



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PAGEANTS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Casa Grande, AZ January 23, 2025: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PAGEANTS is proud to announce Ashia Taylor, of Pinal County, has been crowned as United States of America's Ms. Ohio 2025 and will represent the great state of Ohio at the 2025 national competition.

Ashia is a graduate of the University of Saint Francis, with a Master of Science degree in Mental Health Counseling. She attended Capella University, wherein she completed doctoral level coursework in Advanced Studies in Human Behavior, with a focus on Program Design. Ashia also holds a Post-Masters Certificate in Organizational Leadership from the University of Phoenix.

Ashia is compassionate, as well as a visionary. She is the founder and Lead Educator of an in-home learning program—Empower Innovate Achieve Enrichment Center, which serves grades K-12. She also works as a Crisis Counselor with Horizon Health and Wellness. Outside of her work duties, she volunteers her time as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for children in foster care placement. Ashia is involved with several organizations. It is noteworthy to mention that she is a member of the Arizona Suicide Prevention Coalition, wherein she co-chairs a subcommittee that addresses how to best promote mental health and prevent suicide in underserved communities.

Ashia's favorite charity is *Care 4 the Caregivers*, which is a non-profit organization providing advocacy, emotional, physical and educational support to caregivers of children with disabilities. Ashia will use her platform to share her personal experience in raising a child with special needs, and further encouraging parents and caregivers to engage in self-care activities to maintain their own mental wellness and remain resilient.

Ashia was born and raised in Akron, Ohio. She is the proud mother of a beautiful daughter, Victoria. Ashia is a member of Crossroads Church-Casa Grande. Her parents, Pastors Willie and Barbara Stevens, brother, Brandon Stevens, and the entire extended family are excited to support Ashia on her quest for the crown, as she competes against other extraordinary women from across the country in hopes of bringing home the national title of United States of America's Ms. 2025!



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PAGEANTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PAGEANTS is the fastest growing pageant system in the nation and was named in the TOP 10 BEST National Pageants of 2019, 2020, 2021, & 2022 by the Pageant Planet! The pageant is designed to encourage women to strive to achieve their hopes, dreams, goals, and aspirations, while making them feel confident and beautiful inside and out! Our motto is to EMPOWER women, INSPIRE others, & UPLIFT everyone! We focus on women empowerment, promoting positive self-image and advocating a platform of community service, which allows our contestants to rise by lifting others. Additionally, we award thousands of dollars in prizes and provide countless opportunities to achieve success including an opportunity to be considered for a modeling contract with MMG!