



MISS TAIWANESE AMERICAN PAGEANT

SATURDAY,
AUGUST 8, 2015
SAN GABRIEL HILTON

Connie Lu

QUEEN OF THE
2014 COURT



大洛杉磯台灣會館 主辦

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MISS TAIWANESE AMERICAN

2015

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Program for Pageant Night

主持: *Annie Lee, Gary Chuang*

1. 大會致詞-蔡幸珍總召集人

Welcome by Judy Tsai, Chairwoman of Miss Taiwanese American Committee

2. 開幕舞

Opening Dance by Miss Taiwanese American 2015 finalists

3. 主辦單位致詞-黃文谷董事長

Welcome by Steven Huang, President of Taiwan Center Foundation

4. 貴賓致詞-駐洛杉磯台北經濟文化辦事處夏季昌處長

Remarks by TCEC Director-General, Steve C. C. Hsia

5. 介紹評審-主持人 / *Introduction of Judges by MCs (Annie Lee, Gary Chuang)*

6. 準台美小姐自我介紹 / *Self-Introduction*

7. 準台美小姐才藝表演 / *Talent Competition*

8. 準台美小姐機智問答 / *Questions and Answers*

9. 晚會表演 / *Performances*

An Sospiro Franz Liszt (1810-1883)

Piano, Valentina Wen-Ting Huang 黃文亭

Pavement Road Dr. I-Chuan Lee 李逸群

Diamond Bar High School Orchestra

Conductor, Steve Acciani

Quartet meets Tango

Diamond Bar High School Band

10. 2014年台美小姐卸任巡禮 /

2014 Miss Taiwanese American Court Farewell

11. 2015年台美小姐加冕 / *Presentation of 2015 Miss Taiwanese American Court*



董事長的話

Taiwan Center President's Message

由蔡幸珍總召與賴淑遠副董事長所組成的團隊，歷經半年的精心策劃、開會；今天將以最佳的成果呈現給各位觀賞。

台灣會館為什麼要主辦台美小姐選拔？因為我們認為立足美國，向美國推銷台灣文化，需要由內在美、外在美兼俱的台美人來主導，她們的智慧、氣質及內涵必須是優秀的，而且了解台灣的情勢，讓主流社會對台灣有美好的印象，讓我們更加融入這個大熔爐。

很高興今年有十一位佳麗從初選脫穎而出，參加決選，您的智慧與勇氣是令人佩服的，希望有機會您們能多多參與台灣會館的活動，為台灣做出最好的國民外交，向美國社會人士推廣台灣文化。

大洛杉磯台灣會館基金會 董事長 黃文谷

I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone that came tonight and I also want to thank you for your support of the 2015 Miss Taiwanese American Pageant. Every single year, our beautiful and talented Miss Taiwanese Americans serve as community liaisons to promote Taiwan and showcase our Taiwanese culture. I am so proud of their achievements.

We have a lot of candidates showing their interests for this event. That means we have come a long way and we are valued by the Taiwanese American Community. However, only a certain number can be the finalists. Tonight we have 11 ladies, and you are all winners to me. After 2 months of intensive training, you have learned more about the pageant itself and how to present yourself as an ambassador of Taiwanese Americans. With your intelligence, courage, beauty, and talent, we know that you will take pride in Taiwan's unique identity and heritage and do your best to promote Taiwanese culture.

Finally, I want to thank all our special guests and sponsors. Without you, we would not be able to accomplish anything. The dedication from many people makes this event successful. I want to thank Chairwoman Judy Tsai, Vice President Shu-Yuan Lai, and all committee members. Lastly, I want to thank the board members of the Taiwan Center, our hard-working judges, excellent performing artists, and all the volunteers. I hope you will enjoy our wonderful program tonight!

Remarks from President of Taiwan Center Foundation of Greater Los Angeles,

Steven Huang



總召集人的話

Chairperson's Message

很榮幸能擔任2015台美小姐選拔總召集人，衷心感謝大家來參加今年的決選晚會，一起來見證新的皇后、公主及親善大使誕生。台美小姐選拔不僅是台灣會館基金會每年重要的台美人社區活動之一，更對參賽者的人生有良好的助益。

台灣的文化與傳統是台美社區不同族裔間重要的溝通橋樑。這些年輕的佳麗將台灣文化、傳統價值體現在這個多元社會。在接下來的一年，她們將透過參加台美人社區活動，化身台美人社區代表，與不同族裔、團體互動。透過這些活動，這些佳麗將有所成長，成為社區的領袖、楷模，提升台灣文化在社區的能見度。

最後，我要感謝所有贊助商對台美小姐的大力支持，還要感謝為台美小姐選拔花費無數心思、時間的台灣會館所有董事、台美小姐選拔委員會成員、裁判和各位義工。

祝各位有個美好的夜晚！

2015年台美小姐選拔委員會 總召集人 蔡幸珍

It is my honor to serve as the Chairperson for the 2015 Miss Taiwanese American Pageant and most importantly to welcome you tonight to witness the crowning of our new Queen, Princesses, and Ambassadors for this wonderful event. The Miss Taiwanese American Pageant is one of the major events of our local Taiwanese American community and of the Taiwan Center Foundation of Greater Los Angeles, and can be a life-changing event for the contestants.

