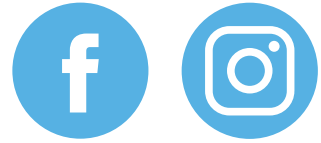


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Meet Our Princesses



Abby Morningstar
Age: 18
Nationality: German
Sponsor: Tails in the City
Parents: David and Jennifer Morningstar
School: North Ridgeville High School to West Liberty University
Future Plans: I will attend West Liberty University where I will play collegiate soccer and study biology.
Costume: Dirndl dress was a common dress among servant women and girls in Germany in the 16th through 18th century in Bavaria. In the late 19th century, the dirndl dress was adapted by the upper and middle class. After the upper and middle classes adapted the dress, it became used for many different reasons such as everyday dresses while others of higher class used them for special occasions.
Favorite Family Tradition: We make gingerbread houses every Christmas and we also eat sauerkraut every New Years.
Favorite Native Dish: German Pancakes
Why you wanted to be an International Princess: I grew up as an athlete but always wanted to be a princess. We went to the festival every year and I loved seeing the princesses in their dresses. I always wanted to be both an athlete and a princess and am excited for this adventure.
What's special about representing my nationality: My grandpa always told me how he could not wait to see me represent Germany in the Lorain International Festival. I always promised him I would, so I am honored to represent Germany and fulfill that promise.



Mikenna Caroline Folley
Age: 18
Nationality: Irish
Sponsor: Lorain Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #3
Parents: Mike and Missy Folley
School: Marion L. Steele Amherst High School
Future Plans: To attend The Ohio State University and major in Psychology. I hope to become a psychologist
Costume: I am wearing a green formal Irish Spring celebration dress designed in a style from the 1800's. It has white embroidered knotting that symbolizes life and eternity. The flower headpiece symbolizes purity of a young girl and a lady in waiting.
Favorite Ethnic Food: "Boxty" Irish Potato Pancakes.
Favorite Ethnic Tradition: Making these potato pancakes at holidays and doing the Advent Calendar with my brothers.
I wanted to become a International Princess because it has been my dream since I was 3 years old. I was in the International Pageants as a Mini Princess and escorted the Princesses on stage and also traveled with them when they went to events. I assisted in crowning the Queen each year when she was selected. This was from age 3 to age 6. I was so excited to hold the Queen's hand after she was crowned and to walk with her and wave to the crowd. This is my dream now. I am proud to represent my Irish nationality, traditions, and family. I hope that in the future I will be able to carry on my heritage.



Ava Carmella Gastelum
Age: 16
Nationality: Puerto Rican
Sponsor: Habitat for Humanity
Parent: Krista Nemeth
School: Lorain County Joint Vocational School
Future Plans: In the future I plan to attend Lorain County Community College followed by nursing school.
Costume: My official costume is a homemade traditional red, white, and blue Puerto Rican dress. There are ruffles on the bottom of the long skirt as well as on the shirt. This outfit represents the Puerto Rican flag. Even though the flag has evolved over the years, it is still a symbol of gaining independence.
Favorite Ethnic Tradition: a Quinceañera, the party for girls when they turn 15 years old
Favorite Native Dish: Puerto Rican Corned Beef
Why you wanted to be an International Princess: I wanted to be an International Princess because growing up I always enjoyed going to the parade. I want to now be a part of this experience.
What's special about representing my nationality: Representing my heritage is important to me because my great grandpa, whom I inherit my middle name from, came to Ohio in 1948 for a job, then more of my family moved from Puerto Rico to New York. Although I never got the chance to meet those family members, my grandma is a strong Puerto Rican and has always been a huge part of my life. I want to make this a tradition for following generations.



