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Program for Pageant Night
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主持： Lisa Hou, Elson Lai

1. 大會致詞-賴淑遠總召集人
   Welcome by Sue Lai, Chairperson of Miss Taiwanese American Committee
2. 開幕舞
   Opening Dance by Miss Taiwanese American 2016 Finalists
3. 主辦單位致詞-台灣會館林榮松董事長
   Welcome by President Simon Lin, 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 TECO Director-General, Steve C.C. Hsia
5. 介紹評審-主持人
   Introduction of Judges by MCs (Lisa Hou, Elson Lai)
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
   Shih-Wei Willie Wu & Michele Cheng- 'Mother & Daughter' by Michele Cheng
   Erin Wu - Dance
   Taylor Censoprano - 'La Source' by Alphonse Hasselmans
   Ellen Shieh - 'Stone Cold' by Demi Lovato & 'Let It Go' by James Bay
10. 2015年台美皇后卸任巡禮
    The Queen Walk of 2015 Miss Taiwanese American
11. 2016年台美小姐加冕
    Presentation of 2016 Miss Taiwanese American Court

Simon Lin 林榮松

Taiwan Center President's Message

I would like to congratulate all the finalists and their families. Being a finalist means you are already a winner and you will have a lot of great and wonderful opportunities to serve the community. Just relax, be yourself and enjoy the final pageant evening! Tonight will be a highlight in your life and you are a great asset of the Taiwanese American community!

在此恭喜所有的入圍者及她們的家人，能夠進入決賽已經肯定您傑出的表現，以後您將比別人有更多的機會來服務社區。所以放輕鬆，表現您最自然的一面，這將是妳人生璨爛的一夜。祝您們一切順利成功。

Chairperson's Message

Sue Lai 賴淑遠

Dear Honored Guests,

Thank you very much for joining us tonight for the 2016 Miss Taiwanese American Pageant. Without the generous support of our sponsors, the Taiwan Center Board of Directors, teachers and committee members, and all of you tonight, this great event would not be possible.

Congratulations to the 2016 MTA finalists for completing five weeks of intensive training and learning. In the coming year, I am sure you will make all of us and your families proud by representing our community, sharing Taiwanese culture and traditions with others, and participating in various charity activities to connect with other minority and mainstream groups.

We live in an exciting time where women are empowered to take leadership roles not only in the household, but also in the corporate board room, local community, and political stage. A woman can dream big and achieve dreams and goals more than ever. Just as an example, in the U.S., we have a female presidential candidate, and in Taiwan, we have a female president elected by the people. A woman's voice and opinions are valued, influential, and offer a different perspective. While spending time with the MTA finalists, I am encouraged to see these young women with the inner strength, courage, intelligence and wisdom to make a positive impact in the world.

Along those lines, this year, we stress that beauty is not only about being beautiful on the outside, but also developing internally as well, and being a warm, kind, respectful and loving person. While we make choices in pursuing our dreams for the future, and developing ourselves every day in order contribute positively to our family, our communities, and to the world, we should still strive to be very mindful of the feelings of the people around us, our peers, and especially our parents and elders who have made sacrifices to raise us. Having a respectful attitude and empathetic heart toward your parents and other people we touch will bring a lifetime of blessings. I encourage all of you to aspire to continue to develop every day, and to be the best person you can be through study, observation, reading, and seeking out mentors (as well as being a mentor) to others.

Thank you to the 2015 MTA for your service and representing our community by participating in numerous events this year such as parades, Taiwanese American Heritage week, and various non-profit organization activities. We hope you can join the committee for future years of MTA and continue to cultivate your leadership and influence younger generations.

And finally, to all the beauty pageant contestants, you have transformed your physical appearance by beautifying your hair, skin, posture and poise and increased your knowledge of Taiwan's past and present, but I am most proud of your learning the true value of our tradition as daughters who respect and care for your parents and everyone around you, and to serve as the voice of our next generation. To me, that is the true beauty of a Miss Taiwanese American.

COMMITTEE 委員會

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Tiffany Chu 朱薇安

2nd Princess

Stephanie Ting 丁道敏

3rd Princess

Charlene Tsai 蔡小玲

4th Princess

Li-Ting Chu 朱立婷

5th Princess

Fan-Pei Koung 孔繁珮

6th Princess

Alyssa Chiang 江欣容

2015 Ambassadors
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Samantha Huang 黃瀞玉

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Erian Lin 林芫芫

Ambassador
Evelyn Yang 楊雯雁

2015 YEAR IN REVIEW

2015年大洛杉磯
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基金會募款晚會

TRAINING

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
Administrative Counselor & Honorable Member, USA World Education Organization
Letter of Appreciation from Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
Beauty Ambassador & Supreme Award in 2009, The Asia Pacific Best City

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小姐選拔的舞蹈指導。

Dr. Michi Fu is a licensed psychologist with multiple private practice locations in Northern and Southern California. She is one of the pioneer mental health professionals accepting patients through telehealth, enabling her to serve clients all throughout California. https://therapists.psychologytoday.com/rms/name/Michi_Fu_PhD_Pasadena_California_73177
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 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.

