



WHY I RECOMMEND RUNNING IN A PAGEANTS

Hello Poway! Sadly, my reign is coming to an end, but this year has brought me so many amazing experiences and I am extremely excited to pass on this honor to the next lucky lady.

It has truly been a blessing to serve as Miss Poway 2008. Growing up, I was actually very against pageants. I had the view that pageants were very superficial and promoted a negative image of women. I couldn't have been more wrong. I have grown more as a woman than I ever could have imagined because of my involvement with pageants and the Miss Poway organization. I have received countless scholarships toward my college education because of my ability to interview well (learned from extensive pageantry), and have acquired a very valuable sense of poise that is useful in professional situations. Beyond that, I have had the opportunity to participate in many community service activities that have both humbled me and given me a sense of appreciation for what a beautiful city we live in.

I was able to participate in so many fun events over the past year! Besides the numerous parades I was in, I made appearances at Christmas in the Park, the Poway Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party, Special Olympics, and much more! Being Miss Poway showed me a lot of fun ways to get involved in my community, and I will definitely continue to stay involved after my reign is over.

I strongly encourage every young woman to participate in the Miss Poway pageant. It may sound cliché, but it really is not about winning. It is about the valuable life experiences you gain from participating in such a program. I did not win Miss Poway the first time I tried; in fact, it took me six pageants before I won my first official title as Miss Poway 2008. However, the training I received in the pageants I participated in prior to Miss Poway not only helped me in the pageant world, but in everyday life as well. If you're looking for a fun way to make new friends, improve your resume, serve your community, win scholarship money, and of course, parade around in a pretty dress, crown and a banner then this is the experience for you!

Don't let anything hold you back!

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