Jada Noelle McCall
Age: 17
Nationality: Puerto Rican
Sponsor: Lorain High School Peer Mediation Club
Parents: Dax McCall and Melissa (Martinez) McCall
High School: Lorain High School
Future Plans: I plan to attend The Ohio State University to study Sports Medicine and become an Athletic Trainer.
Costume: My costume is a flowing skirt that is vibrant blue decorated with roses and the Flor de Maga, which is Puerto Rico's national flower.
Favorite Ethnic Tradition: Celebrating Día De Los Tres Reyes (Three Kings Day).
Favorite Ethnic Food: My mom's Bistec con Tostones y Arroz Blanco (steak with fried green plantains and white rice).
Why you wanted to be an International Princess: I wanted to be an International Princess to honor my culture and share it with everyone around me. Also, I am doing it for my Aunt Carmen Rivera and cousin Melina Martinez, who have both recently passed away. The two of them loved and always represented their Puerto Rican heritage and I hope to make them proud. I am blessed and honored to be able to represent my beautiful island of Puerto Rico in the Lorain International Princess Pageant. I hope I am able to motivate and encourage others to share their culture within this community, which will allow them to embrace who they are inside and out.



Hope Dandrea
Age: 18
Nationality: Italian
Sponsor: Italian American Veterans
Parent: Leanora Dandrea
School: Recent Graduate of Clearview High School
Future Plans: I am going to go to Hiram College in the fall.
Costume: My outfit features a beautiful gold skirt, a white blouse, a blue apron, and a red necklace. I choose to wear this style because it was very commonly worn in Italy by working class women.
Favorite Family Tradition: My favorite family tradition is to cook in the kitchen for family events.
Favorite Native Dish would be the delicious pasta, meat, and tomato layered dish known as lasagna.
I wanted to be an International Princess because like many little girls, it has always been a dream of mine to be a princess. I believe this is the perfect opportunity for that dream to be true. Not only am I princess with this opportunity, but I am also representing my culture. It is a privilege to represent my Italian heritage. My Italian great grandma was special to me and she would be so proud to know that I am able to represent the part of me that is like her.





Zarai Aquino Diaz

Age: 21

Nationality: Puerto Rico

Sponsor: El Centro de Servicios Sociales Inc.

Parents Names: Betsy Diaz Ramos and Carlos Aquino Rodriguez

School: University: Cleveland State University - Bachelor Of Arts, Organizational Leadership

Costume: I am wearing a navy blue top with ruffled shoulders. My skirt is a handmade full triple circle, white bomba y plena dance skirt. It has my hometown's name and crest embroidered "Trujillo Alto" on the waist with navy blue and green lines around the bottom seams.

Favorite Family Tradition: I love celebrating "Dia De Los Reyes Magos"/Three Kings Day on January 6th. Every year my family and I took a road trip down south to my father's hometown of Mayagüez, Puerto Rico, to take part in the annual weeklong festivities.

Favorite Ethnic Dish: My father makes a huge pot of his "Sopa de Camarones" (shrimp soup) for the annual Christmas Eve party. I also love Puerto Rico's seafood dishes of Bacalao, Arepas de Camarones, and shrimp pinchos.

Why you wanted to be an international princess: Growing up homeschooled in a Christian household gave me the opportunity to learn the sides of Puerto Rico's history that are not taught in the island's public school, including learning about the island's oceans, agriculture, flora and fauna, and the "Tainos"/indigenous people of Puerto Rico. Therefore, I've always had a patriotic and independent knowledge and view of Puerto Rico's culture and social issues. By having this knowledge of Puerto Rico, without realizing it, I've become an active advocate and unofficial educator about Puerto Rico to all Puerto Ricans and non-Puerto Ricans I've met throughout my upbringing and education here in Ohio.



Jasmine Alyssa Jacinto-Candelario

Age: 19

Nationality: Mexican

Sponsor: Mexican Mutual Society

Parents: Selena Jacinto-Candelario and Javier Candelario

School: Cleveland State University

Future Plans: Complete my undergraduate degree in Psychology and continue to graduate school for Clinical Psychology to become a therapist.

Costume: The chiapas dress is the most elegant cultural wear of all of Mexico because of its beauty and elegance. This dress is from the city of Chiapa de Corzo. When the indigenous women were making dresses during colonial times, materials were imported from Europe so the design has a Spanish influence. The black dress signifies the darkness of the jungle while the colorful flowers signify the diversity of flowers. This dress is also special because it is hand embroidered with satin threads by these women.

