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Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:00:19:23 - 00:00:49:29

Speaker 1

Hi. My name is Diana Romero. I'm a senior at Archbishop mitty High School. My parents are the Leonardo Meta and Romero. I am a member of the varsity cheerleading squad at Archbishop Meny. And I'm also on the life team. some of my hobbies include. I've been dancing for 14 years now. I also enjoy playing basketball, swimming and talking on the phone.

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Speaker 1

my best friend Lena. And, she goes to Maddie with me, and I spend a lot of time with her, and we do a lot of activities together. I also enjoy swimming because I like the water and I enjoy, playing the, video games with my brothers. I have two brothers, David and Danny, and they're both older than me.

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Speaker 1

They like to wrestle with me a lot, but I'm kind of used to it. I guess that's why my freshman year, I decided to wrestle in high school. So I went from lace and tights to, wrestling outfit and wrestling with the guys. I plan to talk about education and the role that youth play in the future of education.

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Speaker 1

And I'm nervous a little bit about this, process, but I hope I do good. So thanks.

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Speaker 1

My name's Diana Romero, and I'm going to do my speech now. Good evening. Judges, family, friends, guests, and your Majesty. My name is Diana Juanito Romero, and I'm a senior at Archbishop Mary High

School. This evening, I am very honored to talk to you about the success. I stand here before you as one of six beautiful and distinguished young women.

00:03:00:02 - 00:03:25:00

Speaker 1

We are not just here because we were randomly selected, but we are here because we have gone beyond our limits to achieve many accomplishments in our lives. When I tell you I'm going to talk about success, I'm not talking about having lots of money or a big house, but I'm talking about being rich. This richness does not include money or material goods.

00:03:25:02 - 00:03:49:10

Speaker 1

This richness is the richness of love. The core of success is being true to yourself. You must establish your beliefs and your principles and live by them. Don't try to fool others into believing that they that you are someone that you're not. Instead, let people see the real you and let them appreciate you for your own special gifts and talents.

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Speaker 1

You must be who you are and not someone who you're not. You see, we are all like music boxes carrying our own different melodies inside. It is not always easy. It is not always easy. Sometimes you must listen with your heart to see what lies hidden in each of us. Once you have found your beliefs in yourself, and once you have learned to love yourself for who you are, then others also will be able to see the beauty within you.

00:04:18:21 - 00:04:44:26

Speaker 1

Others will begin to love you for who you are and you will love them back. This love will bring out happiness and in key happiness it will bring out the greatest success. Let, as I stated earlier, I stand here amongst. When I stand here one of six beautiful and distinguished young ladies. We all have exterior. We all have exterior beauties.

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Speaker 1

But the most radiant beauty in each of us is our interior beauty. We are truly. We are true to our self.

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And we are. We truly have found. I want to thank you for your time, attention and thank you.

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That.

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Given me. That and that.

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I would say to the people that you.

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Are. With them. You. That are know some of the things that they.

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Can do for you and they're not. On the other.

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When I tell you that about. I'm not happy about that. I think that I'm talking about you.

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As a.

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Not.

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Let me try to.

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You must be true to yourself. And that. You seek that. It's not.

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What you have that. And once you have learned to understand that we want are.

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So.

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Susceptible that when you see that it's easy to say.

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It's not about.

00:08:17:14 - 00:08:41:24

Speaker 1

The world is at your fingertips. As I stated earlier, I stand here as one of six beautiful and distinguished young ladies. We all have our exterior beauties, but the most beauty, the most. But the beauty that is most radiant in each of us is our interior beauty. We are all true to ourselves, and many people will love us for who we are.

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Speaker 1

We truly have found success. I would like to thank you for your time and attention, and wish you a good evening.

00:09:32:11 - 00:10:17:25

Speaker 1

When it's not just even windows. At todas las familias Amigos. Investors. Quizas estamos Justo may Yama. Diana. Juanito. Miedo. Yo estoy in me. Ultimo ano de la escuela secundaria. Archbishop mitty. It's an honor, but, Blah Gonzalez esta noche sobre sobre éxito. Estoy delante. The Lampedusa ferries con cinco otras senoritas bonitas. 15 e this finger, this thing.

00:10:17:25 - 00:10:56:16

Speaker 1

Jesus, no estamos aqui for, casual. casual. That is it. Casual. Ladies. Nosotros Amos. Acho then vida éxito. And muchas cosas in Westeros view this I stand here before you as one of six distinguished, beautiful and distinguished young ladies. We are not here because we are randomly selected, but because we have gone beyond our limits and achieved many goals in our lives.

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Speaker 1

This evening I am very honored to talk to you about success. When I tell you I'm going to talk about success, I am not referring to having a lot of money or a big house. Instead, I'm referring to being rich. Not riches of money, but the riches of love. The key to the success is being true to yourself.

00:11:19:00 - 00:11:43:18

Speaker 1

You must establish your beliefs in your principles and live by them. You shouldn't try and fool others into believing that you're someone you're not, but instead let them see the real you and appreciate you for your own special gifts and talents. You should be true to yourself and not pretend to be someone who you're not. You see, we're all music boxes carrying our own different melodies inside.

00:11:43:20 - 00:12:06:25

Speaker 1

Sometimes it's not easy and you must listen to what life hit it with your heart. To what lies hidden in each of us. Once you have found your beliefs and learn to love yourself, then others too will be able to see the beauty within you. Others will begin to love you for who you are and in return you will love them with no reservations.

00:12:06:27 - 00:12:29:24

Speaker 1

This will bring you happiness and in key this happiness will bring you success. The greatest success of all. Love. Once you have achieved the success, you will receive. A power in this power will take you anywhere because you believe in yourself, in your dreams you will be. There will be no limitations to hold you back, and in the world will be at your fingertips.

00:12:29:26 - 00:12:52:17

Speaker 1

As I stated before, I stand here before you as one of six beautiful and distinguished young ladies. We all have our own exterior beauties, but the most radiant beauty in each of us is our interior beauty. We are all true to ourselves and many people love us for who we really are. We have all truly found success. I'd like to thank you for your time and attention.

00:12:52:19 - 00:13:39:20

Speaker 1

We just gracias you as much as.

00:13:39:23 - 00:14:17:02

Speaker 1

When it's not just UPN. Many of us a todas las familias. Amigos. Fathers, quizas is soon as that mama Diana, Juanito Romero eo stormy ultimo ana de la escuela. Secondary Archbishop mitty. As soon as not para la Espana sobre éxito. Estoy esta el entities that is consigo otras. See with us. These distinguished 15 give us nos vamos a keeper casually that nosotros nosotros temos tenido éxito.

