guys very much.

I would also like to thank my dream team that was with me from the very beginning of the year from my city prelim to the state contest and then on to the national contest. Charles, Oscar, and Mike, you guys have been with me all year and part of last year as well. Even though we

were a small team we got the job done! I wouldn't trade you guys for the world and I couldn't have done this without you guys. Thank you for believing in my dream just as much as I did.

Lastly, and not least, I want to thank the contestants who are competing this year to be the next Mr. Gay USofA at Large. I know the journey it takes to become a national symbol of excellence and I know it's not easy. I want you guys to remember that the road to your dreams doesn't come with a golden paved road but with bumps and hills to climb. Even though the road can be rocky, keep on the path because at the end comes a great treasure that will change your life. I wish all of you gentleman the best of luck and much success for your future. Thank you for sharing in my awesome year and I love you guys very much. We are brothers!

Now that the end of my year is done I want all of you out there in USofA



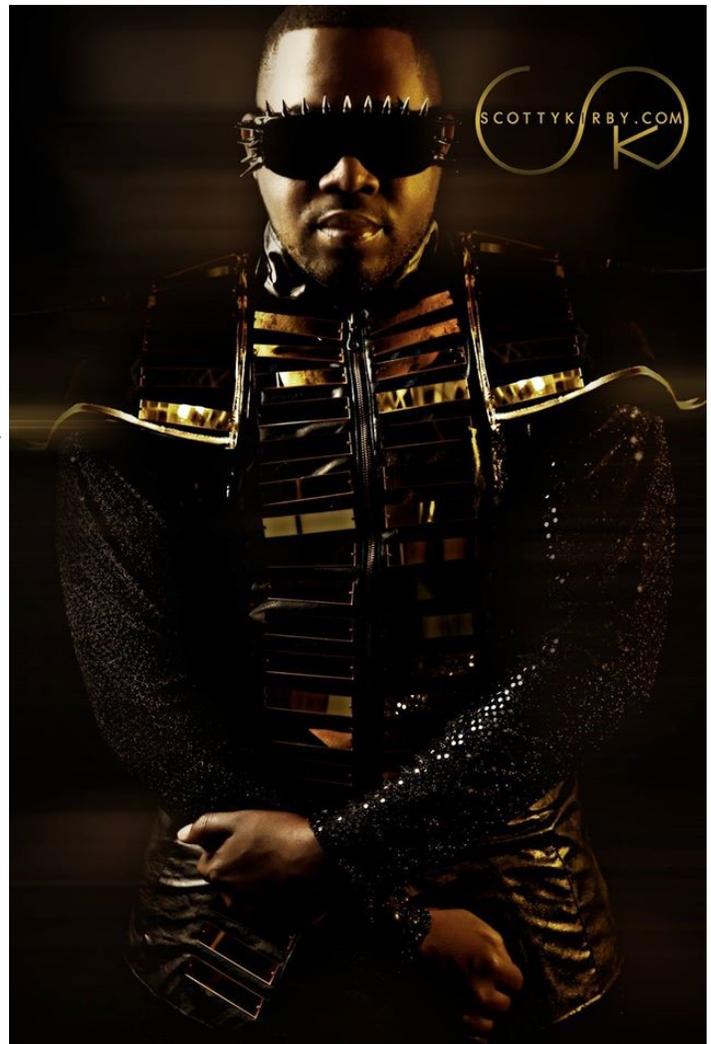
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land to know that this has been the most exciting year of my life. I had some ups and downs this year but reigning as Mr. Gay USofA at Large has been the highlight. I want you all to keep your friends and family close and keep God always in your heart. I wish you all blessings and I will see you sooner than later!

Kane Connors  
Mr. Gay USofA at Large



# Val's Views

Hello USofA Subscribers!

The past week has been fantastic! I just got home from an amazing weekend in Ohio. Friday night, September 23<sup>rd</sup> was final night of Miss Gay USofA at Large! Thank you Jeremy Burnette for allowing me to be a part of your special entertainment for the evening and congratulations on an incredibly successful pageant! Ka'aliyah McKim Diamond, you were stunning as always! I'm so glad that I was able to be there for your Final Night! You have always been so kind and welcoming! Congratulations on your reign! You were spectacular all year and I can't wait to see what you do next! Congratulations to your newly crowned Miss Gay USofA at Large, Sasha Lauren! Excellent job! Welcome to the USofA Court! Enjoy every second of your reign!