It is important to bridge our rich Taiwanese heritage with our American life. As such, we must preserve and share our culture and traditions. All of the young ladies in this pageant embody our Taiwanese culture, heritage, and traditional values in today's multicultural society. In the upcoming year, each one will serve as our cultural ambassador through active participation in many Taiwanese American activities as well as other activities where they will interact with many different ethnicities, groups, and interests. Through these events, these ladies can grow as individuals, be prepared to be leaders in the community, be role models, and represent, serve, and promote a better understanding and awareness of our Taiwanese culture and community with grace, poise, and intelligence.

To this end, I want to thank our sponsors who provide generous financial support, all of the directors of the Taiwan Center, our wonderful Miss Taiwanese American Pageant committee members and judges, and the many volunteers who have spent untold hours preparing for this special event.

Have a wonderful evening!

Chairperson of the 2015 Miss Taiwanese American Pageant Committee

Judy Tsai

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Judy Tsai 蔡幸珍



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2014 Queen's remark

Welcome to the 2015 Miss Taiwanese American Pageant! This past year was a whirlwind of experiences and I am truly honored to serve as the 2014 Miss Taiwanese American Queen. In this past year I have gained innumerable rich experiences and acquired skills that I will always be thankful to have.

When entering the pageant, I had no idea what kind of journey I was about to embark on. I set out to learn more about the beautiful Taiwanese American culture and heritage with hopes of giving back to the community that molded me into who I am today.

I have had the pleasure of befriending so many talented, driven, dedicated, accomplished, and ambitious young Taiwanese American ladies. During training we quickly grew close, and were able to form lasting bonds over the many events we participated in. We were able to come together in an instant to organize amazing events such as: 1) the Linsanity Movie Screening, where we raised over \$7000 to donate to Kaoshiung Disaster Relief; 2) The Greater Goods Exchange: a second hand market, where we raised over \$1000 for the Taiwanese Youth Arts Foundation; 3) the 2nd Annual Taiwanese American Idol singing competition, where we showcased Taiwanese American talent.

I would like to thank the Miss Taiwanese American Pageant Committee, Taiwan Center of Greater Los Angeles, and my family and friends for their help along my journey this past year. Their everlasting love and support have allowed me to bolster my personal growth.

To this year's contestants: have a blast and don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone. Between the pageant committee and the other amazing contestants you have an extraordinary support system. Tonight will be a night to remember, but this is only the beginning. Take charge and be proud of the opportunity to serve as Taiwanese American ambassadors to give back to our incredible community. I believe that each and every one of you is destined for great things this coming year and beyond!

Best wishes,
Connie Lu
2014 Miss Taiwanese American Queen



2014 Miss Taiwanese



1ST PRINCESS TAYLOR CENSOPRANO
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5TH PRINCESS JESSICA WU
第五公主



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第六公主

American Court



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2014 Year in Review





2015 Training



Annie Lee is a native of Los Angeles. She graduated from Diamond Bar High School and attended Northwestern University's 7-year BA/MD program. After completing her anesthesiology training at UCLA, she is now a physician at its affiliate hospital. She has also been an Asian American health advocate and national conference coordinator, a United Nations Ambassador in Women Empowerment, and the 2012-2013 Miss Taiwanese American Queen. Her platform during her year on the court was shaping the lives of the next generation of young female Taiwanese Americans by starting the Miss Taiwanese American Mentorship Program for high school and college students.

Continuing with her passion for helping others, she was the 2014-2015 President of the Taiwanese American Professionals (TAP-LA), a nonprofit organization promoting leadership, identify, networking, and cultural/community services. In her free time she is an avid ballerina, yoga enthusiast, and world traveler. This is Annie's second year as part of the Miss Taiwanese American pageant committee and is delighted to have the opportunity to actively participate in fostering the next group of female Taiwanese American representatives and leaders.

Julie Shen 來美二十五年，開創了有屬於自己品牌的電子產品公司以及在深圳建立了車載導航工廠；近來投資於醫療諮詢服務中心以及石英石材料家裝國際市場；同時參加過多次洛杉磯大型舞蹈表演，以及電視台的【舞蹈全民星】的舞蹈比賽和各項才藝及舞蹈大賽；今年被國際知名品牌《MaxMara》和《Marni》聘請為特邀品牌模特



Lisa Hou (侯乃文) was born in Taiwan and moved to Los Angeles area when she was 10 years old. She graduated from University of Southern California in 2008 with a double major in gerontology and art history before attending dental school at the USC Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry, graduating in 2012.

She was then selected for advanced dental training at Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center and provided dental care to older and high-risk special needs patients. Following residency, she was appointed as Clinical Assistant Professor at USC in Special Patients Clinic, teaching dental students and residents. She has presented nationally on her dental research and also works in private practices in Los Angeles area.

Lisa is a 2014 Miss Taiwanese American Princess. In her free time, she enjoys running, trying new restaurants, and traveling.

Coaches



張丹瑜

Founder of Kirk Vacation Los Angeles since 1997.
She graduated from Kobe College, Japan.

Dr. Michi Fu is a licensed psychologist with private practice locations in San Jose (Northern California) and Rolling Hills Estates (Southern California). She has recently begun accepting patients through telehealth, enabling her to serve clients all throughout California. She is also an Associate Professor at Alliant International University, where she mentors doctoral students and conducts research on Asian Americans, women's issues, and ethnic minority youth. She is the Interim Director of Counseling Services at Cal Poly Pomona. She publishes blogs.

(<http://asianamericanpsych.blogspot.com/> & <http://www.thickdumplingskin.com/post/120451714011/words-from-dr-michi>), journal articles and books on children's issues and Asian American mental health. She is developing a Wellness Center that seeks to integrate mind, body and spiritual healing. She would like to thank Miss Taiwanese American program for the opportunity to share about ethnic identity development and working with the media as ambassadors of culture. She is honored to participate as a workshop facilitator on developing beauty from within.



