



MISS CALIFORNIA 2017, JILLIAN SMITH EXTENDED BIOGRAPHY

Jillian Smith's involvement in the Miss America Organization began 17 years ago at 5-years-old. Jillian is one of 7 granddaughters (no grandsons), all of whom have competed in a Miss America affiliated competition. At 5-years-old, she attended the Miss California 2000 competition to support her oldest cousin. It was in that experience where she was inspired by Rita Ng's (Miss California 2000) piano performance. In that moment she decided she wanted to play the piano and become Miss California someday. 17 years later on July 1, 2017 her wish came true when she was crowned Miss California 2017 on that very same stage. Throughout her involvement in the organization Jillian has earned \$38,000 in scholarship.

In addition to Jillian's crowning, she was also awarded a preliminary talent award and overall best interview award. She went on to compete for the title of Miss America in September 2017. The Miss America Organization is the largest provider of scholarship for young women in the world. Previous participants of Miss America Organization have gone on to become successful doctors, lawyers, TV personalities, etc.

Jillian is a 23-year-old senior at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, where she majors in Broadcast Journalism and minors in Music. She is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Cal Poly Chapter, as well as being on the Dean's list. After her year of service as Miss California, Jillian will graduate and then pursue her masters thanks to the scholarships provided to her by the Miss America Organization. She plans to use her degree to obtain a job in entertainment media. She says she wants to use her degree to do something that makes people happy and makes people feel good at the end of their day.

As Miss California 2017, Jillian travels the state making appearances at Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, local Miss America Organization competitions, charities, fundraisers, non-profit events, schools, and much more. During her year of service, Jillian promotes her personal platform, the dude. be nice project (DBN), promoting kindness, gratitude, and inclusivity. The dude. be nice project is not an anti-bullying or anti-anything campaign. It is about promoting a positive attitude towards others and inspiring kind action.

By booking Miss California for your event, you are affiliating yourself with one of America's longest running traditions, as well as with an Organization that strives to empower young women to achieve their personal and professional goals.

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MISS CALIFORNIA 2017, JILLIAN SMITH SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Jillian is a 23-year-old senior at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, where she is pursuing a major in Broadcast Journalism and minor in Music. Her involvement in the Miss America Organization started when she was 5-years-old. Throughout her involvement with the program she has earned \$38,000 in scholarship. Jillian is one of 7 granddaughters (no grandsons), all of whom have competed in a Miss America affiliated competition. When she was 5-years-old, she attended the Miss California 2000 competition to support her oldest cousin. Through that experience she was inspired by Rita Ng's piano performance and decided that she, too, wanted to play the piano. When Rita was later crowned Miss California 2000, Jillian decided that she too wanted to be Miss California someday, and 17 years later, she was crowned on the very same stage.

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As Miss California 2017, Jillian travels all over the state making appearances at Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, local Miss America Organization competitions, charities, fundraisers, non-profit events, schools, and much more. During her year of service, Jillian works to promote her personal platform, the "dude. be nice," project, promoting kindness, gratitude, and inclusivity.

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