Favorite Family Traditions: Creating the altar and choosing the ofrenda for Dia De Los Muertos

Favorite Ethnic Food: Chilaquiles with green tomatillo sauce and Flautas

Why you wanted to be an International Princess: I would like to learn about other nationalities, help serve my community, and make friends along the way. I want to represent the beauty of Mexico with its rich traditions. The music, baile folklórico, and art from Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo have traveled around the world as people marvel at the beauty. I am honored to be representing my Mexican heritage. I want to tell people about all the positive aspects of my beautiful nationality. All 32 states have such a rich culture with our delicious food, art, music, dance, strong family ties, devoted religious beliefs, and faith in God. My culture has stood the test of time and still is as strong as ever.



Juliana Janis

Nationality: Slovak

Sponsor: Nativity BVM Altar and Rosary Society

Parents: Rastislav and Rebekah Janiš

School: Amherst Steele High School

Future Plans: In the future, I plan to attend the Fashion Institute of Technology for Fashion Business Management.

Costume: My costume, or kroj, was worn by my mom when she and my dad were married almost 22 years ago. It is representative of the Podpol'anie region of Slovakia and was purchased there. The skirt and apron are heavily embroidered with colorful flowers. The tunica, or slip, is made of woven fabric with classic Slavic motifs representing the goddess Mara and Mokosh, the "Great Mother", and can be seen under the short ribboned vest and hand tatted lace sleeves. The sleeves were made by a very talented woman, Pani Rybarova, who lived in the city of Detva. My shoes are called krpce and are made of stamped tan leather.

Favorite Family Tradition: The way my family and I celebrate Christmas Eve each year with a candlelight Vilija dinner is my favorite Slovak tradition.

Favorite Ethnic Food: Svieckova na smotane, beef in cream sauce served with bread dumplings

Why you wanted to be an International Princess: I want to participate in the Lorain International Festival to share my Slovak heritage with the community. My mom was an International Princess, and I wanted to create as many great memories as she did while also celebrating my dad, who immigrated from Slovakia 25 years ago this year. Being able to teach others about my nationality and the traditions we follow is very special to me. I think having the ability to learn about all the other nationalities in this pageant is so important and it's exciting to get a glimpse of how they celebrate theirs as well.



Karen Gallegos

Age: 16

Nationality: Mexican

Sponsor: Hola Ohio

Parents: Anahi Garcia and Jaime Gallegos

School: Lorain High School

Future Plans: Graduate High School with an Associate's degree from Lorain County Community College. Study at Ohio State University majoring in Business Management through the Young Scholars Program.

Costume: My dress is handmade by indigenous people from Southern Mexico. It comes from the state in Mexico called Chiapas. My dress represents everything that Mexico is - colorful, beautiful, and historical.

Favorite Family or Ethnic Tradition: Dia de los Muertos is a huge tradition in Mexico and in my family. We remember our loved ones who are no longer with us and we celebrate our memories with them. We put up pictures of them and set out their favorite food, which they can come visit and enjoy. We set a trail of Cempasuchil petals (marigolds) which our loved ones follow to find their way to their altar.

Favorite Ethnic Food: Mole de Olla

Why you wanted to be an International Princess: I wanted to be an International Princess ever since I was little. I have wanted to be involved with representing my native country. Being a part of the International Festival is a beautiful way to represent my culture and teach more people about it. Not only do I want to spread my culture to the people in Lorain and in the world, but I also want to learn about other cultures.

I am a first generation Mexican-American, so becoming a Mexican Princess allows me to be able to connect with both my American and Mexican roots. It also allows me to honor my grandparents from Mexico who cannot be here.



Madeline Kachure

Age: 17

Nationality: Polish

Sponsor: Amvets Post #47

Parents: Catherine Kachure and Andrew Kachure

School: Amherst Steele High School

Future Plans: When I graduate high school, I would like to attend Boulder University in Colorado.

Costume: The costume that I am wearing was originally purchased near Krakow and has been worn by many of my family members. It is traditionally worn for dancing and special occasions. It includes a blouse (bluzka), a skirt (spodnica), an apron (fartuszek), a beaded and embroidered vest (gorset), a red beaded necklace (korale), and a headpiece called wianek. My headpiece is made of flowers and tied with ribbons, which unmarried young women wear to symbolize purity and rebirth.