陳西園老師從小學習舞蹈，畢業於台灣台南女子技術學院舞蹈系，1982年來美教課於各中文學校舞蹈班、舞蹈團體、藝人演唱會編舞及各地方的演出活動，並幫忙演出文藝活動、支持大專校友會的母親節活動與台美人傳統週，1987年加入美國華裔舞蹈協會，並擔任理事、副會長、2006及2010年會長及永久顧問，2009年參與台灣會館台美親善小姐的舞蹈指導。



Miss Tina Shih is one of the top etiquette instructors, beauty pageant trainers, and modeling coaches in Los Angeles.

Over the years, Tina has established Tina Modeling, House of Etiquette into one of the most prestigious and effective schools not only in Southern California, but also across Asia. With her professional knowledge and teaching skills, Tina has taught etiquettes to men, women, and children of all ages, given lectures and training courses throughout the community through Radio and TV interviews, hosted and choreographed multiple fashion shows, and personally trained yearly Queen-titled leaders in the Southern California community. Because of her devotion, she has also earned the title of "Beauty Ambassador".

Awards and Honors

Cultural & Artistic Counselor, USA, United Nation
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Letter of Appreciation from Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
Beauty Ambassador & Supreme Award in 2009, The Asia Pacific Best City

Walter Chen is highly extensive experienced in international business environment and financial management. He was worked in developing economic strategies and management in international turn key projects in Asia, Europe and Africa. The intent is to bring to the clients a selected group of the best performance. He was involved petrochemical, environmental, and project financing industries.

Walter Chen has extensive experiences in international business development, third world countries' economic strategies and international turn key projects.

Professional Experience:

- Economic Adviser to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Advisory Board of UNESCO Association
- Chairman of the Board of Marshall Investment & Development Inc.
- Chairman of North America International Education Center
- Chairman of IPDI Group
- Chairman of Hiller Aviation Management Inc.
- President of Flying Tigers General Aviation Ltd.



YUKI :

1986 年 任聘於日本新宿美髮專業美髮造型設計師五年。

1991 年 擔任鈴鹿玉玲整體造型設計師，同時也擔任過服裝界：1881・藍克斯・皮爾卡登目錄整體造型師。

1994 年成立自己工作室。

2001 年來洛杉磯。

2009 年Yuki beauty studio

Interview JUDGES



Kenneth Chiu

Kenneth Chiu is presently a Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney assigned to the Sex Crimes Unit. As a Deputy District Attorney he prosecutes a wide range of cases including Child abuse, Adult sexual assaults, homicides, and other serious and violent felonies.

His prior community leadership positions include; former president of the Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association, Board Member of Plaza de la Raza (Head Start Program) and Professional Programs Director of the Taiwanese American Professional. Raised in Southern California, Mr. Chiu is a graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles and Loyola Law School.



Darice Lee 洪珠美

出生台灣彰化縣芬園鄉, 台中市長大, 取得靜宜大學商學士. 旅居美國近45年. 曾任成本分析員和公司行政經理, 現享受半退休生活兼地產管理和買賣。

現任大洛杉磯台灣會館秘書長、台灣人公共事務會(FAPA)西區理事。曾任台灣人公共事務會洛杉磯分會會長(2008-2010)、北美洲台灣婦女會總會會長(2007-2008)及台灣獨立建國聯盟洛杉磯負責人。



Evan Ling 林富文

台南佳里人1965來美國。喬治亞理工學院工程博士。他在台美社團一直很活躍。1972年加入台獨聯盟至今。曾任立央委員及副主席。1971年創立亞特蘭大台灣同會。1982年創始陳文成教授紀念基金會。服務於FAPA 20多年。曾任中央委員，常務委員，及FAPA基金管理委員會主席多年。2011年在台灣創辦並資助「閱讀台灣探索自己」兩年，鼓勵年輕人閱讀本土書。他目前在美林金融投資公司當理財顧問。First Vice President, Wealth Management, International Financial Advisor and PIA Portfolio Manager, Merrill Lynch/Bank of America. 他與黃美惠住在Diamond Bar.

Pageant Night



Ammi Hsu

Ammi Hsu has been a makeup artist/hair stylist for over 20 years and a dedicated teacher for over 18 years in training new professional hair stylists and makeup artists. At a very young age, she was passionate about makeup and skincare. She tried a variety of products on her free time and studied how each specific chemical in the product affected her skin. She also studied how makeup and hair could enhance one's natural look or create a whole different look. Her cosmetology license led her to open up her own company, Ammi Hsu Professional Makeup and Hair, and her beauty school, "Beauty Creator." Her hair and makeup experiences include bridal, TV, concerts, commercial, magazine, pageants, and celebrities. She has been a judge at International Fashion Super Model for 4 years, ETTV Top Idol for 2 years, Star Talent, Unique Model Contest for 2 years, and China "Super Boy."



Valentina Wen-Ting Huang, Doctor of Music 黃文亭

Born in Taiwan, Ms. Huang performed at the Yamaha JOC Concert in Japan at the age of 9 and entered Hochschule für Musik und darstellende Kunst, Vienna, Austria at 15. She received the National Excellence Award for Young Artistic Talents in Taiwan and was recipient of the Austrian Ministry of Science and Research scholarship. She was the Prize Winner of the Chesapeake Chamber Music Competition.