Coaches

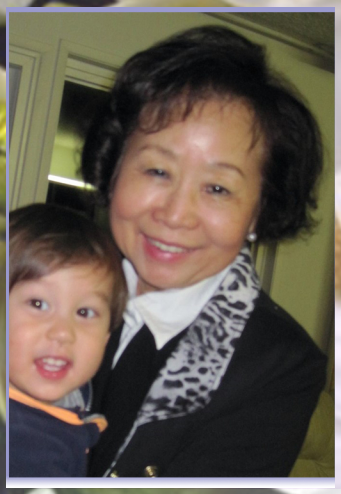
鄭炳全博士1942年9月出生於嘉義東門，台北醫學院藥學系、中國文化大學藥用植物學碩士，密西西比大學生藥學碩士及博士。1998年在台灣會館與同好開會，被選為台美人筆會創會會長，從工作退休後開始協辦台美人歷史協會，為台美人在美國社區的歷史留下腳印。

Ms. Cathy Hung, the deputy director of Taiwan Tourism Bureau's LA office, was graduated from University of Surrey (MS in Tourism Management) and Shih Hsin University (BA in Public Communication). She worked in National Youth Commission and McCann-Erickson Communication Group. Now she is based in Los Angeles in charge of the marketing and administration on Taiwan tourism.

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

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.

Personal INTERVIEW judges



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

台美人社區服務事項簡略如下:

現任: 台灣人公共事務會(FAPA) 西南區理事(2010 - Present)
前: 為1979年專為高雄美麗島事件設立的「洛杉磯臺灣之音」創始人之一. 每週兩次播報事件消息（1979-1980）
前: 大洛杉磯台灣會館秘書長(2014-2016)
前: 台灣人公共事務會洛杉磯分會會長(2008-2010)

Evan Ling

Evan Ling was born in Tainan, Taiwan and came to the United States for advanced study. He earned a PhD degree in Metallurgy from Georgia Tech. Evan has been active in Taiwanese-American communities including World United Formosan for Independence (WUFI), FAPA, and Chen-wen Chen Memorial Foundation. He joined WUFI in 1972 and was the Vice Chair for two years. He was a senior member of FAPA, served in the Board and the Standing Committee; chaired the FAPA Investment Fund Committee for many years. He founded Chen-wen Chen Memorial Foundation and initiated and funded a project in Taiwan in 2011 and 2013 called "Read Taiwan and Rediscover Yourself", encouraging young people to read books about Taiwan. Evan is now in the wealth management business with UBS Financial Services Inc. He is First Vice President-Wealth Management, Portfolio Manager and Financial Advisor. He lives in Diamond Bar with his wife Elena and they have three grandchildren.

Henry Chen

Dr. Henry Chen is a general dentist who has been practicing in the San Gabriel Valley since 1989. He earned his degree in dentistry from Kaohsiung Medical University in 1980. After serving compulsory military service he moved to the United States where he earned his US dental degree from the University of Southern California in 1986. Since then, he has been operating his own practice but he also finds time to maintain active in Taiwanese medical associations. In 2001, he served as the president of the Chinese American Dental Society of Southern California and is still an active member today. Currently, he is serving as the secretary of the North American Taiwanese Medical Association and has been for eight years now. Dr. Chen and his wife, Cindy, have a son and daughter who are both currently attending dental school.

Audrey Shen Chui

Audrey Shen Chui is Practice Counsel at Winston & Strawn LLP and focuses her practice on labor and employment law. She is actively involved in defending employers in state and federal wage and hour class actions. She also represents employers in single plaintiff actions involving claims of discrimination, harassment, retaliation, and breach of employment agreements.

She is experienced in all aspects of litigation, such as investigating allegations at or before the filing of a lawsuit, managing complicated and extensive discovery, drafting dispositive motions, and achieving low settlements in cases with challenging facts. Also, Ms. Chui provides day-to-day counseling to employers on labor and employment issues.

Ms. Chui received an A.B. in Public and International Affairs in 2004 from Princeton University and a J.D. in 2007 from the University of Southern California Law School. She has also served as in-house counsel at a leading publicly-traded pharmaceutical company.

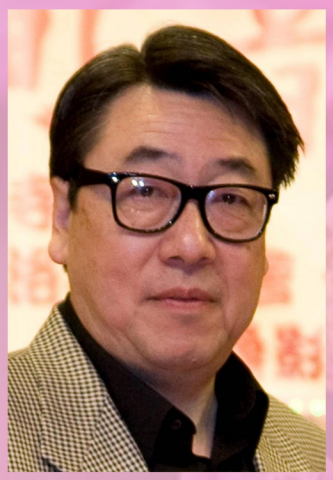
Pageant NIGHT

Catherine Lin

Catherine is a 1.5 generation Taiwanese American who immigrated to the U.S. when she was a teenager. She received two bachelor degrees at UC Irvine before attending UCLA for her master degree in Urban Planning. She studied fine arts and performing arts since she was at a young age, therefore, although her career is in Urban Planning, the arts never left her. She sang the National Anthem at UCI Sports games, competed in choral festivals in Hungary and performed singing in 5 European countries, she is an artist who has shown her artworks in different galleries in California and in Taiwan, she has performed singing in various Taiwanese American community events, she has performed dance at the Dodger's Stadium and at Huston Rockets, and she has emceed too many events to remember. Most recently, in June of this year, she emceed the Welcome Banquet in Honor of Taiwan's President, Dr. Tsai-Ing Wen, with over 1,000 guests.
She has been actively involved in the Taiwanese American community for over 10 years and held leadership roles in Friends of Taiwan, TAP, TAPP, and WUFI-LA. Her other highlight includes winning the Miss Taiwan USA pageant. However, she is most proud to have served as the CEO for the Miss Taiwanese American Pageant from 2012 to 2015.