00:14:17:02 - 00:14:43:25

Speaker 1

And we've just got us in nuestro vida. I stand here before you as one of six beautiful and distinguished young women. We are not here because we are randomly selected, but because we have gone beyond our limits to achieve many accomplishments in our lives. This evening, I am very honored to talk to you about success. When I tell you that I'm going to talk about success, I'm not talking about gaining a lot of material goods, such as a big house or a fancy car.

00:14:43:28 - 00:15:07:26

Speaker 1

Instead, I'm talking about being rich, not the riches of money, but the riches of love. The key to this success is being true to yourself. You must establish your beliefs and your principles and live by them. You must not try to fool others into believing that you're someone who you're not. Instead, let them see the real you and appreciate you for your own special gifts and talents.

00:15:07:29 - 00:15:28:19

Speaker 1

To be true to yourself. And don't pretend to be someone who you are not. You see, we're all music boxes carrying our own special melodies inside. It's not easy, and sometimes you must listen with your heart for what lies hidden in each of us. Once you have found your belief in yourself and learn to love yourself, then others too will begin to see the beauty within you.

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Speaker 1

Others will begin to appreciate and love you for who you are, and in return you will love them with no reservation. This will bring you happiness and in key, this happiness will bring you the greatest success of all. Love. Once you have achieved this success, you will gain a power. In this power will allow you to go anywhere because you believe in yourself and in your dreams.

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Speaker 1

You are not held back by any limitations and the world is at your fingertips. As I stated earlier, I stand here before you as one of six beautiful and distinguished young ladies. We all have our exterior beauty, but the most radiant beauty in each of us is our interior beauty. We are true to ourselves and many people love us for who we really are.

00:16:16:20 - 00:17:46:16

Speaker 1

We have all truly found success. I'd like to thank you for your time and attention. Muchas gracias. You as much as.

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Speaker 3

It. My name is Raul Hernandez, and our daughter, Sabrina is in this. As a contestant in this pageant, I want to wish you the best of luck and that she's a great daughter and we love her all. Good luck. Sabrina.

00:18:03:20 - 00:18:16:18

Speaker 4

Sabrina, congratulations on everything that you accomplished. We wish you the very, very best of luck tonight. And we are very, very proud to be your parents.

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Speaker 1

Congratulations. When I decided to wish you good luck.

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Speaker 5

Hi, babe. This is mom. Just want to wish you good luck. And I want to watch all the young ladies. Good luck, you guys. Have fun and enjoy yourselves tonight.

00:18:32:12 - 00:18:52:10

Speaker 3

Hola. Hola, mujer. Participant. Okay, tengan una muy feliz. Okay, then. Lo mejor. Ustedes esta noche siempre Como toda la Cuban. Those preference is. See? Yes, there is your one and only.

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Speaker 6

I just want to tell you good luck and good luck to the other contestants.

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Speaker 3

And I love you. Okay. Bye bye.

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Speaker 4

Hi, mija.

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Speaker 1

I just want to wish you luck and let you know how very much we love you. we don't need a pageant to tell us how very special you are and how beautiful we are. And we love you very much today, forever and always. And good luck tonight.

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Speaker 3

Yes. Good luck. Miguel, I really love you. And I'm very, very proud of you. You are not just soy Armando Delgado, soy papa, Rosalba Delgado. Because when you look up. Well, to see it. No tengo palabras. Sacramento para. Look here. I can make it to Vietnam. We went to Stanford. You are parameter that can make I say una when know you have special para me.

00:19:36:23 - 00:19:53:05

Speaker 3

Okay. I was just on a couple of days in the capacity. We were not just say Vietnam in which you extra parameter. What's the best way.

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Speaker 1

We want to start this up for this.

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Speaker 7

Estamos aqui. Accompany me. Rosalba, the gavel.

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Speaker 1

Is better.

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Speaker 7

Than 30. Esta. Not yet. Send this custom participant. You deliver so much as felicidad. This.

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Speaker 3

We're going to begin our pageant for this evening. My name is Fernando Society. And I'll be serving as your master of ceremonies. I'd like to, have all of you welcome our contestants. And we'll lead off with

David Rodriguez, who is the San Jose AGI Forum chairman. He will be escorting Miss Vanessa Ramirez, last year's queen for Miss San Jose, Miss California and Miss National GI forum.

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Speaker 3

So let's give them a big hand. David Rodriguez escorting Vanessa Ramirez.

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Speaker 3

You've never looked so good, David.

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Speaker 3

And this is with, Cal Poly in here is an engineer. You see, mining the Society of Women Engineers and the Society of Hispanic Engineers. She had a whirlwind year. She's been to Washington, DC, and she's been to, the inaugural, Hispanic Presidential Inaugural Gala Ball. She's met with, Jimmy Smits. He said Morales, Michael de Lorenzo Iglesias, Edward James Olmos and David Rodriguez.

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Speaker 3

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Speaker 3

When we with idols. And, thank you for coming to our 37th annual Queen Coronation Ball for the San Jose for. And I welcome all, and I hope you have a lot of fun. And I hope this pageant goes beautiful. Thank you very much.

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Speaker 3

That's about as brief as you can get.

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Speaker 3

David Rodriguez is the, chairman of the San Jose GI forum that sponsors the Cinco de Mayo celebration that we have every year, which is the largest in Northern California. last year we attract over 500,000 people to our event. And also the 16th of September, the Fiesta St Patrick's. And by the way, that's one of the reasons why we have this pageant is to select young, promising young women who come to participate this, event.

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Speaker 3

just to give you an example of, how others have fared, we have with us, Carmela Castellano, who was the San Jose chapter, state and national queen for the American GI forum, 1983 1984. Carmela went on to Cal Berkeley to get their master's degree and our bachelor's degree in political science. Then she went to Yale Law School, where she got her my degree, and now she's the managing attorney at Public Advocates in San Francisco, which is going to be celebrating its 25th anniversary on May 1st.

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Speaker 3

She, is, chair of the Cultural and Linguistic Standards Task force for the state of California. I don't know how many of you get, Hispanic business, a magazine that, I read, religiously. She was named as among the 100 most influential Hispanics in the United States. So, Carmela Castellano, we want to welcome you. And your dad was, been so assiduous in helping us with the camera work all these years.

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Speaker 3

But let's give a welcome and thank you. And congratulations to Carmela. Things. get better as, you get out of here. So, we want to encourage the rest of the, the young ladies that we have and the rest of you with young men and women, our students, to encourage them to succeed in school, because the rewards are many.

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Speaker 3

So let's start the event. They're being escorted now. All of the candidates will be escorted by our, Marine Corps. And we're going to be serenaded by Miss Pamela Page. Our violinist will be here on this big band box. She's from University of Illinois. she's got a master's in music education, and she has conducted the San Jose Symphony and teaches music all over, the Santa Clara Valley.