Ms. Huang received her Doctoral degree from Indiana University, her Master's and Bachelor's degree from Vienna Hochschule. Currently she is the Vice President of MTAC Hacienda Branch and Adjunct Faculty at Pasadena City College. She is also the Branch Director of Junior Chamber Music. She is a frequent adjudicator for MTAC's Certificate of Merit, SYME, SCJBF and JCM.



Eric Hsu 徐家永

Eric Hsu is the leadsinger/songwriter of Los Angeles based alternative rock band Johnny HiFi. With over 10 years, 10 albums/EPs and numerous North America and Asia tours under their belt, Johnny HiFi's alternative rock sound has captured fans all over the world. The band has made multiple appearances on TV and radio stations across the globe including MTV, MyxTV, Billboard Magazine and Performer Magazine. They have also performed in more than 50 US cities and in countries such as Taiwan, Japan, China, Hong Kong and Canada. Follow Eric and the band on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

JUDGES



Tina Chang

Believing in presenting the elegance and the beauty of body language Tina performed, choreographed, and taught in Northern America and Asia with her degree from the UCLA. With her disciplines in various dance styles including gymnastic and martial arts, she has been acclaimed for her innovative dance techniques and performance. Tina has worked with Hollywood stars like Britney Spear for her MTV series tour, Eko Superyanto in the Broadway show Lion King in Los Angeles, Xiaoling Yang in New York Chinese Folk Dance Company, Liu Xing in Olympic Gymnastic Preparation Camp, and American Chinese Dance Association's dance company.

Tina C. Chang has been commissioned by choreographers such as renowned post-modern dance founder, Simone Forte in addition to companies such as Crossroad and The Yard, among others. Tina has also enjoyed working with L'Oreal and Paul Mitchell hair product companies in shows, and giving workshops and lectures to professional models, cheerleaders, and dance teams across North America. Not only would she like to pass on her knowledge to our future generation, she would also like to inspire people to be well rounded in the world of dance.



Patricia Wang

Patricia Wang is an international model, TV spokesperson, and jewelry designer. Her national print, fashion shows, and modeling include Disney, MGM hotel Vegas, Metlife Insurance, VISA card, Nordstroms, Bloomingdales, Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue, and L'Oreal. She is a GIA graduate with experience in international brands and commercials. TV appearances include the Home and Garden Channel and her own designer line on QBC shopping channel.

Her modeling career has opened up doors into the acting industry on such shows as "ER", "Friends", and the CBS hit series "The Agency". In her movie career, she has worked with greats such as Jack Nicolson and Diane Keaton in their Oscar nominated film "Something's Gotta Give" and the Rock and Kelly Hu in the "Scorpion King". She has also been interviewed several times on Mandarin news and talk shows here in Los Angeles as well as in Taiwan.

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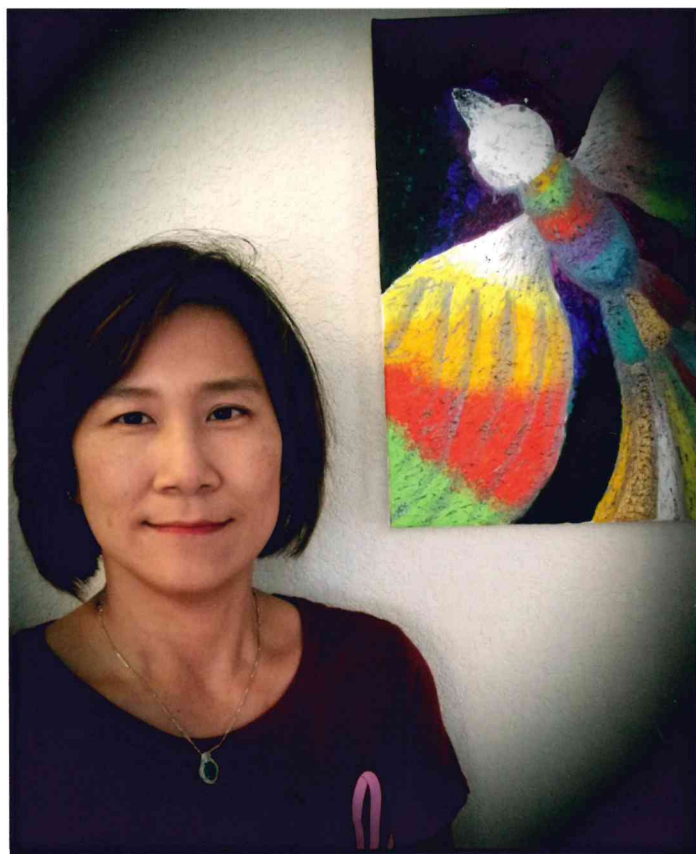
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I-Chuun Lee.

學歷

音樂藝術博士 1992-1997
洛杉磯南加大音樂學院
主修作曲 副修電影配樂及鋼琴伴奏
音樂藝術碩士1990-1992 洛杉磯藝術學院音樂系主修作曲副修鋼琴
音樂學士1984-1987 國立台灣師範大學音樂系 主修作曲 副修鋼琴
Yamaha 級數證照
1980-1986 鋼琴 3級, 電子琴 3級, 樂理 3級

獲獎及演出經歷

May 2015 台灣童謠 點仔膠 (for large orchestra)) 由 Diamond Bar High School Symphonic Orchestra 於 Diamond High School Performing Art Theater 演出。

March 2014 台灣童謠 點仔膠 (for strings orchestra) 由 Chaparral Middle School 8th grade Sinfonia string orchestra 演出。

March 2014 財團法人國際沛思文教基金會 委託創作童謠 地球的花園

Feb 2013 在那遙遠的地方 (for strings orchestra) 由 Diamond Bar High School Symphonic Orchestra 於 San Gabriel Mission Playhouse 演出。

Feb 2013 望春風 (for strings orchestra) 由 DBHS Sym. Orch. 於 DBHS Music Theater 新年期間演出。

June 1998 String Quartet No.2 於 Ventura Music Festival 演出

June 1997 Two Movements for String Quartet 榮獲台灣文建會主辦之<音樂台北>作曲獎金牌。

May 1996 Jimmy McHugh Composition Award at USC, Los Angeles.