Michele Cheng

Michele Cheng is a composer, multimedia producer, songwriter, educator, improviser/performer on the piano, electric bass, and voice with live electronics processing. She is an award-winning composer in both the academic field and commercial industry. Her compositions have a variety of instrumentation from solo to orchestra symphony under various formats including traditional concerts, experimental theatre, and multimedia projects. She has a research focus on experimental music theatre, and promotes Asian American experiences through interdisciplinary collaboration. Examples include a documentary regarding young Asian American artists with multicultural backgrounds (OMW, 2015) directed/written by her, and an interdisciplinary experimental music theatre project (To Be Heard X Unheard, 2016) revealing Asian women experiences in the U.S. She has guest lectured at several universities in the U.S. and Asia, including UC Berkeley, National Chung Cheng University, and National Yunlin University of Science and Technology. For more information, please visit www.michelecheng.com



Joseph Lee 李學粹

Founding Member - Composer Association of Taiwan (CAT)
作曲經歷 ： 曾替歌星：楊烈， 李壽全， 葉歡, 于台煙， 金智娟(娃娃) ， 小松， 小柏， 鈕大可，
王海玲， 蔣修容 等人作曲.
製作人經歷 ： 曾擔任：楊烈, 王海玲, 小綿羊合唱團, 鉅聲唱片公司唱片製作人, 專聘製作人
經紀人經歷 ： 曾任:黃大煒第一任經紀人
評審裁判經歷 ： 曾任: Taiwan大專院校卡拉OK歌唱比賽評審(2001-2013),第九屆歌林唱片公司歌唱比賽評審, 台灣鉅聲唱片公司歌唱選拔賽評審, 中國大專院校學生歌唱比賽評審,ARC Music公司歌唱比賽評審(2010-2012),超偶海選 Super Idol Over Sea section 選拔賽評審,Shi-Lai Temple西來人間音緣 卡拉OK歌唱比賽評審 (2010-2013),東森新人王歌唱比賽評審, AASC 卡拉 OK 歌唱比賽評審 (2011-2013).
2016 Voice of China Judge
演唱經歷 : Shadows Band / Singer and Bass player
指揮經歷: G.F. Handel"Messiah" Shi-Lai Temple Choir

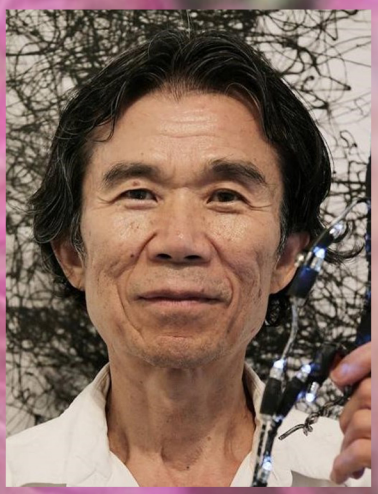
Judges

Echo Lew was born in Taiwan and moved to USA in 1983. He is an international contemporary artist located in Los Angeles. His artworks are featured in galleries, museums and private collections throughout the United States, Japan, Italy, Taiwan and China.
Lew is a self-taught artist. He invented "Light drawing" which he uses digital camera to catch his "Drawing in the Space". It becomes his signature for contemporary art world.

Selected (Solo) EXHIBITIONS:
2015
- "Zen in Motion" at Tactile Art Museum in Shanghai, China.
- "Light in Space" at 825 Gallery (Los Angeles Art Association), Los Angeles.
- "Drawing in Space" at OCCCA (Orange County Center for Contemporary Art), California.

2013, "Light Drawing" at LA ArtCore Gallery in Los Angeles.
2012, "Zen Drawing" at Museum X of Contemporary Art, California.
2008, "See the Light II" at Sun-Tien Museum in Irvine, California.

當代藝術家，出生於台灣，1983年移居美國，曾入選台灣全國美展，法國沙龍展，多次美國當代藝術比賽。 曾任上海師範大學藝術顧問，台美藝術協會會長， 台美攝影學會會長。現為洛杉磯藝術協會會員，橙縣當代藝術中心會員及講師。作品廣被收藏家和美術館收藏。



Echo Lew

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 his 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.