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Speaker 3

So Pamela Page, thank you very much for being with us tonight and helping us in any.

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Speaker 3

Thank you. To the, sensei. U.S. Marine Corps reserve cadets that are here, escorting our young ladies. And now, if you will, please bring them to, to the stage. I'll introduce the judges for tonight. Tell tele judge doctor Jose Carrasco, born in Colorado but raised in Santa Clara. He says he's a professor at San Jose State University, in which he teaches social science and literature.

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Speaker 3

He's only been there for 27 years. He says his hobby is growing our peppers, tomatoes and cilantro for his son. So I think somebody ought to help him with all of these ingredients so he can put him into something more productive, don't you think, doctor? Say he's, working with, Pico, which is a, Pacific Institute for Community organizations, and he teaches, community organizations, and he trains leaders and travels all over the western United States.

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Speaker 3

Also with us is, Armando Romo. Armando Romo here in the center is, a native of Mexicali, California. he's been here in San Jose almost 20 years, since 1979, and he now owns two beauty salons. Clinic as they were. Yes. Armando Romo, thank you. Armando, for being with us. He's been a very active supporter of the G.I. forum.

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Speaker 3

And our parades. He won has won three years in a row with his best float in the parade. So Armando Romo, thank you very much. Bienvenido. Another one of our judges is Angela Lieberman. Angela is the middle of the desk over here. Angela, I want to stand. She's the product manager for Hispanic markets at movement, which is the new Spanish market magazine for the Mercury News.

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Speaker 3

She's on the board of Montclair. She's on the steering committee for the Lantern ahead. And she has served on the Hispanic Charity ball and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, is very active in our community. Angela Lieberman also with us is a former Miss Hayward, Frances Palacios from CD TV. Many of you see on channel 14.

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Speaker 3

she's on this table here. Please stand Frances. She works with Horizons and Limited in San Francisco, the center for Training and Careers. She's on the board of the National Academy of Television and Science. She's, one of the most active, representatives of channel 14. And we want to tell you how much we appreciate your work here in this area.

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Speaker 3

Richard Calderon. Lieutenant, down here in front of me. In front of me. He's with the San Jose Police Department. He works in the foothill area of the city, and he works with uniform to patrol divisions. He likes to bicycle, does body conditioning because his wife tells him he's getting out of shape. So. Last year, he was the chairman of the Hispanic Charity ball.

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Speaker 3

It was a wonderful success, and I hope that all of you will have an opportunity to participate in that event this year as well. He's the chair of the legislative committee for the Latino Peace Officers Association and serves on the As soon as a Conservation Corps board of directors. He's also fluent in Vietnamese, and his wife, Lam, is the one that makes him, keep his fluency up.

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Speaker 3

Thank you. Richard and Lieutenant Calderon.

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Speaker 3

Finally, we have Dante video familiar to all of us. Contrary to the contents in our program, he's with, Telemundo channel 48. He's been there for ten years, and channel 48 is a native of Chile. He's, one, he's been nominated twice for an Emmy for best newscaster and certainly is a champion. And the winner with us.

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Speaker 3

Dante. Video mucho nosotros. Those ladies and gentlemen, are our volunteer judges for the night, so give them a round of applause. Oh, I think we'll go to next to, Monica Renee Gomez. Miss National. She was general, National G.I. forum, 1990. She graduated from Notre Dame High School, went on to San Jose State, but majored in broadcast journalism.

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Speaker 3

She worked for the National Hispanic University for a while and channel 11. But, the Mexican Harris Corporation saw a golden opportunity and now has employed her as a community outreach coordinator. So Monica Rene Gomez will be, introducing all of our contestants. Thank you. Okay.

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Speaker 4

Thank you. Fernando, I'm leaving. As much as I thought I was, it gives me great pleasure. And it's also a great honor to be a part of this once again. And I think this year is even more special because it's the last year we're going to have it here in this building, because the San Jose chapter of the Dei forum will have their new location.

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Speaker 4

So let's give them a round of applause.

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Speaker 4

That's something to look forward to. It. I believe it has its own bar. It has, its own dance floor. So we look forward to having all of you there in the future. Let's get started with the program then. our first contestant this evening, Miss Rosalba Delgado, was 17 years old, and she is a senior at Pioneer High School, was a lesbian, escorted by Lance Corporal Manuel Rodriguez.

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Speaker 4

miss Diana Juanita Romero.

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Diana is 18 years.

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Speaker 4

Old, and she is a senior at Archbishop mitty High School. Diana's been escorted this evening by Corporal Samuel Torres. miss. And Adina.

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Nelly Ayala. daddy. and Adina is 20.

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Speaker 4

Years old, and she's a student at Evergreen Valley College. She's being escorted this evening by Sergeant Thomas Gomez, junior.

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Speaker 4

Miss Nadia Marissa Reyes.

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And Nadia, 17 years old.

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Speaker 4

And she's a student at Archbishop mitty High School. Nadia has been escorted by Corporal Lewis Bessie Nice.

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Speaker 4

Miss Claire Bernardino Mendoza.

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Clearance been escorted this.

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Speaker 4

Evening by Corporal Javier Gonzalez. She is 17 years old and a student at Saint Francis High School. And Miss Sabrina at this.

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Speaker 4

Sabrina, 17 years old, and she's a senior at Andrew Hill High School. She's been escorted this evening by Master Sergeant said here Balderas.

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Speaker 4

Ladies and gentlemen.

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These are 1997 Queen contestants.

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At this time, I'd.

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Speaker 4

Also like to acknowledge our United States Marine Corps. Every year, they voluntarily donate their time to work with us, and they have most of them have been doing it since 1987, and they're stationed here in Somerset. So thank you to the United States Marine Corps.

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And any. Power.

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Speaker 4

Miss Sabrina, Nelly Hernandez.

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Speaker 4

Sabrina is the daughter of Raoul and Susan Hernandez. She is 17 years old. And as a senior, Andrew Hill High School Sabrina plans to attend Santa Clara University in the fall and earn her degree in English and Psychology, and later earn a teaching credential. She is proud of receiving a full scholarship from East Side Future Teachers Project to attend Santa Clara.

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Speaker 4

Sabrina has been a spokesperson for the Winter program and has even interviewed been interviewed by the television and radio media. She has danced folklorico dancing for ten years. For the past two years, Sabrina won first place in the Cesar Chavez Writing Contest. Her work has even been published in The Mercury News in the United States Congressional Records. She has been student of the year and this year was Andrew Hill for homecoming Queen.