May 1995 通化街 (for Yamaha digital grand piano) 由美國作曲家 Libby Larson 委託創作於 Minneapolis, Minnesota 首演。

1992-1997 洛杉磯南加大音樂系 博士班 作曲全額獎學金

1980's 台灣 Yamaha Electone Festival 首獎及同年之JOC首獎, Taipei Music Festival 鋼琴大賽第一名等獎項。

工作經歷

1997- Now Yamaha 級數監考教師, Judge of Junior Original Composition (JOC) 評審

1997-1998 Irvine Valley College 講師

1992-1997 USC 音樂學院講師

Performer



Steven Acciani, the director of instrumental music and the coordinator of the Performing Arts Academy at Diamond Bar High School, in Diamond Bar, California. Graduated from California State University, Fullerton with a BA and Teaching Credential in Music Education, he began his career in the Walnut Valley School District, opening South Pointe Middle School in 1989 - from 17 band students to 600+ in 6 years. As the music director at Diamond Bar High School, his students consistently receive the highest ratings at music festivals and solo/ensemble competitions setting state records for numbers of students accepted into regional and state honor groups. Diamond Bar High School has also been named twice as a Grammy Signature School.

In 1999, Mr. Acciani was awarded as Teachers of the Year for Los Angeles County, and was a finalist for California State

Teacher of the Year. He was honored by NBC with a "Golden Apple" for his work with students, and was invited to participate in "Unsung Heroes Week". Mr. Acciani is a former Vice President for High School and Junior High School Honor Groups in the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association. He also spent 10 years as the SCSBOA liaison for the California Band Director's Association, and is an active clinician in the Southern California area. In 2001 he was awarded a Masters Degree in Education Administration from Azusa Pacific University.

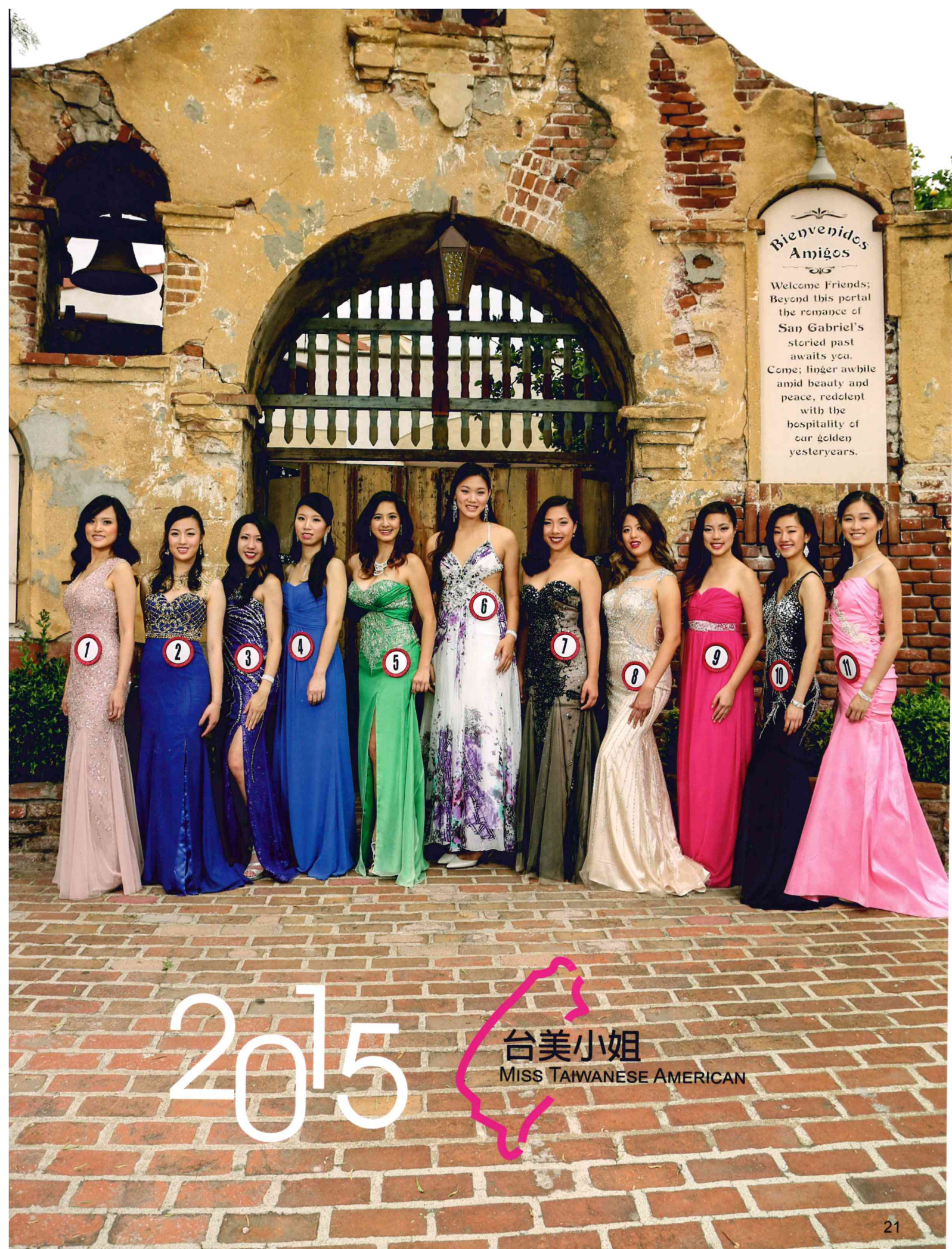
In 2014, Mr. Acciani led Diamond Bar High School to win National Orchestra Cup in Lincoln Center, New York. He was also awarded Grammy Signature School that year for his great passion and achievement in motivating his students to nourish in music.