That same weekend I also had the pleasure of spending Saturday with one of my national promoters. Thank you Devin Dame for an amazing day. Gage Gatlyn was in Florida so I did not get to see him but I hope he had a wonderful trip. I love you both!! While in Dayton I had the opportunity to visit Club Masque which will be the host venue of my step down on March



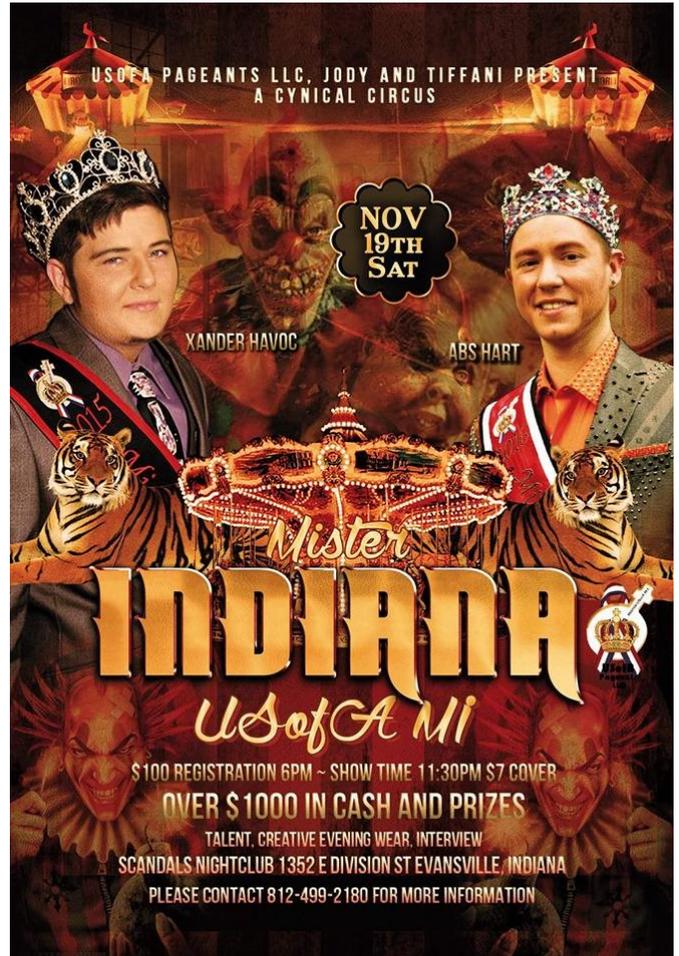
11, 2017! Potential contestants - this is an amazing venue! The videos Devin and Gage have posted touring the bar do not do it justice. After seeing it myself, I'm even more excited about the move to Dayton, OH! Contestants you are going to love it!

Speaking of contestants, prelim season has begun! On Sunday, Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, we kicked off the prelim season with Mister Oklahoma USofA MI Classic at Club Majestic in Tulsa, OK. Promoters David Dees and Tamia St.

James put together an awesome prelim! It was a sentimental night for me because it was also my step down as Mister OK USofA MI Classic! We had three outstanding contestants and we now have our first two qualified contestants for Mister USofA MI Classic 2017! Congratulations to King Mykal Khrystian, Mister Oklahoma



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USofA MI Classic 2016 and his first alternate, Hurricane Savage! Club Majestic, as always, you had a fabulous crowd. Thank you all for coming out to support the Mister USofA MI and Mister USofA MI Classic divisions. Thank you David and Tamia for your continued support!

The prelim season will continue to heat up in this month! We have Mister Georgia USofA MI

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and Mister Georgia USofA MI Classic on Oct 15<sup>th</sup> in Atlanta. Promoters are Owen McCord and Devin Liquor. Then, on Oct 21<sup>st</sup> we have Mister Arkansas USofA MI and Mister Arkansas USofA MI Classic. Promoters for Arkansas are Marco Del Gatto and Drew Samuelson. Potential contestants in need of information can contact me or the promoters directly. There was also a change to the prelim calendar. Mister Missouri USofA MI Classic was scheduled for Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, but has been moved to December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Craig Henderson, National Promoter for Mr. Gay USofA and Mr. Gay USofA at Large will be hold-

ing his national contests in Dallas Oct 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>! If you are in the Dallas area you do not want to miss this competition. Michael LaMasters and Kane Connors have had outstanding reigns! I am honored to have spent the first half of my reign with them! Congratulations "plates"! Enjoy the celebration of your reigns! I love you both - my brothers!!