Patricia Wang

彭子玲(Michelle Peng) 是2016年加州大學爾灣分校(UC Irvine)年度協奏曲比賽冠軍，同年3月
UCI 交響樂團於 Barclay Theatre 演奏全首拉威爾 G 大調鋼琴協奏曲，在台灣的嘉義管樂節亦曾擔綱演出綠島小夜曲鋼琴協奏曲。Michelle 有豐富的音樂舞台表演經驗，除了鋼琴演出外，本身也有芭蕾舞蹈及體操基礎，更是單簧管演奏好手，在台灣積極參與管樂團演出，並曾擔任樂團首席，其中包括多場於臺北國家音樂廳的現場演出、電視演出及專輯錄音，橫跨古典與爵士樂，縱橫樂團及合唱團等表演。她也積極參與樂團行政事務，並曾任底細Dizzy管樂團總幹事。
除了音樂領域, Michelle 社會學及企業管理的背景以及企業界服務經驗，讓她對 "美" 有更深刻的觀察體會，未來會持續致力於音樂演出及社會服務服務。

Michelle Peng

Shih- Wei 'Willie' Wu

A fresh face on the Southern California performance arts scene, Shih-Wei (Willie) Wu is already proving himself a creative and prolific Taiwanese-American composer, musician and choreographer. His focuses include music composition, Japanese Taiko drumming and shakuhachi, and ethnomusicology. He holds a B.A. in music from UC Riverside and a M.F.A. in music from UC Irvine. Having appeared in many venues from Hollywood Bowl to Carnegie Hall, his works and performances emphasize intercultural themes and a fusion of Western Classical music and choreography with postmodern culture, technology, jazz and various non-Western musical traditions.

Angela Lai

Awarded "Model of Entrepreneurs" by National Association of Young Entrepreneurs of Taiwan. President Chiang Chin-Kao of Taiwan presented the award. Chinese classical dance instructor at Chinese Culture University. Represented Taiwan at Olympic Game in Mexico. Represented Taiwan at World Expo in Japan. Awarded "Outstanding Alumni of the Year" by Chinese Culture University. Invited by China Airlines as choreographer for The Rose Parade in Pasadena and won numerous awards. Awarded by Ministry of Education and Chinese Dance Association of Taiwan for "Overseas Golden Phoenix Award". Designated as "honorary instructor" by Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission Republic of China to Phoenix, Arizona. Invited by Los Angeles - Taipei Sister City Committee as choreographer for Olympic Torch Relay in Los Angeles. Choreographer for Miss Los Angeles Chinatown Pageant and Miss Taiwanese American Pageant. Dance instructor at East Los Angeles Collage. Founder of Elegant Arts Institute with hundreds of performances: Taipei Economic and Cultural Office Double Ten "National Day" celebration, Disneyland, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion at Los Angeles Music Center, Hollywood Bowl, Orange County Performing Arts Center, Dolby Theatre, MGM Grand in Las Vegas, and Knott's Berry Farm. President of American Chinese Dance Association in 1996 and consultant. Board member of Chinese American Citizens Alliance. Vice chair of Performing Arts Foundation for Asian American. CEO and President of AC Star Jewelry, a jewelry store specializes in diamond, jadeite and gemstones. Board member, Event Chair, Global Federation of Chinese Business Women, Southern California Chapter.

Special thanks to Jango Pan, Louis Chen, and Steve Lin from the Taiwanese American Photographer's Association in judging the Miss Photogenic Award.

2016 Training Photos

Taiwanese Opera

Speech Techniques for Self-Introduction
1. Eye Contact
2. Facial Expression
3. Tone
4. Slow Down
5. Speak Up
6. Do Not Repeat Yourself
7. Sell the product → YOU!
8. Give a personal story. Be Unique and Stand Out!
9. Formal vs. Casual Speech
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"Hi Everyone"

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Miss Taiwanese American

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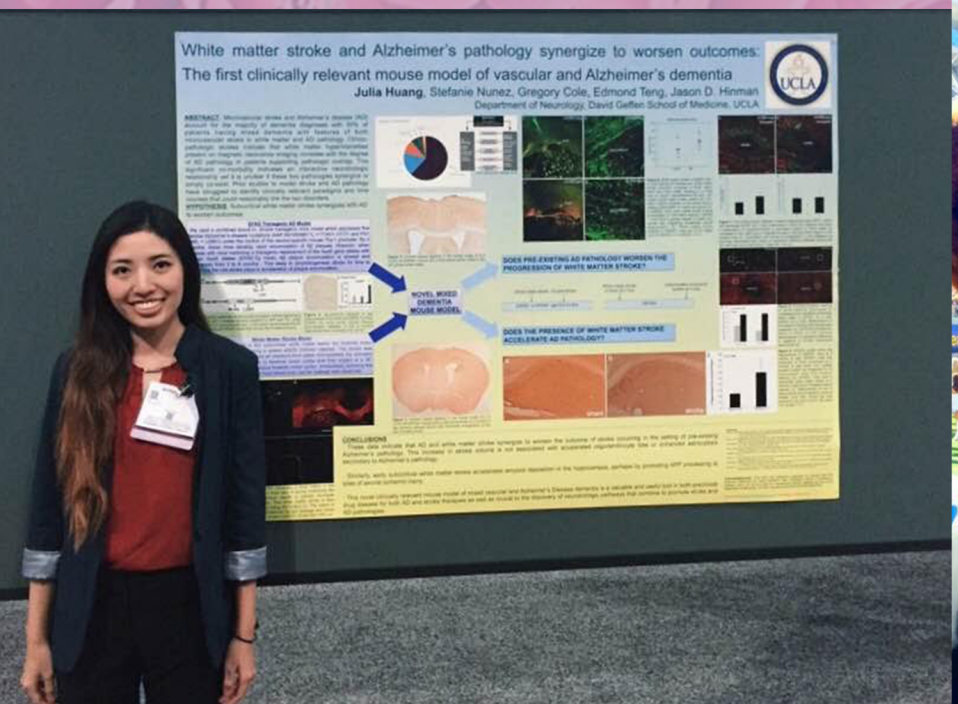
Born and raised in Southern California as a proud Taiwanese-American, I attended University High School where I developed a passion for science. I continued my studies at UCLA, where I pursued a Biology major with aspirations to become a neurologist. During my time at UCLA, I have joined several organizations. Currently, I am the President of Stroke Force, a program that allows me to gain firsthand experience working in the Emergency Room alongside neurologists at UCLA's Ronald Reagan Medical Center. In addition, I am involved in research and have started an independent research project, aimed to determine the relationship between stroke and Alzheimer's disease. I have presented at the 2016 International Stroke Conference, and have received awards from the American Heart Association as well as UCLA's Neurology Department. On the weekends as a certified AHA CPR/FA instructor, I teach CPR and First Aid classes to UCLA students, staff, and the surrounding community members at an affordable cost. My most notable accomplishment is starting my own traditional Chinese dance group, R3PLAY, in which I have performed at endless festivals and senior centers, volunteering over 1,000 hours. In my free time, I love painting. I have won over 4 state competitions and received a grand prize for NASA's annual art contest. Along with art, my passions include practicing Wing Chun, playing the violin and piano, traveling, and cooking.