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Speaker 4

While Sabrina is not receiving honors in school, she volunteers her time at the YMCA. She also enjoys reading, writing poems and composing music. She feels by doing this helps her develop personal bond and feeling, as Chad says, that Chavez believed in nonviolence and justice. Sabrina, too, believes in planning America with the seeds of justice by becoming a school teacher.

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Speaker 4

Miss Sabrina Nelly Hernandez.

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Speaker 4

Bienvenidos. Welcome distinguished guests, parents, and your Majesty, Vanessa Ramirez. We come here today in support and guidance so that our leaders of tomorrow can start today, can start climbing those steps toward success, and can start conquering that turbulent road that leads us to our future. The time is now, and the only way we can begin is by grasping the key that unlocks the door to success.

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Speaker 4

Educate action. As we approach a new era of our lifetime, preparation for the year 2000 has been upon us. Higher standards, especially in education, no longer can we be satisfied with just being average or equal in society. We need to pull up our roots that are deeply planted in the soils of society. Stereotype. Yes, Raza, we can do it.

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Speaker 4

We just need to work and we need to work hard. But yet we cannot do it alone. 1997 the dropout rate of minorities students is substantially high, and the number of Latinos applying for college is very few. And we need to ask ourselves, when should education begin? And is it only belong in the classroom? Of course not. Learning should start from day one at home.

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Speaker 4

Familia I was raised with strong family values from both my father and my mother. They taught me that the best way to succeed through life is through education. I had to work hard for what I wanted, and most of all, I had to go to school each day so that I could absorb the power of education. And because of the strong support and inspiring words, I have been able to experience education not only in school, but by being part in special clubs and programs that inspire us to expand and explore ourselves and our minds.

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Speaker 4

One program in particular is Print Them printed provides students with a bridge that enables them to cross from high school directly to a UC or four year private college. It is programs like this that will help our Latino community and will help. La Raza Rise Plant inspired me to help my community, and they too, tell me that the best way to succeed in life is through education.

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Speaker 4

That is why I plan to become an English teacher, so that one day I will be able to return back to my community and teach for the program that helped me cross the bridge to success. Print that many people do not understand how important education is. If you live your life with that, learning at least one new thing a day, you are not living your life to its fullest.

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Speaker 4

Today I stand up here with many thanks to my parents, to my teachers, and also for La Raza, for shaping me into the person that I am. Someone who is Latina and proud of who she is. And because of your strong support and generosity, I have been able to become a part of La Raza Sheen, the chain that today we call unity, and I strongly feel that if everyone La Raza is able to experience it strong and support as I have, we will be able to stand as una familia and not only understand, but experience.

00:38:34:13 - 00:38:49:03

Speaker 4

Experience. Let us as meaning up whether it can be done. Thank you.

00:38:49:05 - 00:38:57:09

Speaker 4

Thank you. Sabrina. Our next contestant this evening, Miss Claire Bernardino Mendoza.

00:38:57:11 - 00:39:15:28

Speaker 4

Claire Bernardino Mendoza is the daughter of the. But I will Mendoza. She is 17 years old and is a senior at Saint Francis High School. Claire will be attending Santa Clara University in the fall, where she will

study Spanish and minor in theater and dance. She also plans to earn her teaching credential to teach Spanish and dance classes at a local high school.

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Speaker 4

Claire is especially proud to have organized several Mexican celebrations at her school, including a special mass for Lavinia in Nevada, Lupe in both Spanish and English. Her involvement doesn't end there. She has also participated in eight musicals and choreographed The last to 42nd Street and Guys and Dolls. Claire has served as director for The Place, Sleeping Beauty, and held performances for Bay Area children at that school.

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Speaker 4

She has been a member of the Service Club, Students Against Drunk Driving and the International Club, but more importantly has been an active member of her own community by volunteering for various organizations since the age of 14. In her spare time, Claire keeps busy dancing, ballet, tap and jazz. She has even traveled as far as Scotland and Ireland.

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Speaker 4

Claire says by dancing and competing in several competitions, she has earned discipline and dedication. Claire considers her father a role model for sacrificing his life for a better one for his children.

00:40:06:29 - 00:40:08:01

Speaker 7

By following her father's.

00:40:08:01 - 00:40:22:13

Speaker 4

Positive examples, Claire says she has a stronger faith and dedication to the Catholic Church. Miss Claire Bernardino Mendoza and.

00:40:22:16 - 00:40:24:02

Speaker 1

Buenas noches.

00:40:24:04 - 00:40:25:21

Speaker 4

Bienvenidos, Senor.

00:40:25:21 - 00:40:34:02

Speaker 1

Chris Heaton-Harris, quizas mis a marvelous company. Let us he. So my head start Vanessa.

00:40:34:06 - 00:40:38:09

Speaker 4

I made it's today. I take great.

00:40:38:09 - 00:40:40:13

Speaker 7

Pride in being among six.

00:40:40:13 - 00:40:41:26

Speaker 4

Beautiful young ladies.

00:40:41:28 - 00:40:43:08

Speaker 1

Who were chosen because of our.

00:40:43:08 - 00:40:55:11

Speaker 4

Accomplishments and future endeavors through hard work, discipline, the support of our families, and most importantly, through God, our Most Holy Father, we have succeeded and.

00:40:55:11 - 00:41:00:09

Speaker 1

Becoming strong leaders for our peers and our communities. In my.

00:41:00:09 - 00:41:02:29

Speaker 4

Own life, my religion and my faith have been the.

00:41:02:29 - 00:41:25:28

Speaker 1

Core of my achievements and my future educational and developmental goals. In the past three years, I have attended three retreats with my high school, Saint Francis, and small group discussions. I noticed that very few teenagers make God an important part of their lives. When asked how often we attend church, some of my peers said they don't have time.

00:41:26:00 - 00:41:27:05

Speaker 1

In most cases, they.

00:41:27:05 - 00:41:27:25

Speaker 7

Attend only.

00:41:27:25 - 00:41:29:21

Speaker 4

On special holidays, while others.

00:41:29:21 - 00:41:32:11

Speaker 1

Invest no time in their spirituality.

00:41:32:13 - 00:41:34:00

Speaker 4

My generation is.

00:41:34:00 - 00:41:38:27

Speaker 1

Losing faith in God, which is necessary to build a strong, supportive.

00:41:38:27 - 00:41:42:08

Speaker 4

Community. Unfortunately, there is a lack of young.

00:41:42:08 - 00:42:04:07

Speaker 1

Men who want to become priests, as well as women who want to become sisters and other holy ministers and various religions. Without these religious leaders who will guide our faith, my peers and I desperately need religious role models to help us become better decision makers.

00:42:04:10 - 00:42:06:07

Speaker 1

Without strong role models, youth.

00:42:06:10 - 00:42:08:22

Speaker 7

Are often involved in gang violence.