Favorite Ethnic Tradition: I enjoy making traditional Polish food with my family during the holidays.

Favorite Ethnic Food: Homemade pierogies

Why you wanted to be an International Princess: I have always been very proud of my heritage, and my grandmother's love for her heritage was very inspirational to me. Being a part of this program and being a princess is another way to celebrate my heritage.

I am very grateful to be representing Poland in the Lorain International Festival. I am blessed with a family who recognizes the importance of staying in touch with our heritage, and I am proud to celebrate and share my Polish heritage in the festival.



Megan Rose Rodriguez

Age: 18

Nationality: Irish

Sponsor: Chamberlin Irish Dancers

Parent: Rachel Rodriguez

School: Summit Academy Lorain secondary school

Future Plans: I will be attending Cleveland State University in the fall. I am excited to be staying on campus. I will eventually attend John Marshal Law school.

Costume: Traditional Irish costumes and dresses vary from region to region. My costume is a modern 19th-century version of a typical Irish day dress. It's long with a cinched waist.

Favorite Ethnic Tradition: I love celebrating the American-Irish tradition of Saint Patrick's Day. We cook Corned Beef and Cabbage with potatoes. The whole family gets together. It is a fun and informal holiday. I have also performed Irish step dancing several times in local nursing homes on Saint Patrick's Day.

Favorite Ethnic Food: Potatoes in all forms. Soda bread and Colcannon.

Why you wanted to be an International Princess: As a little girl, I imagined that participating in the princess pageant would be a magical experience. I have watched previous pageant parades and seen princesses at the International Festival. I am thrilled to be a part of the pageant. I am looking forward to participating in all the festivities while learning about various cultures. The pageant also offers the chance to win a scholarship.

Ireland has a diverse culture that includes music, dancing, art, and cuisine. The Irish spirit is joyful yet tenacious. I value that aspect of my culture, and I am honored to represent not only my family but everyone in Lorain who is proud of their Irish heritage.



Alissa Ann Jacovetti

Age: 17 years old

Nationality: Polish

Sponsor: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Altar and Rosary Society

Parents: Stephanie Marie Vielhaber Jacovetti and Joel Thomas Jacovetti

School: North Ridgeville

Future Plans: Graduate and go to Youngstown State University to study Education for grades 7-12 with a minor in Biology to become a Biology teacher. I hope also get a bowling scholarship to Youngstown State as well to continue my bowling career.

Costume: My costume is a replica of one that my grandma received when she was little. It has an apron to represent modern dress skirt coloring.

Favorite Family Tradition: Making cabbage rolls for first communions and listening to polka on the radio after church on Sundays with my great Aunt Alice.

Favorite Native Dish: Cabbage rolls

Why you wanted to be an International Princess: I wanted to become a princess because my grandma passed away when I was little. This was also when I fell in love with seeing the princesses at the festivals year after year. To honor my grandma I wanted to become an International Princess, but more specifically a Polish International Princess.

What's special about representing my nationality: Representing my nationality is representing a little girl who traveled across one of the biggest oceans in the world to be saved and only had her cousin with her. It represents a country that came out of a war from a dictatorship and recovered. It represents a country of beauty and power which as a young girl I strive to embody in my personality daily. Most importantly it represents my grandma and the features I received from her.



Mireya Vargas

Age: 16

Nationality: Mexican

Sponsor: Mexican Mutual Society

Parents: Victor and Silvia Vargas

School: Clearview High School

Future Plans: Attend a University where I can study optometry.

Costume: The outfit is a traditional representation of some regions in Oaxaca Mexico. I will be wearing handmade cotton skirts, adorned with very bright colors. The blouse, also made of cotton, has embroidery on the chest, which sometimes carries a black shawl.

Favorite Ethnic Tradition: Celebrating with eating traditional food in winter and celebrating a religious event called Posadas.

Favorite Ethnic Food: Mole with rice and chicken.

I wanted to be an International Princess because I want to show the community my beautiful culture and heritage. I also grew up going to the International festival every year with my family and viewing all of the other beautiful nationalities. Something special about my nationality is that where my family came from, their culture consisted of having honour and respect. Many people there have great respect for elders and women. They are a community where old traditions are still held and people keep honour of that.