Currently looking ahead to November when Mister Texas USofA MI Classic will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> in Dallas. Contact me or promoters Amie Bland and Alissa Ledoboer for

additional information!

Contestants keep working hard on those packages! Remember consistency is KEY!

Until next month!  
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#BelieveInTheSisterhood

Much love,

Valention "Val" Rios  
Mister USofA MI Classic



Abs Hart

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## Abs-olutely!

I am so excited to write this article for this month. Not only is October one of my favorite months (fall, hoodies, Halloween), but MI state prelims have FINALLY started!

Our first prelim of the season, Mister Oklahoma USofA MI was held September 18 at Club Majestic in Tulsa. D'angelo had a great stepdown, with a great vampire-themed opening production. He had 8 contestants who all brought their A-game. Several of the boys were new to



pageantry, and I was so impressed with everyone. Huge congratulations to the winner, Miles Long, and his 1st Alternate, Spacee Kadett! The first two to earn their spot at nationals in March.

I would also like to congratulate Valentino Rios on stepping down as the first Mister Oklahoma USofA MI Classic! He had 3 contestants compete, and congrats to King Mykal Khrystian on winning the title and his spot to nationals! Also congrats to his 1st Alternate,

Jesy Hurricane Savage. Both are also on their way to nationals in March!

The end of September, I was able to attend final night of Miss Gay USofA At Large in Ohio. It was wonderful to be able to be there to celebrate Ka'aliyah's year, and to be able to congratulate Sasha Lauren as she achieved her dream of winning the crown. Thank you to Jeremy Burnette and Darryl Kent for having me!

After the pageant, I traveled with the Rios's over to Dayton to spend some time with one of our promoters, Devin. We had a much needed day of rest, just spending time together with the zoo of ani-

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mals at Devin & Gage's house, and eating some great food! We were also able to tour the Masque, where MI, Diva, and MI Classic nationals will be held in March. I was blown away! The venue is incredible! The screens on the stage will really allow contestants to amp up their talents. The dressing room space is more than I've ever seen at a performance space. No one should have any issue having space to get ready! And, I'll be honest, the thing that impressed me the most was their ample parking lot. You never want to worry about being able to find somewhere to park when you're on your way to check in, and it will absolutely not be an issue. Sometimes, it's the little things.

Overall, I'm so excited to share this experience with everyone this year. I think the Masque is going to treat us very well. There will be new experiences for all, and this is a great step in our system's growth.

As we begin October, I would like to send love to Kane Connors and Michael LaMasters. Their final weeks as the reigning are upon us, as much as I know they don't want to think about it! Both of you have been amazing this year. I've looked forward to seeing your faces at each national pageant, and this had better not be the end! You've represented your titles as true royalty, and it's been an honor to reign in the court with you. I love you, my handsome brothers! Enjoy your last few weeks!

October's calendar is busy, and it



only picks up from here. I've still got a few things in the works that may or may not be announced by the time this is published, but I'm working hard to get my boys plenty of opportunities for tickets to nationals. I can't wait to get to my next two prelims

(Georgia and Arkansas in October) and see who will earn their spots!

Oh, and don't forget to pick out your Halloween costumes! Love to all.

Abs Hart  
Mister USofA MI

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## Victoria'



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Hello, friends and family! It's October, and the competitive season has really has really kicked off with a bang for the USofA MI's and the USofA MI Classics. Sep-

tember 18th, I was honored with the privilege to judge the Mister Oklahoma USofA MI and the Mister Oklahoma USofA MI Classic pageants. What a night of pageantry! Every contestant did a super job, and put serious work into their packages. You all should be so proud of yourselves. Keep working as hard as you



are, and learn from each opportunity you are given. Congratulations to Tami Snelson and David Dees on promoting such an awesome pageant, and I thank you for allowing me to judge and entertain. That venue was packed, and the patrons were incredible. Congrats to Valentino on his first prelim of the season also being an incredible step down, and congrats to D'angelo of an amazing reign, as well. Congratulations also goes to your newly crowned Mister Oklahoma USofA MI, Miles Long and your newly crowned Mister Oklahoma USofA MI Classic, King Mykal Khristian. Val and Abs, I'm so

proud of you two. Excellent work on demonstrating your administrative abilities on your

first preliminary of the season.