Valentina Wen-Ting Huang Born in Taiwan, Ms. Huang performed at the gala concert of Junior Original Composition Yamaha in Japan at the age of 9 and entered the University for Music and Performing Arts in Vienna, Austria at 15. She was honored with the National Excellence Award for Young Artistic Talents in Taiwan and received the scholarship from the Austrian Ministry of Science and Research. She entered Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition and Concert Artists Guild International Competition and was the Prize Winner of the Chesapeake Chamber Music Competition.

As the pianist of the Felici Piano Trio, Ms. Huang toured extensively in California, Washington and Texas. She has performed as soloist in Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, France, Austria and Taiwan. She has served as adjudicator, juror and coach for MTAC's Certificate of Merit, Southern California Junior Bach Festival, Southwestern Youth Music Festival, Junior Chamber Music, High Desert Music Teachers' Association in Ridgecrest, Chamber Musicians of Northern California, Biola University.

Ms. Huang received her Doctoral degree from Indiana University, mentored by the Distinguished Professor Menahem Pressler. She holds both Master's and Bachelor's degree in Piano Performance from University for Music and Performing Arts in Vienna. Currently Ms. Huang is the Vice President and Bach Chair of Music Teachers' Association of California, Hacienda Heights Branch Director of Junior Chamber Music. She is an Adjunct Professor of piano at the Pasadena City College.





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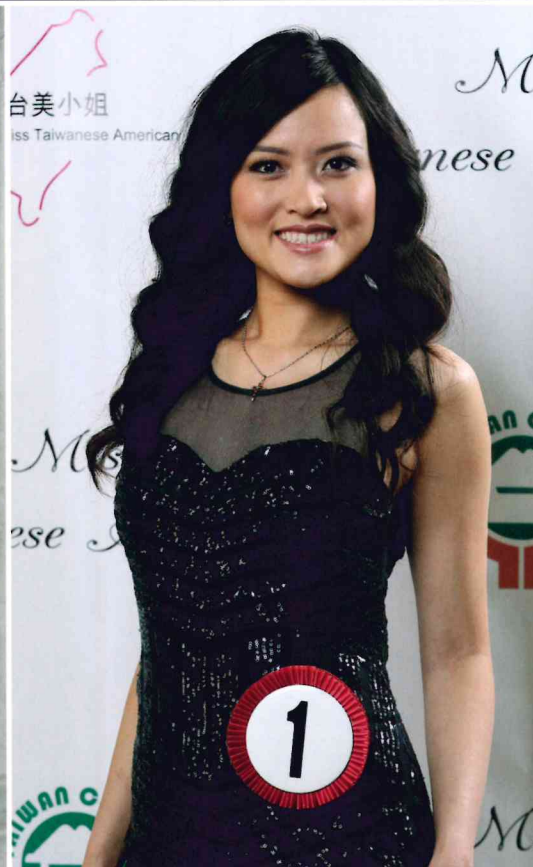
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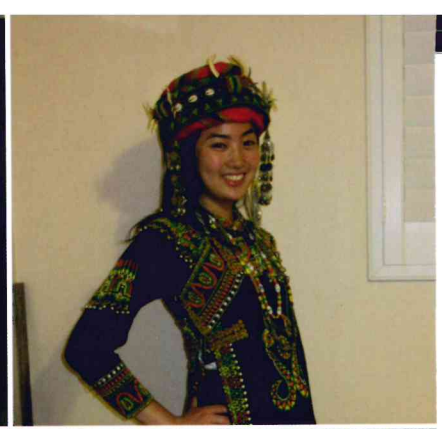
GLORIA HOU

Born in LA, my passion for Taiwan grew during my first summer visit. There my family introduced me to the wonders of Taiwan through national parks and scenic trails. Living in my grandparent's house in Taichung, everyday I was blessed with home cooking and traditional foods such as 太陽餅 and my favorite 肉圓. I carried that love with me into adulthood. While studying at UCSD, I helped the Intercollegiate Taiwanese American Students Association in planning their West Coast Conference. Afterwards, I continued my education in Nursing at Arizona State University. Today I work as a registered nurse.

Now home, I plan to return to my roots and serve the community that so kindly nurtured me. My hobbies include volunteering and getting involved in Asian American issues. As a finalist for the Miss Taiwanese American pageant, I hope to empower my peers as we celebrate the Taiwanese American identity.







ALYSSA CHIANG

I was raised in Granada Hills, in a diverse and liberal environment. I am 18 years old, and just graduated as a valedictorian from Granada Hills Charter High School.