00:42:08:25 - 00:42:12:19

Speaker 1

Teenage pregnancies, substance abuse, and suicides.

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Speaker 4

For example, between 1983 and 1993, the national homicide rate had.

00:42:17:25 - 00:42:33:24

Speaker 1

Increased over 165%. Murder is the second leading cause of death for 14 to 17 year olds in our country. Every year, 1 in 9 teenage girls become pregnant. Only half of these young women give birth and the majority do not marry.

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Speaker 4

Also, teenagers had the highest rates of sexually transmitted.

00:42:37:12 - 00:42:38:22

Speaker 1

Diseases, with one.

00:42:38:22 - 00:42:39:03

Speaker 7

In four.

00:42:39:03 - 00:43:08:10

Speaker 1

Contracting the STD by the age of 21. On February 18th, 1997, I lost a 16 year old friend to teenage suicide. These are only a few reasons of why we need religious role models. Why is it that some teenagers face situations that I had just mentioned and others do not? Faith in God and trust in themselves is why some teenagers succeed and others just give up.

00:43:08:12 - 00:43:15:21

Speaker 1

Fortunately, some of us do succeed in becoming influential people in the world and becoming those needed religious role models.

00:43:15:23 - 00:43:22:16

Speaker 4

We sex young ladies have succeeded in staying away from drugs and alcohol. We have succeeded in not.

00:43:22:16 - 00:43:25:25

Speaker 1

Becoming pregnant teenagers. We have succeeded.

00:43:25:25 - 00:43:27:09

Speaker 4

In facing life as it is and.

00:43:27:09 - 00:43:31:10

Speaker 1

Not becoming victims of suicides or homicides. We have succeeded.

00:43:31:17 - 00:43:32:21

Speaker 4

Because we will be.

00:43:32:21 - 00:43:35:13

Speaker 1

College graduates in four years.

00:43:35:15 - 00:43:41:25

Speaker 4

Total sophomore Lexington la Vida no is facing battle or is not a key event.

00:43:41:25 - 00:43:43:25

Speaker 1

Our cities though that's not sorted out.

00:43:43:25 - 00:43:51:10

Speaker 4

So most ever positive they can see as possible. But Dios me familia de.

00:43:51:10 - 00:43:57:23

Speaker 1

La comunidad man necesario para lograr you got us someone like persona con éxito en la vida.

00:43:57:26 - 00:44:05:25

Speaker 4

The spoils I get out the way de la Universidad yoga. We have all that. Aqui a la ciudad de San Jose, California. E entonces.

00:44:05:25 - 00:44:06:26

Speaker 1

Getto take a.

00:44:06:28 - 00:44:07:28

Speaker 7

Look at.

00:44:08:00 - 00:44:11:10

Speaker 4

That en la. Yeah. Flexible.

00:44:11:12 - 00:44:17:10

Speaker 1

Gracias Instagram organization American G.I. forum for this opportunity that gracias.

00:44:17:10 - 00:44:19:25

Speaker 4

Adios I mean familia.

00:44:19:27 - 00:44:30:20

Speaker 1

E todos Los feliz when it's not just.

00:44:30:22 - 00:44:38:25

Speaker 4

Thank you. Claire. Miss Nadia, Marissa Reyes.

00:44:38:27 - 00:44:41:17

Unknown

Nadia is the daughter of Richard and Maria Reyes.

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Speaker 4

She is 17 years old and is a senior at Archbishop Mary High School. Nadia plans to attend either Regis University or the univ degree. She plans to transfer to Stanford for law school. Nadia wants to be a family lawyer and eventually become a judge. She feels earning a degree is not only to make her parents.

00:44:57:24 - 00:45:21:04

Speaker 1

Proud, but for quizas. What is a legacy? My legacy is something I have learned from my grandparents and parents. It is what I know. It is who I am. It is what makes me different and unique from the rest of the world. A legacy is a moral and value code which which has been given to all of us from our ancestors.

00:45:21:06 - 00:45:42:08

Speaker 1

This code was developed through their personal experience, and now those experiences have been passed down to me, and I will use them the rest of my life. My grandparents, who are from Zacatecas, Chihuahua, and her Mexican. They migrated to Texas, Arizona and eventually California.

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Speaker 7

They were poor migrant.

00:45:43:19 - 00:45:51:26

Speaker 1

Farm workers who followed the harvesting of the crops throughout many cities in the state. Their children would have many experiences.

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Speaker 7

Some good, but.

00:45:53:07 - 00:45:55:07

Speaker 1

Most very difficult.

00:45:55:09 - 00:45:57:24

Speaker 7

They would experience living in tents.

00:45:57:27 - 00:46:02:11

Speaker 1

Playing in the fields, and sometimes not having enough to eat.

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Speaker 7

Even though my grandparents were able to improve their.

00:46:04:25 - 00:46:34:27

Speaker 1

Life significantly, they never centered their life or their joy around material things, but simply in their children. Their ability to persist and to continue struggling was because of their belief in God and His infinite power. My grandmother always said no. I even knowing she believed that despite hard times, good would happen. And yes, it does sound very simple, but it is true.

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Speaker 1

And though they did not have very much money, it never diminished in hopes of having a better life for their children.

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Speaker 7

After many years ago and a tremendous amount of courage, they were able to.

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Speaker 1

Provide this hope, this better life for their children. And now my parents have continued this tradition in providing me a better life. So what about the youth of today? Who is struggling for them?

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Speaker 7

I believe that the youth of today is headed into troubled times.

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Speaker 1

Kids today can't worry about themselves. Instead, they have to worry about drugs, violence, gangs and other peer pressures. That is not what we want the children of today to worry about. That is why it is our responsibility as a caring community to provide alternatives for today's adolescents. That is why this pageant is beginning.

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Speaker 7

It provides young Mexican Americans an opportunity to.

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Speaker 1

Showcase their talents and achievements. It recognizes that adolescents are important and more significantly, shows that adults care about today's young people. To change these problems of today, we must be like our grandmothers. We must believe with all of our hearts the horrors of today can be overcome. Tomorrow. Maybe not completely, but to a large degree. But it is up to all of us, the young and the not so young.

00:48:04:00 - 00:48:15:27

Speaker 1

It will take a lot of hard work and sacrifice. Parents need to take responsibility for their children, and children need to learn to take responsibility for themselves. The community can help.

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Speaker 7

By providing positive role models.

00:48:18:23 - 00:48:49:09

Speaker 1

Giving constant support and instilling the importance of values in today's adolescents. I believe the values of hard work, education, religion, family and the persistence for a better life will win out for all adolescents. My goal is to teach these values to others in a kind and gentle manner. As my parents have taught me, I want to help others grow into the next generation and beyond so.

