

glitzy girls

editor's letter

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WOW is all I can say; we had a tremendous time at our first Glitzy Girls Model Search Pageant this past Memorial Day Weekend! All the hard work and planning paid off.

After a successful registration on Friday, the pageant day basically ran itself on Saturday. I credit this to my parents sound organizational skills and amazing attention to detail. I am not going to lie, it was nice to have the best seat in the house to watch this event.

My family worked very hard on pulling the pageant together (see event coverage in this issue); facing many challenges along the way. Even through personal attempts to hinder our endeavors, we persevered. Behind the scene obstacles included slanderous attacks against my family, friends, Glitzy Girl staff members, pageant personnel, contestants, and me personally. These attacks ensued in mid-December and are going on still today, the turf war in the Northeast rages on.

As a proud member of the pageant community and a Professional in the industry, I would like to address my disappointment with the malicious behavior that transpired, and continues to surface, throughout the Glitzy Girls Model Search Pageant.

Pageantry has played an active role in shaping the person I am today. It has instilled confidence and pride in my inner and outer beauty. It has taught me how to be a team player and how to be a leader. As a pageant participant I have learned the value of hard work, dedication and determination, and I have learned the meaning of friendship. The experience I have gained through pageantry has had a positive and profound influence on my life.

These Positive influences are what I hope to share with new and current Pageant girls. However, the negative actions of some, result in the negative publicity that haunts the Pageant community.

Having a competitive spirit is both natural and healthy. How you handle your success and failures is what

defines the type of person you are. Win graciously and lose graciously. If you are unable to do both then perhaps you shouldn't be competing. When you choose to lash out or retaliate to a loss with slander, be prepared for the personal and legal repercussions. The pain and suffering your actions inflict on others can have catastrophic results on one's overall reputation.

My family has been well known and respected in the pageant community for over 18 years. We have stood the test of time in this controversial industry, and intend to do so for many years to come. Any personal or professional attacks against us will only make us stronger. Anyone who feels the need to result to immature, hostile, slanderous activity against us obviously has no inner beauty. And where there is no inner beauty there is no outer beauty. There is no place for people like you in the Pageant world.

I am proud of my family and everyone who was affected by this war-fare tactic for rising above and beyond the negativity. Thank you for supporting each other and more importantly, thank you for protecting the integrity of the Glitzy Girl Model Search Pageant. Your unyielding support and efforts reaffirmed my belief that Pageantry is a positive life experience. Thank you all for making the Pageant a success.

To those of you who were **bullied, intimidated and threatened with your children's future win(s) or bans in pageantry** if they attended Glitzy Girls and came regardless, we thank and applaud you for having the courage to stand up for yourselves and your children. To those of you who told us about your predicament and did not come, and later wrote to us that you wish you had, we will welcome you!

It was my honor and privilege to be a part of this Pageant. I loved meeting all the new faces (future Glitzy Girls models) as well as catching up with old friends I grew up with in the Pageant community. You are all amazing young women with promising futures. You possess both inner beauty and outer beauty and I am looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

I will be honest I had wrote an entirely different Editors Letter regarding the entire matter. Upon further reflection I realized that my story was equally as immoral as the actions of those people who tried, to no avail, to destroy my family's business and reputations.

Although I may want to reveal someday what these "pageant bullies" tried to do, not just to my family but to the contestants families as well. My first draft will remain in my archives. As they say the **"the pen is mightier - than the sword!"**.

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- editor-in-chief



Chloe Kasey and me, before the casual head competition. Many girls stopped and had photos taken with me throughout the weekend.



Me, Georgianna-Nadine Jordan and Brittany Oskey before Couture Wear Competition on Saturday, where Georgie goes on and ROCKED THE HOUSE!

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