For any of you who may not know this, but fall is the most magical time of the year for me. Not only did my birthday fall on the first day of fall, but the first day of fall also lent itself to the Miss Gay USofA At Large na-

tional pageant that was held in Columbus, Ohio. Oh. My. goodness. These national pageants are slaying me! The work. The dedication. Wow! Jeremy Burnette, thank you so much for inviting Val and I to come and perform a duet on final night of your pageant. It was such an honor to represent our USofA Divas at your event. Congratulations to Ka'aliyah McKim Diamond on a spectacular reign. You have no idea what it means to me that we got to simultaneously reign, even if just for a bit. I love you, sister! Congratulations to Sasha Lauren on capturing the title of Miss Gay USofA At Large, and welcome to

the USofA court. Such an amazing year lies ahead, and I'm so excited for you! Wonderful job to every contestant who took

that stage. It's an exciting adventure to get from deciding you want to participate in a preliminary pageant, to qualifying, to get to the top 12. It's the biggest span of personal growth and learning I've ever experienced, and I'm so happy for all you who got to experience that. To all non-qualifying contestants that competed- this is a process. a journey. Take what you've learned, and use it as the fuel to your lamp. Light that creative fire, put in the work, and next time, you'll land it like a 747. I'm so proud of all of you.

After the pageant concluded, Val, Abs, and I took a little excursion to Dayton to spend some time with our promoter, Devin Dame. Though it was a fantastic weekend, we sure did miss our Gage Gatlyn, who was off fulfilling his entertainment duties in Florida. So much love to these two. Devin took us to Club Masque, where our nationals will be held in March, for a nice tour. Wow, just wow! From the stage, to the dressing accommodations, the parking, to the amenities, this venue is stellar. Buck up, contestants. We are going to have a ridiculous national pageant at Club Masque. The staff was so kind to show us around and how everything worked. Thank you

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for being so courteous to take the time for us. I know we still have prelims, but I'm ultra excited for nationals!

Speaking of prelims. I'm beside myself with excitement for my first prelim of the season, the Miss Arkansas USofA Diva pageant that will be held later this month on October 22nd, at Discovery Night Club, where we get to honor Anastasia Rouge on her great year. The theme is just like our Divas-Out of This World! There are still plenty of slots available, if you are interested in competing. Please feel free to contact Marco del Gatto (promoter), Anastasia, or myself for more information. I might add that this will be the only Arkansas pageant to utilize the 10'x12' LCD video graphics screen. As this screen is very similar to the video graphics at nationals, this would be a great opportunity for you to test run your graphics as a contestant. If you are interested in this accommodation, for more details, be sure to contact Drew Samuelson no later than October 15th. I might also add that Team Arkansas will also have programs that will span all 6 of the Arkansas prelims. If you would like to place an ad, let me know, and I'll be more than happy to assist in getting your reasonably priced ad in the program. And, there is also still reserved seating available.

For those of you who haven't ordered your copy of Brandi Amara Skyy's FAUX QUEENS fauxing the real: biological women, the art of drag, get in your orders! I just got my copy, and it came with 2 free pdfs containing very helpful information. I've only just begun reading, and I'm already so enthralled. As bio queens, we have come a long way in a brief period of time. I'm proud to announce that

USofA has have us included in the family for the last 3 1/2 years, and I cannot wait to see the continuation of growth for us girls. Keep those messages, texts, and calls coming, ladies. It rocks my world every day to have so many questions and updates from you all. And don't forget- If you do not qualify at Arkansas USofA Diva, November 4th will be the Miss Southern

States USofA Diva preliminary with another chance for you to earn your ticket. The theme for this contest will be Gotham. We have several prelim dates already in line, and as more are announced, I'll be sure to keep you updated. Thank you all so much for reading this edition of Victoria's Vignette. Stay tuned for more preliminary opportunities we have coming for you! #vivaladiva

With much love,

Victoria Rios  
Miss USofA DIVA

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