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Speaker 4

That they.

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Speaker 5

Become.

00:48:50:25 - 00:49:17:27

Speaker 1

Positive and productive adults. If I can do this, I will leave a legacy that would make my parents and grandparents very proud. I would like to thank my parents, my family, and my friends for making me the person that I am now. I'd like to thank everyone who made this night possible. This is truly been an incredible experience, not only for myself, but for the other girls.

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Speaker 1

And finally, may the God be with all of you. Gracias. Soon, when it's not just us.

00:49:30:19 - 00:49:31:27

Unknown

Thank you. Nadia.

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Speaker 4

Our next contestant this evening, Miss and Adina. Nelly Ayala.

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Unknown

And Adina is the daughter of Maria and Barnaby. Yalla.

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Speaker 4

She is 20 years old and is a student at Evergreen Valley College in Edina. Plans to transfer to UCLA, where she will receive her Bachelor of Arts in Advertising and Communications. Her goal is to work in radio as a show producer, organizing benefit concerts for children's organizations and the homeless. After working at Kcrw for some time, gave her the will to work in the music and radio business.

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Speaker 4

She feels it is important to give the less fortunate opportunities and to help them live in better conditions. And Adina says music is the pleasant way of communicating without violence, and Adina is most proud of being the first in her family to graduate from high school. Now, attending college puts her as possibly the first to earn a college degree.

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Speaker 4

In 1994, she was crowned Cinco de Mayo Princess with Silver Creek High School. She felt her involvement with that pageant was more than judging on physical character, but an opportunity to represent oneself positively, showcasing one's education and to the community. And Adina has many plans, but most of all, she plans to work at giving people hope for a better day.

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Speaker 4

Miss and Adina Nelly Ayala.

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Unknown

Good evening parents, friends.

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Speaker 4

Judges, and your Majesty. As a Hispanic female growing in a world full of chaos and confusion. One thing I have grown to appreciate my life. Are my parents. For they have taught me the importance of education, the importance of a family, and the importance of our culture. Our beloved mother and father. I did this speech and recognition of all your hard work and determination into making my life a success, rather than a statistic.

00:51:20:29 - 00:51:44:05

Speaker 4

Mom and dad, you have healed my cuts and bruises as a child to healing my soul from a broken heart. Now that I'm an adult, you have praised me in my academic excellence and scolded me whenever I didn't achieve my scholastic aptitude. Not because you're being harsh and unreasonable parents. You just never wanted me to sell myself short or settle for less than what I'm really worth.

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Speaker 4

You were always proud of whatever I received in my life, and due to that, I have never felt like a failure and more of a high achiever. You have taught me the importance of a family, how I should never

disregard them, for they are the ones who are going to love me and care for me unconditionally, no matter what I choose in my life.

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Speaker 4

You also made me appreciate life and what it has to offer. You made me realize life is too precious to waste. How we should thank God for what we have while and and resenting him for what we don't. Mother and father, in addition, you have taught me to never forget where I came from. By teaching me our roots, our traditions and our cultures, our Mexican heritage that has lived for so many generations.

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Speaker 4

I know I'll instill those morals and values upon my children, for not only were you parents, you were my teachers of life as well. For you. I've learned how to dream. I've learned how to live. And most of all, I've learned how to never give up. Having a family is more than just a parent scolding a child for his or her wrongdoings.

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Speaker 4

It is love. Understand? Commitment. Honesty. Communication. Loyalty and trust. Without those, a family grows apart. Rather than growing together. I owe a lot to my parents. Not only for disciplining me, just for being very involved with my life. I would like every parent in here to know the important role you have in your child's life. They are the gift of love God gave you.

00:53:18:16 - 00:53:43:24

Speaker 4

They are the I see the world. You haven't seen the other voice that speaks your words of wisdom when you're not around. They are the lives that live and carry on with them. Your traditions, your values and your culture. They are your children. My. My papa. I want Sagrada eschatology and looking for me. You want me? Corazon todo el amor.

00:53:43:29 - 00:54:09:27

Speaker 4

Mandato Ella Morgan Michigan dando Ella. Adios. For that missed opportunity that they said sweetheart. Yes. To stay this way I salida de la vida e por eso. Follow me Corazon. Get your me. Good night.

00:54:09:29 - 00:54:17:02

Speaker 4

Thank you Nelly. Miss Diana, Juanita romero.

00:54:17:05 - 00:54:19:25

Unknown

Diana is the daughter of George and Romero.

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Speaker 4

She is 18 years old and is a senior archbishop. Many high school Diana plans to attend Santa Fe State University in the fall and earn a bachelor's degree in psychology, later transferring to graduate school, earning a master's degree. Some of the honors accomplishments include being a member of the Freshman Wrestling team, Saint Elizabeth Youth and core team member, and has also served as a team member for the National Cheerleading Association All-American team.

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Speaker 4

Diana was recently nominated for Santa Clara University Summer program for minorities. Some of her hobbies are dancing, Mexican Folklorico dancing, which she has done with local venues for 13 years. She also enjoys tap and jazz, playing sports and working on their own computers. In her spare time, Diana make time to volunteer in the community, working with children, the homeless and elderly.

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Speaker 4

With her leadership skills and tutoring capabilities, Diana hopes to become a youth role model. She hopes to follow in the footsteps of her grandmother, who is a role model and demonstrate strength and determination to get work done like her grandmother has done. By beating the odds and becoming successful and working hard. Diana, two, wants to be a successful Latina.

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Speaker 4

Miss Diana wanted that Palmetto.

00:55:32:25 - 00:56:04:21

Speaker 1

Can any of us he want us not just queso I todas as familias, amigos. Any feathers is summa hashtag Vanessa Ramirez two is the Anna Juanito Romero estoy demonio, and I come Nadia Archbishop mitty as soon on I blood canister. This esta noche so sobre el éxito estoy did not they they say this hunter on Cinco Vargas. Thank you century best.

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Speaker 4

No somos aqui for Casali that.

00:56:07:16 - 00:56:31:08

Speaker 1

No so Amos tenido éxito and muchas cosas in nuestro survivors. I stand here before you as one of six beautiful and distinguished young women. We're not here because we were randomly selected, but because we have gone beyond our limits to achieve many accomplishments in our lives. This evening, I am very honored to talk to you about success.

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Speaker 4

I know that the values I have been taught will always do the right decisions in my life. I serve my community as a role model, and I'm proud to take a stand against any and all temptations that our youth of today must face. Such as smoking, alcohol and drug abuse, premarital sex and peer pressure. The youth of today must face these and many more temptations, and one of my goals will be to assist the Latino community in this endeavor.

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Speaker 4

I have been taught values such as respect for every individual, love for all people, and faith in my beliefs. I realize that even though I may not fit in society or with spit.