Sanai Flowers

Age: 18 years old

Nationality: African American

Sponsor: Boys & Girls Club of Northeast Ohio

Parents: LaToya Flowers and Brandon Smith

School: Graduated from Clearview High School.

Future Plans: I hope to attend college in the fall to major in nursing.

Costume: My beautiful multicolored dress is an Ankara dress, which is an African fashion style for clothing.

Favorite Ethnic Tradition: Every holiday my family and I gather together and eat some of our favorite dishes.

Favorite Native Dish: Fried chicken, collard greens and cornbread with vinegar pepper, and fried corn.

I wanted to be an International Princess because I've wanted to be a princess since I was a little girl. There's no better way to fulfill my young dreams than becoming an International Princess and representing my nationality. It's important to me to represent my nationality because I want the little girls who were just like me to look at me as an inspiration. I want those little girls who look like me to know that girls like us can be a princess and even more. I want them to know that they are worth more than what the world may offer them at times and that they can be and do anything they put their mind to.



Hannah Mellan Macabata

Age: 21

Nationality: Filipino

Sponsor: Filipino American Foundation of Ohio

Parents: Meliza Ancog and Allan Macabata

School: Attending LCCC

Future plans: I want to finish multiple art degrees, cosmetology and some education. I want to either teach art in High School, be a tattoo artist or both. I'd love to even finish fashion school because of my love of clothes. I want to create clothing line for short women because it's so hard finding the right size for short/petite shapes, or create semi-formal/classy chic Filipiniana style clothes.

Costume: My costume has white Filipiniana with gold leaves pattern in the middle and butterfly sleeves. I chose it to be white to represent modesty and gold that represent the color of the sun in our flag. The Filipino's fascination with terno stemmed from the influence of the Spanish colonial period; an era that highlighted Christian ethics which demanded women be always modest.

Favorite Family Tradition: Christmas

Favorite Native Dish: Sinigang and pancit canton

Why you wanted to be an International Princess: I want to be an International Princess to represent how amazing Filipinos are and our culture values. I want to represent all our caring, hardworking, and resilient people who sacrificed their lives to immigrate to the U.S. to be able to provide for family. Even if they are miles apart, they are still motivated to strive hard every day for them to be able to have everything they need. We still help our fellow Filipinos by "Bayanihan" which means neighborhood helping a neighborhood. Natural disasters are very common in the Philippines and, when government is out of reach, it is your own neighborhood you can count on. Bayanihan spirit is still alive among us.



Sariana Rivera

Age: 21
Nationality: Puerto Rican
Sponsor: Familia Ryders
Parents: Diana Rivera & Jose Rivera
High School/College Attending: Graduated from Early College High and currently attending LCCC
Future Plans: Finish my second degree and retire from the Army
Costume: My costume is a traditional Bomba dress with a twist. The Puerto Rican flag is incorporated in it.
Favorite Family or ethnic tradition: making Coquito around the holidays
Favorite Native Dish: White rice and beans
Why you wanted to be an International Princess: To represent the large number of Hispanics in my community. Representing my Puerto Rican culture at the Lorain International Festival is huge. We take pride in everything... our beautiful flag, our island, the food we cook, and traditions. I am honored to be representing my nationality.

Serenitie Hernandez

Age: 17
Nationality: Puerto Rican
Sponsor: The Hispanic Fund
Parents: Ramon and Barbara L. Hernandez Jr.
School: Brookside High School
Future Plans: Attend a Cosmetology Program while working towards Veterinary Program
Costume: I am wearing a long red skirt with a white low-neck shirt. The shirt has a mid-piece sash in the color blue with a star to represent Puerto Rico's flag. I am wearing a Flor de Maga in my hair.
Favorite Family Tradition: is holiday celebrations, as we are very big for celebrating each and every holiday.
Favorite Ethnic Dish: is Pastelillos
Why Do I want to be an International Princess: I feel like it will be a fun experience that will allow me to meet new people and share my ethnicity with others. I also would like to make my family proud. Something that is special to me about representing my nationality is being able to make my Abuelo proud. He came here from Puerto Rico and started his family here and worked hard. My mother and father have followed his footsteps. I hope to do the same and have a bright future while being able to represent my culture and the beautiful island that my family has come from..