As the daughter of parents who emigrated from Taiwan, this country has played a huge impact on my life as I cherish Taiwanese values, traditions, and culture. I am honored to be a Miss Taiwanese American Finalists and look forward to proudly representing the Taiwanese community.



Julia Huang
黃馨儀
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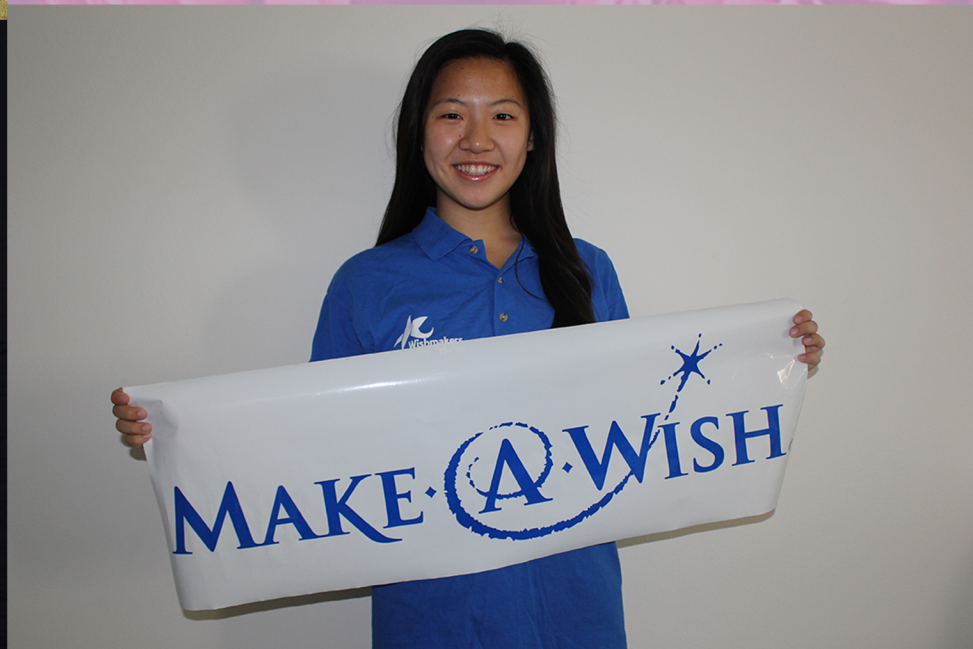
Born and raised in Southern California, I am sixteen and an incoming senior at Walnut High School. I am an active member of Key Club and Rhapsody in Blue, our school's competition choir. I am also the current president and co-founder of Wishmakers, a club that helps fundraise for the Make A Wish Foundation, which grants wishes of children with life threatening diseases. Outside of school, I take taekwondo classes and I am a Girl Scout Ambassador. I am passionate about everything I do and I love learning new things and meeting new people. Participating in all of these different activities has helped me realize the importance of cooperation and compassion and shaped me into the person that I am today.

Growing up in predominantly Asian communities as a Taiwanese American and spending numerous summers in Taiwan has really helped me develop my Taiwanese American identity. I am proud of my Taiwanese roots and I hope that I can gain more knowledge about the rich culture of Taiwan. I strive to be an exemplary role model of the Taiwanese American community.

I am honored to be a finalist of the Miss Taiwanese American pageant, and I look forward to gaining new knowledge and volunteering while representing the Taiwanese American community. I am excited for this great opportunity to share the beauty and culture of Taiwan with others.