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Speaker 1

In their hearts.

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Speaker 4

I could not have done this without the love and support of my family and my friends. It is this love that keeps me strong. The lessons my faith and my family have taught me, such as honesty, abstinence, and kindness. Remind me that in a world which is plagued with so many problems, the simplest things can bring the most joy to one's life.

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Speaker 4

Remember, life is very short, so therefore we should enjoy it in every way. But also take each step carefully and wisely. I am proud to be a part of the Mexican American community, a community where the strong bonds of family and faith teach us which paths to take in life. I am aware that we are a new generation in order to succeed and be prepared for the challenges that the new millennium will bring, we must prepare ourselves to the best and fullest of our potentials.

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Speaker 4

It is obvious that times have changed in this world, and having the proper education will give us the tools that we need to succeed. Teens today, more than ever struggle with peer pressure. I feel that I am a good example because I have successfully survived many temptations, and I really believe that others can do the same as well.

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Speaker 4

As we all know how our juvenile center is overcrowded because of crimes due to peer pressure. I know that I can make a difference in our Latino community. If I can help to turn one teenager's life around, then I will have reached my goals and been successful. No, sorry. I can show you. The sooner person I get. My get I do it coming and going Camino.

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Speaker 4

But for me, the little game mentioned is more important. Santa, vamos a poner un poco de nuestra parte para cultura in Las Vegas traditions. No parties can get cabanas nuestro Puerto Rican dimension any familia Miriam Como una Champlain equal in the component that summa ment. So do they serve mexicana in nuestra comunidad poder represent that a nuestra cultura brava Escondido.

00:59:29:22 - 00:59:59:09

Speaker 4

The miss actividad is the to tiempo folklorico me passion por el canto a companion por el mariachi todo esto are you the cultura dentro de me Alli. Welcome experiencia confianza my dress and me mesma gracias por Instagram. Oportunidad de todos ustedes give. We're not giving Aaron yet presents yet no solution as they motivate us. Para poder continuar haciendo de nuestras vidas.

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Speaker 4

Lo mejor positively de Corazon. Les sale muy. When I saw that door, that's I was there is silver can we win has just equal. Yours was when the gracias.

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Speaker 7

Thank you. The Salva.

01:00:20:29 - 01:00:29:02

Speaker 4

Once again. These are 1997 Queen contestants.

01:00:29:04 - 01:00:34:17

Unknown

Sabrina. Nelly Hernandez.

01:00:34:20 - 01:00:41:12

Unknown

Miss Claire Bernardino Mendoza and.

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Speaker 4

Miss Nadia.

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Unknown

Marissa Reyes.

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Unknown

And.

01:00:51:24 - 01:00:56:26

Unknown

miss. And Adina. Nelly Ayala.

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Unknown

Miss Diana 20, Sacramento.

01:01:04:21 - 01:01:15:22

Unknown

Miss Lily,

01:01:15:24 - 01:01:29:20

Unknown

Every year, it takes a lot of hard work and determination for these young ladies. And they definitely prove that Latinas can succeed.

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Unknown

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01:01:33:09 - 01:01:51:13

Speaker 4

Thank you. Ladies. I will now turn the mic back to Fernando. What? That is the judges make their decisions.

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Speaker 3

Thank you, Monica, for a very nice job of narrating what will be a very difficult job for these judges, as it is every year. Every year. I'm personally blown away by the talent that we have in our community, by the young ladies that come to us and show why we call them our Flores Mexicanos. I wanted to take a moment now to invite last year's queen, Vanessa Ramirez, to come up and give some farewell comments, and maybe she can tell the rest of the candidates what's in store for them.

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Speaker 3

Certainly, what's in store for the winner, Vanessa Ramirez, Miss American GI forum.

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Speaker 3

For San Jose, for California and for the United States. Congratulations, Vanessa.

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Speaker 7

since we went as notches as go to the end them. Anita. What did I just. Hello. San Jose gi forum invite others. Oh, not the anus. I just thought us. I'm just without a public. I'm nervous. Has got us here. Let's see. Amigos, this is. This is where we see gas and noise. This is sediment level. The beginning, this, the this.

01:03:18:18 - 01:03:49:07

Speaker 7

That is the celebration to last often and much to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children. To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of us friends. To find beauty and others to find the best in others. To to improve one person's life, and to know that someone has been easier because you have lived this, is to have succeeded.

01:03:49:09 - 01:04:18:24

Speaker 7

These are the words of Emerson. He summarizes success what is for me a reward. We only gain through effort, sacrifice, and honesty. So when I say we are today's you, tomorrow's success, this is what I mean. Right now I youth is making the choice to educate and improve themselves. We are along the way making sacrifices and while maintaining honesty, staying true to ourselves.

01:04:18:27 - 01:04:49:05

Speaker 7

So how do we make sure that the youth does not deviate from this path, and that they do not have to endure these hardships, these unfortunate hardships? Let me tell you how to give our youth a hand. If we can count on your hands to catch us from our downfalls. If we can count on your hands to hold ours in time of fear and disappointment, if we can count on your hands to push us forward in the right direction and remind us of our goals by pointing to them.

01:04:49:08 - 01:05:11:25

Speaker 7

And if we can count on your hands to applaud when we triumph, then I guarantee you that we will succeed. As local Queen. I am so thankful for all the support I have received and been blessed. San Jose Jai form. It all started here one year ago. You're the ones who are responsible for making me what I am today.

01:05:11:25 - 01:05:31:21

Speaker 7

You gave me a lifetime experience. I would've never made it to state or national if it hadn't been for you. Megan, I don't know. I don't know where you are, but you are the first person that I met in the San Jose Jai form. And you're the last person I ever want to lose touch with. P Gonzalez, you are the second person I met that I met in the San Jose Jai form.

01:05:31:23 - 01:05:50:22

Speaker 7

You're the only. You're the one who treated me with so much carino. And call me superstar. Regardless of my skin color. And Rose Flores, you're the third person that I met, and I thank you so much for all the effort that you have put into this pageant and for taking care of me at the state competition as my chaperon.

01:05:50:24 - 01:06:22:11

Speaker 7

I'm not going to go on and tell you, you know, in what order I met everybody else. But I want to make sure that, you know, and those from the form, you know, who influenced my life so much this past year and made my reign so meaningful, and most importantly, now, most important part, parents, I don't know. I can't see you out there, but I was hoping if you could please stand Mom and Dad.

01:06:22:13 - 01:06:46:13

Speaker 7

Oh. Hey, mom, here you are. Mom and dad. You are the number one reason that I am here tonight. And I want you to know something. Don't ever let anything bring you down. Because nothing can bring you down. Because you have something that no one can take away from you. And that is the greatest strong, honest, unconditional love that a daughter can have for her parents.

