

glitzy girls

editor's letter olivia-paige pageant girl since 1995

Summer has come to an end and a new season is upon us. Mother Nature is casting her spell of brilliant colors here in the Northeast and the leaves have already turned vibrant hues of red, orange, and yellow. This is one of my favorite times of the year because of the beautiful scenery that envelops the season. Fall also provides a variety of natural props and backdrops, perfect for photo shoot opportunities. Though the new season is exciting, I would be remiss if I didn't say I am going to miss the warmth of summer.

Labor day traditionally marks the end of summer, but for me the end of the season is evident upon the annual OPP Virginia Beach fashion shoot. This vacation destination has been used for fashion shoots by my parents since I was a child. Virginia Beach offers a surf and sand setting for creative summer photos for everyone, while it holds more intimate memories for me. Traveling with my family to the beach each year was sentimental and exciting. I have warm memories of playing in the sand with my father and walking along the ocean shore with my mother. I also remember scaring both of them when I took my first surfing lesson at the Sandbridge private beach resort. (not sure what they were worried about, I was awesome.)

Due to my busy school and work schedule I have been unable to participate in the Virginia Beach fashion shoots for the past several years on and off. This year, sadly I could not clear my schedule, as many of you know I am enrolled in a Master's program, and education always comes before fun.

It was great looking through and selecting the photos for this issue, Tammie Parker once again has really out done herself, creating some incredible hair-styles, loving the looks. I cannot wait to see the finished graphics for the Elements Fashion Editorial shot at the beach. I have not had a chance to shoot my element yet, which is "water".

My mom tells me the weather started out a bit gloomy with threats of a rain, typical for early September in Virginia Beach. Fortunately we avoided all storms. The windy weather proved challenging at times, but perfect for the shoot. Once again the shoot was a success and I am very pleased with all of the photos taken.

Thank you all for being a part this community magazine, we've covered subjects such as bullying, movie and book reviews, in depth stories on many subjects that we feel our readers will find interesting. Of course the mainstay of every issue is our Fashion Shoots, shooting in states across the US for designers whom advertise in the magazine. The designers are given the disk and they use the images not just within the pages of our publication, but other multi-media sources. We are giving girls the experience of modeling and tear sheets for use in their modeling endeavors. In many cases the designers let the girls keep the clothing they are modeling. In addition to this they end up with a disk full of images shot during the fashion shoot.

I plan on making to the beach next year. hope you all had a chance to created lasting memories with old friends and new friends, and I look forward to working with you all again soon.

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