Anna Chiang
姜安安

Taipei, Taiwan was my birthplace and home before immigrating to Southern California with my family. Even with 6,773 miles between us, Taiwan remains close as we did not leave our Taiwanese culture, traditions, and lifestyle behind. While I received Western education in the United States, my parents have always emphasized great Taiwanese values such as integrity and hardworking in my upbringings.

While attending UC San Diego, I served on the executive board of United Taiwanese Association as Public Relations. One of my favorite activities was promoting Taiwanese culture and charisma through organizing "UCSD Night Market" for the campus to enjoy. Post-graduation, I pursued my CPA license and now work in the private equity and real estate industry. My professional background enables me to impact a larger community through volunteering in the VITA program and providing tax assistance to the elderly and low income families. I believe providing financial services to those in need is a great way to serve the community with real beneficial impact.

I am honored to be a finalist in the Miss Taiwanese American pageant. Not only does this amazing program represent the Taiwanese American community but it also promotes Taiwanese culture to infinity and beyond. I look forward to this journey of personal development, culture promotion, and community involvement.

Rebecca Chen
陳品聿
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Born and raised in Hacienda Heights, California for the past 18 years, I am an upcoming second year at the University of California, Riverside. At UCR, I am the Division Outreach Executive Assistant at Circle K International, and an officer of the Bliss and Wisdom International.

Growing up, I was constantly exposed to my Taiwanese American heritage from yearly summer visits. When I'm not in Taiwan, I still connect with my culture through Chinese instruments at String and Bamboo Music. At String and Bamboo Music, I was able to become the Vice President in the Youth Leadership Program and perform frequently throughout my community through the String and Bamboo Music Youth Group. Being able to become so attached and exposed to the Taiwanese culture is something I hold dearly to my heart.

It is an honor to be a finalist for the pageant, as I get the chance to spread the love and culture Taiwan has provided for me. I would like to thank my family, the training coaches, and friends who has supported me through this journey. Lastly, I would like to thank and congratulate all of the finalists for being able to support each other and represent the Taiwanese American community.

Annika Liu
劉芯
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I am a passionate being, seeking to bring out the livability of anything that touches my heart. Born in Brazil and raised in China and the United States, I love the sunshine and amicability that my culture and my country brings to the society. Every year, my family would invite our relatives to eat dinner together and enjoy a few rounds of karaoke. Because of our family's tradition, I eventually went upstage and started my passion in singing and producing music.
Currently a passionate Interior Designer student studying at Mount San Antonio College. On the side, I also started a furniture design company ANEW in the hopes of renewing my father's skills in wood working. I seek to provide the hospitality and amicability of Taiwan through my field and from my family.

Irina Chou
周靜楠

I am a recent graduate from University of California, Riverside with a degree in Dance.

As a rambunctious child, I have always loved expressing my emotions through physical activity. In 7th grade, I was introduced to Chinese folkloric dance and that was when I started to take an active role in learning about my heritage. In the summer of my first and second years of college, I returned to Taiwan for the first time since I was 7 and fell in love with discovering more of Taiwanese culture.

I am honored to have been selected as a finalist of the Miss Taiwanese Pageant. I look forward to exchanging experiences with my fellow candidates and hope to further learn and share Taiwanese culture.

Charlene Chang
張尹

Born in Taiwan and arrived to the states at barely a couple months old with my mom, I lived in Florida and moved to southern California at age 6. I was raised in a Christian home in a very Taiwanese family and grew up speaking Taiwanese in our household. I am an only child and my relationship with my mom is very special and one of a kind. My parents divorced when I was only 2 years old. My mom has taught me so much about being independent, to strive for the best, and never giving up. I am forever grateful to have her.

I graduated from UCR with a Bachelor's degree in Biology, and then attended Los Angeles County College of Nursing. I am currently a registered nurse. Being in the healthcare has always been my passion and I could not have done it without the emotional support from my mom and step-dad.

I love love love animals. I grew up having pets, especially dogs, my entire life. I currently have a small Maltese named Bunny. She brightens up my day every day when I come home from work.

Being one of the finalists in this year's pageant is exciting and overwhelming all at the same time -- and definitely out of my comfort zone. I look forward to learning more about myself and also qualities that define a Taiwanese American. I also look forward to serving and advocating for the Taiwanese community.

Christine
Chiang
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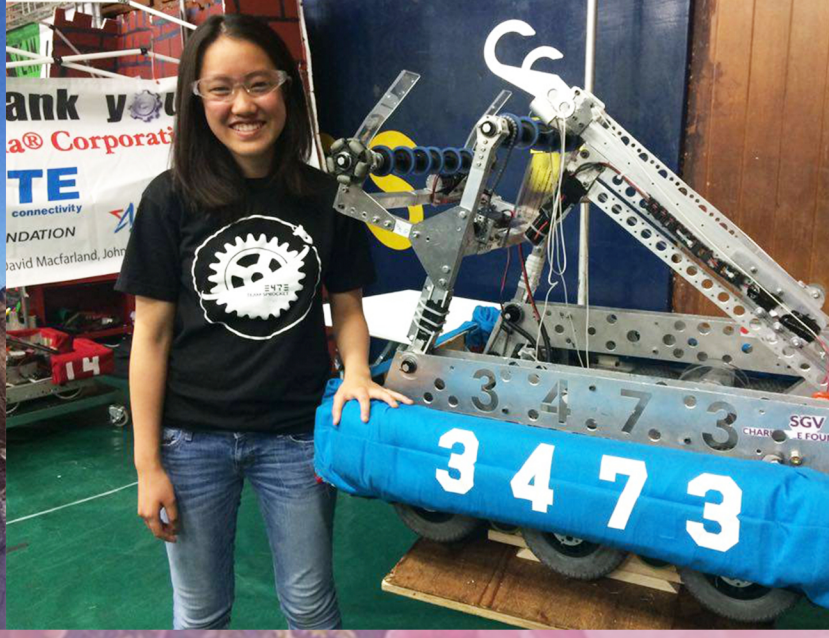