Shanice Gatewood

Age: 18
Nationality: African American
Sponsor: G.O.A.L Diggers
Parents: Shavonda Gatewood and Nicholas Gatewood
School : Graduated from Lorain High School
Future Plans: I plan to attend Kent State University majoring in Nursing
Costume: The cool breeze of the blue within the white pattern shows the calm, patient, and wise woman I am becoming.
Favorite Family Tradition: Singing gospel songs together during the holiday season.
Favorite Ethnic Dish: Viazi Vikuu (Yams)
Why you wanted to be an International Princess: I want to become an International Princess because I always wanted to inspire other little girls who look like me. Going to the parades and seeing the princess always brought me so much joy. I would love to be a part of that joy that I felt as a kid. I am honored to represent my African heritage at the Lorain International Festival. I am inspired by those who sacrificed their lives during the slave time. The blood on their backs allows me today to stand in a country of freedom and be able to be proud of my African heritage. I am proud to show my grandparents that their granddaughter is becoming an inspiration for young girls. I want to let youth know to never dream too small and to always reach for the stars.

Taylor Whitfield

Age: 17
Nationality: African American
Sponsor: The Church in Lorain
Parents: Delores and Steve Whitfield
School: Lorain High School and LCCC
Future Plans: I am undecided on which college I would like to attend for my bachelors degree but I want to go study sports medicine. After college I hope to have a good paying job and start opening a few businesses. By the time I retire, I hope to completely be my own boss.
Costume: The white in my dress symbolizes peace, purity, goodness, and good luck. The seashell choker that I am wearing represents carrying the strength of the ocean.
Favorite Ethnic Dish: Gumbo
Why I Wanted to be an International Princess: When I was little, I used to always come to the festival and see the other princesses. They inspired me to want to know what it's like to be a princess and to help make a change in our community. I always told my mom I wanted to be a princess when I got older, and now I am getting to represent my heritage. I hope to show the younger girls that they can be princesses too. I am extremely excited and honored to represent my African American heritage in the Lorain International Festival this year. I feel like women of my nationality, and honestly all nationalities, never get enough recognition for how strong we are and what we all do. I am excited to spend time, get to know the other princesses, and learn about their heritage.

Yadieliz Enid Maldonado Ramos

Age: 20 years old
Nationality: Puerto Rican
Sponsor: Sacred Heart Chapel, Lorain
Parents: Sheila Nash and Nicolas Maldonado
School: The University of Pikeville
Future plans: I hope to receive my degree in Psychology, become an Art Therapist and work at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio
Costume: Handed down from my Titi Elizabeth Maldonado. The Jibara dress consists of a multi-colored flowing long skirt, a white blouse, flowered headpieces, or colored scarves in the hair. The Jibara culture is the dominant culture in Puerto Rico. It is a mixture of native traditions with the Spanish and African conquerors.
Family Tradition: Christmas time is my favorite time with my family. As many don't know, Puerto Ricans have the longest Christmas Celebration starting Thanksgiving until mid- January at the San Sabastian Festival. We fully dress up and bring a lot of food.
Favorite Ethnic Dish: Arroz con pollo y Tembleque
Why you wanted to be an International Princess: I wanted to be an International Princess because growing up I have come to understand that being passionate about who you are and what you represent is what matters. Enjoying what you are doing is a big factor too. It has always been my dream to represent the love I have for my heritage and my island. My church Sacred Heart has influenced me greatly in the way I embrace my ethnicity. Being that their mission statement does state "Rooted in Hispanic cultures, we embrace diversity and welcome all." I am never afraid to walk in and know that all are welcome, and all belong. My faith is very important to me, and this is the place to call my second home.





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Lisa Ortiz
Age: 16
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Sponsor: Encencia Boricua Dance Group
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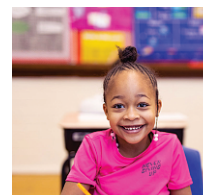
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