As a feminist, I created a program at my local library called the Girl Power Club for my Girl Scouts Gold Award Project, aiming to empower young women and inspire them to be themselves. Throughout high school, I also fostered my passions for the piano and robotics, as well as

community service, as I served as President for the California Scholarship Federation chapter at my school. This fall, I will be attending UC San Diego on a full scholarship to study bioengineering.

I am honored to serve and represent the Taiwanese community. As a quarter 原住民, descendant from the aboriginal Paiwan tribe, I am proud to share my unique background as I help spread awareness of Taiwan's rich culture.







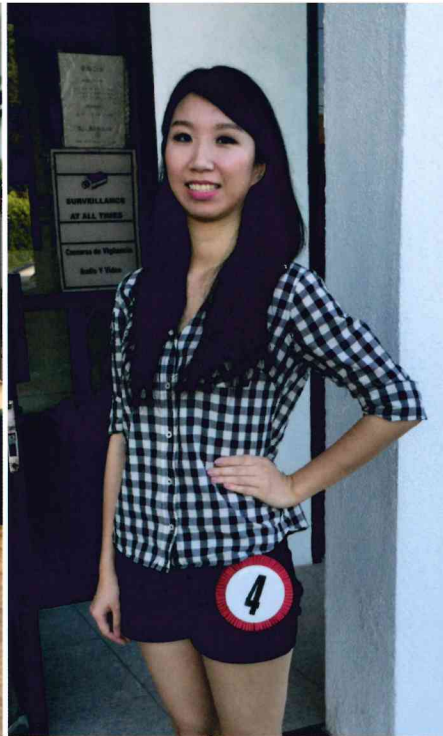
ERIAN LIN

Born and raised in Southern California, I attended Gabrielino High School. There, I proudly competed for the varsity track and cross country teams. I am also a passionate singer, with seven years of advanced choral training with my gold rated show choir. I currently attend Cal State San Bernardino, where I am pursuing a degree in business management to achieve my dream of opening my own business to help people in my community.

Living in a city that celebrates a rich blend of cultures has contributed to my willingness to accept people for who they are. While I was in Taiwan, I further realized how Taiwanese people are open hearted to strangers, and that changed my whole perspective on how I wanted to live my life. As a participant in the Miss Taiwanese American pageant, I hope to show the beauty and selflessness that is Taiwan.







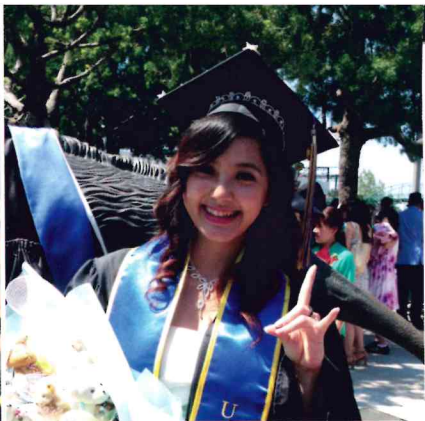
EVELYN YANG

Born in Belize and raised in Taiwan, I grew up with Taiwan's culture and enthusiastic people around me. These unforgettable memories have been a great influence, showing me that it is important to have a positive attitude towards life and that politeness is the manner in which I should treat others. I strive to incorporate these into my daily life.

After I graduated from high school, I immigrated to the United States and currently study at Mt. San Antonio College. Throughout my academic years, I not only value my grades but also my activities in school clubs. These organizations help me integrate my social life with community service. I am glad to have this opportunity to participate in the Miss Taiwanese American Pageant because I have the chance to enhance myself and present the beauty of Taiwan to others.







EVA HSIA

Born in Dusseldorf, Germany, I moved to Hacienda Heights, California when I was 2. I recently graduated from the University of California Irvine (UCI) with a degree in Film and Media Studies. During my time at UCI, I was the Chinese Traditional Dance Coordinator for the Chinese Association for two years. I also served as the Social Media Publicist and a reporter for UCI's Anteater Television, helping out as a videographer and editor. This past year I took part in the second ever student produced feature film at UCI as a publicist and production assistant. I hope

to pursue a career in the entertainment industry. Currently I am an intern at ETTV America Corp. and Kollaboration.

It is an honor to be a finalist for the Miss Taiwanese American Pageant. I look forward to representing Taiwanese Americans and sharing with the world how amazing Taiwan is.







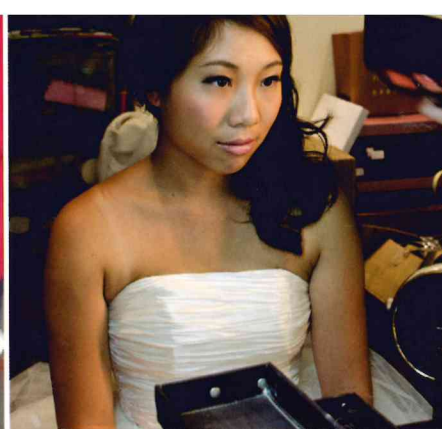
SAMANTHA HUANG

I am 18 years old and was born and raised in Southern California. I recently graduated in May from Troy High School in Fullerton, CA, where I participated on both the volleyball and basketball Varsity teams for all four years. I will be attending Cal State University San Marcos this fall and will be playing on the collegiate volleyball team.

Growing up in a neighborhood where there were not many Taiwanese Americans, I was able to connect with my heritage through music. In 5th grade, I began learning the guzheng and was part of the String and Bamboo Orchestra. Through this orchestra, I had the opportunity to travel to Canada and perform at their "DiverseCity" festival and share my Taiwanese culture. It is amazing to have this opportunity to represent the Taiwanese Americans in this year's pageant and in the volunteering that follows. Thank you!