Cathy Chang is going to be a senior at Diamond Bar High School in the upcoming school year. She is an outgoing and social person, cracking lame puns left and right, making her friends laugh hysterically at her jokes and her.

Attitude is contagious, therefore she tries to cultivate a respectable and friendly environment around her.

Since she immigrated from Taiwan to America at the age of 11, her robotics team is the first organization that made her feel like she belongs to America. Joining her robotics team is the most important and best decision that she has ever made throughout her high school career. It coaxed her from her circumscribed Taiwanese community that she has been in for 11 years to a free, American society.

As the Business Captain of the team, she makes it her mission to spread STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) to all the members of the community, from the youth to the elders. She has seen how STEM can really change lives, and she hopes that by doing various outreach events as she had done with her team throughout the community, she can inspire the younger generation to step up and change the world using with their potential and intelligence.

Cathy Chang
張家彤
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Born and raised in Santa Monica, California, I have been exposed to ethnic and cultural diversity all my life. As I plan to go into the medical field, I will begin my studies in Nursing at Mount Saint Mary's University in the fall.

My countless extracurricular activities throughout high school have shaped me into the person I am today. After attending Chinese school for ten years, I became a Teacher's Assistant in hopes of opening the eyes of the younger generation to the Chinese language and culture. I was President of a business organization called DECA as well as a chief officer of my high school's Virtual Enterprise chapter, both which have given me the confidence and skills I need to be a leader in my community. Besides being passionate about business, I also love dance. While part of Dance Impressions Productions, I was immersed in not only an alternatively beautiful language, but also how it expressed the amazing qualities of Taiwanese culture.

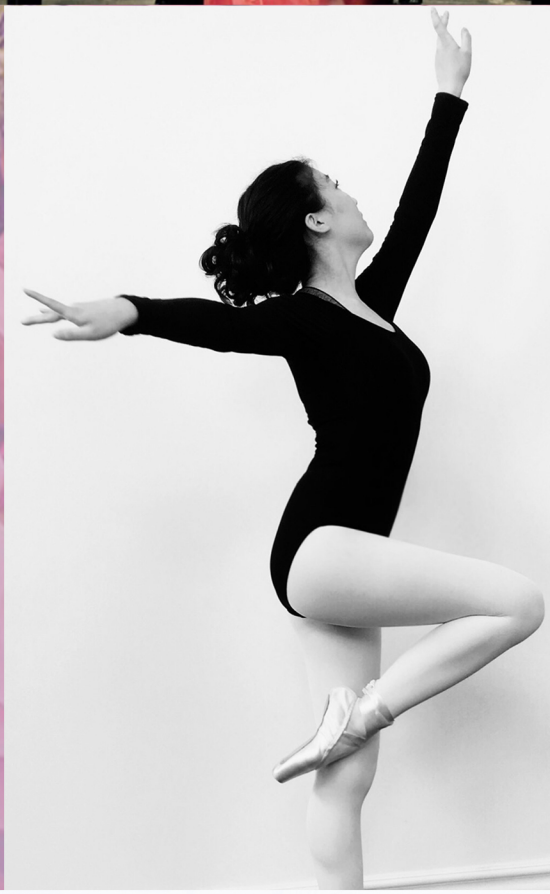
I have the opportunity to visit my grandparents and many other relatives who live in Taiwan every other summer, and fall deeper in love with the people, food and community each time. 濃濃的親情, 友情和人情味, 將是我成長中最美好的回憶。With the help of the Miss Taiwanese American Pageant, I hope become a better self, as well as further promote the beauty of the Taiwanese community.

Rosalind Niu

牛振婷

Born and raised in America, I am grateful to have been raised in a household heavily influenced by Taiwanese culture. I attended Orange County School of the Arts majoring in piano conservatory. Through perseverance and my love for classical music, I performed piano with orchestras and concert pianists abroad. Growing up, I love learning new things and spending my time making a difference in the community. Along with my education, I am involved in many activities and events. I was on the aquatics and tennis team in high school and I have been dancing and ice skating ever since I was a child. Achieving a balanced life is very important to me. I was part of Youth Leadership of America where I organized events, projects and fundraisers for homeless children. I am also very active in Church and I believe that God is always helping me in so many ways. I know that through my passion to help the community, I will help promote the culture of Taiwan during my term. I know that I can confidently lead and influence the community as Miss Taiwanese American. My love for my community and Taiwanese culture has molded me into who I am today. I am very proud of my Taiwanese roots and very passionate in sharing my knowledge of the Taiwanese culture with the world.