STEPHANIE TING

I am a Southern California native who hails from Walnut, a small suburb composed of family homes and horse trails. Seven years ago, I packed my bags and moved to Los Angeles to pursue my dreams. I am an avid photographer, writer, designer, and humanitarian. In 2012, I graduated from the University of Southern California (USC) with a degree in Kinesiology and minor in Public Health. Being a proud Trojan, I am also completing my Doctorate of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree at USC. Armed with my degrees and passions, I plan to make a positive impact on the world.

I am honored to be a part of the Miss Taiwanese American pageant, an opportunity that empowers me to become involved in something greater than myself. I hope to serve as an ambassador for Taiwanese Americans, a leader in my community, and role model for young women.







FAN-PEI KOUNG

I am a Houston native who deferred Yale University and came to California to work at a Taiwan-based Silicon Valley tech. I am now a strategy analyst at eBay.

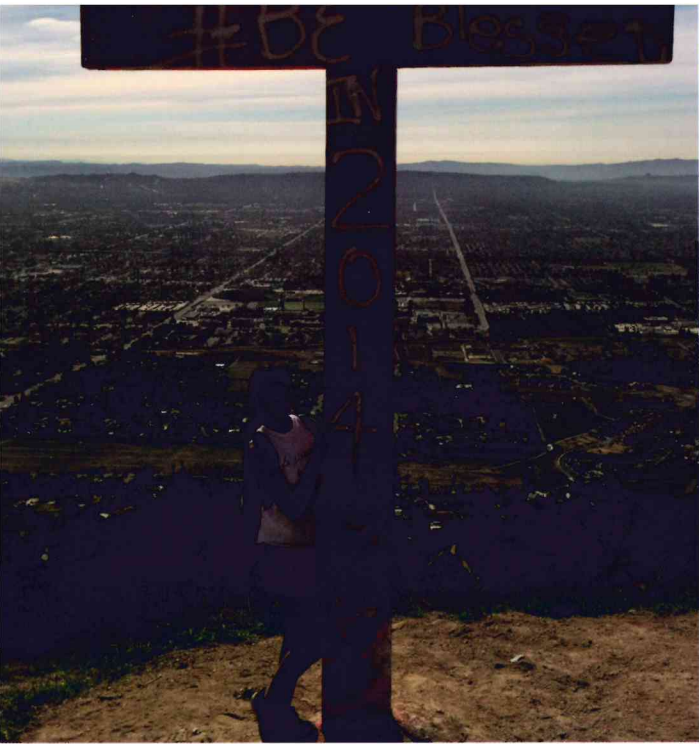
I enjoy art, science, and outreach. I am a former researcher in Eastern and Western medicine at the top cancer hospital in the US and NASA hackathon winner. I am a brand ambassador for Shenova, a fashion line that celebrates women in science and technology, and am involved with

mentoring former victims of human trafficking. I love drawing, painting, and dancing.

The richness and complexity of my experiences have made me the strong person I am today. I define myself by my belief that everyone possesses staggering potential, especially women at the intersection of multiple cultures, disciplines, and generations. I cherish this opportunity to redefine modern beauty with the support of the Miss Taiwanese American pageant!







LI-TING CHU

Born and raised in Southern California, I am an upcoming senior at Diamond Bar High School. I play the flute in wind ensemble. I also help raise money to grant wishes to medically ill children through my active involvement in Red Cross and Make A Wish. Volunteering at these non-profit organizations has helped me realize that I can grow as a person as well as make an impact on the lives of other people.

One of my favorite hobbies is Chinese folk dance. Since starting 8 years ago, dance has shown me different aspects of my culture, which I have learned is very diverse and unique. So whenever I have the opportunity, I go back to Taiwan to get more in touch with my roots.

I am honored to be a part of the Miss Taiwanese American pageant, and am looking forward to devoting my time to the community.







TIFFANY CHU

I am a recent graduate at the University of California, Irvine with a degree in Drama, and Film & Media Studies. Through watching well-established actors give back to their communities, the entertainment industry has inspired me to do more philanthropic work. My film projects, along with my participation in school clubs, have given me leadership skills that I use in everyday life.

I am proud of my Taiwanese roots, and am forever grateful to my parents for encouraging me to go to Chinese school, learning more about my culture, and always being my biggest supporter. In my spare time, I enjoy working out, exploring new places, and photography.

I am honored to be one of the finalists for Miss Taiwanese American Pageant where I have the opportunity to exchange experiences and stories with my fellow candidates and share Taiwanese culture!







CHARLENE TSAI

Hello, my name is Charlene Tsai, 蔡小玲, and I am 20 years old. Although I was born in America, I was raised in a household that was heavily influenced by Taiwanese culture and so subsequently grew up speaking fluent Taiwanese, Mandarin, and English.

I currently attend The Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising (FIDM) in Los Angeles. I am majoring in Visual Communications and am on the President's Honor Roll with a 4.0 GPA. I grew up excelling in my

art and math classes at school and had always taken pleasure in craft related activities.

I enjoy spending time with my friends and family when I am not in school. I believe that the people that I surround myself with give me inspiration and encouragement. This motivates me to work toward my goal of becoming a professional wedding and events coordinator in the future.





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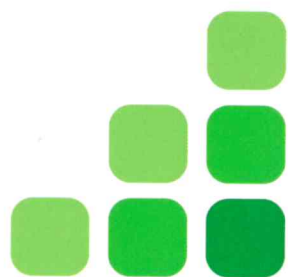
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