I am very honored to be a finalist in the Miss Taiwanese American pageant and look forward in spreading the beautiful culture of Taiwan. Through the title of Miss Taiwanese American, I know that this is the perfect opportunity for me to make a positive impact in the world and promote our beautiful heritage of Taiwan.



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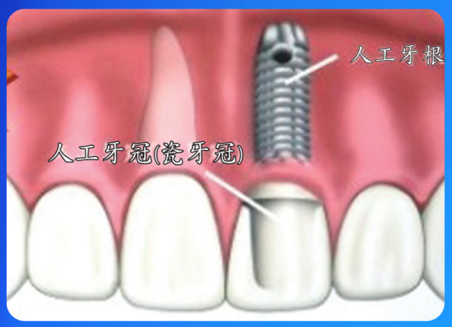

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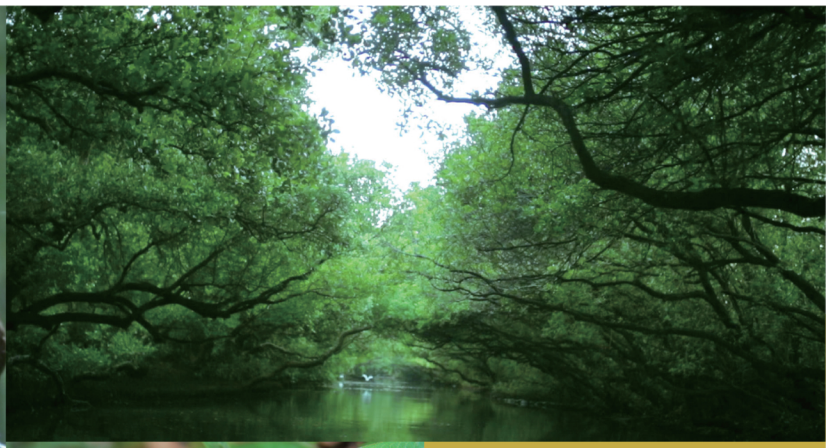

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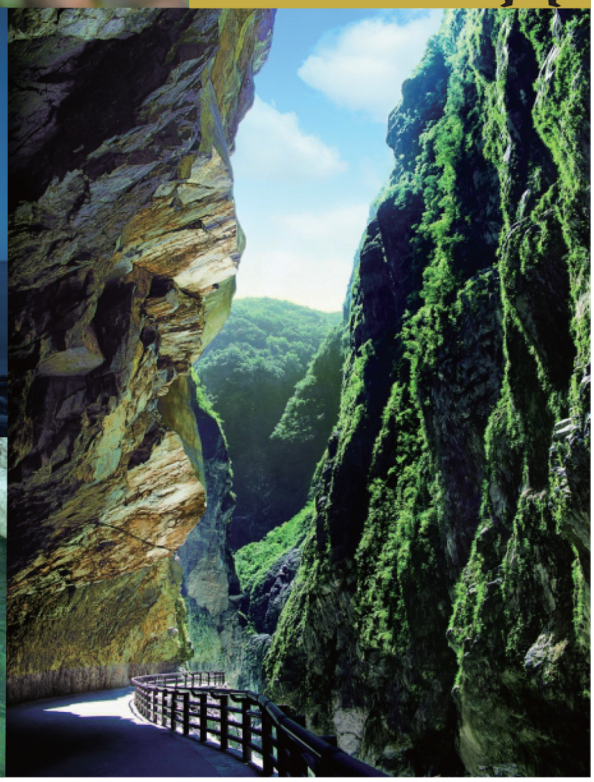

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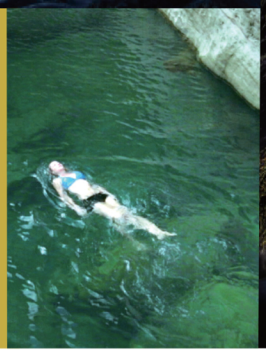

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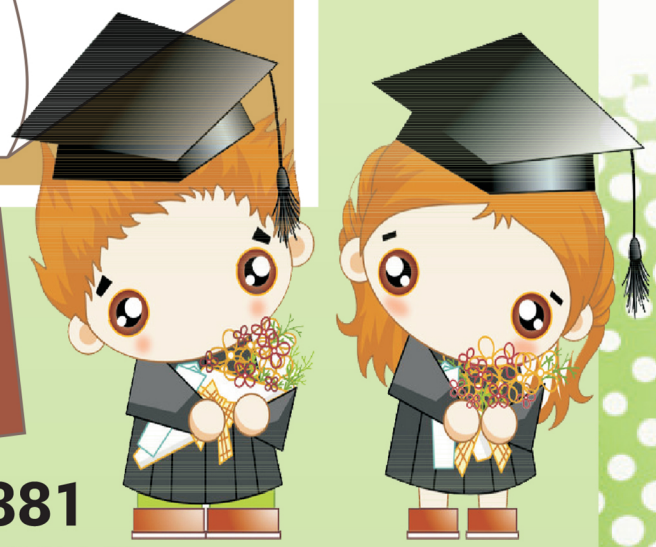

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