01:06:46:15 - 01:07:03:13

Speaker 7

That is the perpetual love that I have for you. My my papa. The cornerstone. Gracias. Stood his son. He simply said, I don't give you the my.

01:07:03:16 - 01:07:04:15

Unknown

Don't for my skin.

01:07:04:15 - 01:07:17:27

Speaker 7

Parents, I need no, I need I please stand, you know. And you know we have shared so much together. Yeah, you.

01:07:17:29 - 01:07:41:25

Speaker 7

The celebrations, the parties, everything that the aftermath. After all these competitions. Loss conceals everything I will always carry with me. You have given me. You have. You signify the true essence of what a familia is. And I love you. And thank you for everything you've done for me. This past year. Thank you. I love you.

01:07:41:27 - 01:07:43:13

Unknown

And I also.

01:07:43:13 - 01:07:58:10

Speaker 7

Have some friends who came from Cal Poly all the way up here to support me, and I thank you so much. It's this means so much to me that you made the effort to come here and help me out. So thank you.

01:07:58:13 - 01:08:10:25

Speaker 7

To me, the same, but, but I the is to those who stand is going like it. Like they meant to them.

01:08:10:28 - 01:08:34:07

Speaker 7

Me just you guys okay? Sabrina. Claire. Nadia. Nelly. Diana and the congratulations. Because tonight you have exemplified the intelligence of our generation. You have shown everybody here tonight what we're made of. And I congratulate you. And I have so much faith in our faith in each one of you, that you will continue to be role models within our community.

01:08:34:10 - 01:08:54:04

Speaker 7

You have done so well, and I only wish you the best. I know nothing can tear you down because you're you're going, you're going places and I'm so proud. And this is why I know tomorrow for pork is saying, tell us that in.

01:08:54:06 - 01:08:56:28

Unknown

Before. Hey, before I, say, may I.

01:08:56:28 - 01:09:17:13

Speaker 7

Have two more things I just want to share with you a story of of my career. You'll see in the in the programs, it's a different crown. It's the TV antenna crown. And what happened was I just. We just got a new national crown. And when I was in Mexico, because I've been trying to get a new crown because it was kind of old.

01:09:17:13 - 01:09:37:24

Speaker 7

I was getting too much reception. So I said, we need a new crown. So I was in Mexico for the celebration this quarter on the Santa Asuna, and I was talking to someone I had my Corona on. He had a six pack I've got on his on to and we were just conversing and talking. And finally I thought it was my time to go on and mingle with everybody else.

01:09:37:24 - 01:10:00:06

Speaker 7

So I said goodbye and his point enumerated. So not the crown off my head. And before that, in this world, let it be okay. Look, it is still there, intact. Perfect. Just a little bit. Say so. Died. So this past week I went to the media conference in Texas and it accidentally broke. So we finally have a new crown.

01:10:00:06 - 01:10:26:01

Speaker 7

So hopefully we can keep it here, hopefully in San Hussein in California next year. So good luck to all of you. And with that, I'd like to present, Aisha to ask if David Rodriguez could please come forward. Delta sincere thought better. Thank you.

01:10:26:04 - 01:10:34:06

Speaker 7

Well, can I got that, please? Come up to.

01:10:34:09 - 01:10:39:13

Unknown

The, Okay. This man, I have to.

01:10:39:13 - 01:10:56:04

Speaker 7

Thank you on behalf of the guy for him, because he has put so much effort to the new building. Like Monica said, we will be in new building next year. So I wanted to make sure that you get this proper things, because all that I know that in in the process comes a lot of just, you know, arguments and a lot.

01:10:56:04 - 01:11:11:05

Speaker 7

But he's stuck with it and we're gonna have a really awesome place next year. So I'd like to thank him. And I know she's hearing we're talking again. I barely got time to get away from the beer. Come over here. This is.

01:11:11:08 - 01:11:16:22

Unknown

Okay. He's having his own good on us. So I have a present for you, and I'll just give it to you later. I also have gifts.

01:11:16:22 - 01:11:35:14

Speaker 7

For other people who. Who help me out through this rain, and I'll have them on the table. So, That's it. And before I say farewell, I want to congratulate again the girls. And I hope you appreciate the beauty that they have within. That is what makes them so beautiful, is because they're intelligent and because they have motivation.

01:11:35:14 - 01:11:59:28

Speaker 7

And the only way we're going to go somewhere is if we see that you can motivate us and support us. Thank you. And we went as not just a todos siempre. You can see our celebration is.

01:12:00:00 - 01:12:37:05

Speaker 3

An openness. for me, this. Is just going. She. I had to, finals yesterday so you can see how prepared this young woman is and how polished she has become in just a few short months. So. And thanks again to the Cal Poly students who joined you. Vanessa, that's, to show us, support me. This is, as tradition has it invited to give her last walk down the proscenium here, before she takes her seat.

01:12:37:07 - 01:12:53:01

Speaker 3

So, Vanessa, I think we can give you a little round of applause as you gave your last walk as queen for the American GI forum.

01:12:53:04 - 01:13:18:10

Unknown

And we initial Moravian children.

01:13:18:12 - 01:13:23:25

Unknown

01:13:23:28 - 01:13:52:17

Speaker 3

Ladies of this caliber. I know that we can, justifiably take pride in our future because it's in good hands with them. Thank you. Vanessa. now, the tough job is to the judges that have been listening to each of these young ladies. it's up to you now to decide who's going to be the queen. The first runner up.

01:13:52:19 - 01:14:17:19

Speaker 3

Second. And, we will be presenting a miss Congeniality trophy. The second runner up presentation, the first runner up, and then the crowning of the new 1997 queen. So in the meantime, while you judges are working, we're going to have some entertainment. First of all, thank you to Pamela Page. Or as she says, Pamela Aquino for her accompaniment.

01:14:17:20 - 01:14:43:18

Speaker 3

It was a very classy touch to what we did tonight, and it added a nice dimension to the presentations. Also, we have with us a young man by the name of the center, Monroy. The Monroy, may not be well known to you, perhaps just yet. He's only 17, but I think that you'll be able to tell through his singing talent.

01:14:43:20 - 01:15:06:16

Speaker 3

That's pretty astounding. He was born here in California, but he's bilingual, totally in English and Spanish. He has won the Festival de la Commission in Latin America and in San Francisco. But more important to us down home, he's he's won twice at tacos al carbon restaurants contest. He's also participated in some of that Mariachi Royal ticketing and the fiestas practice in San Jose.

01:15:06:16 - 01:15:30:21

Speaker 3

And I think many of you have already heard him sing at various occasions. He's got a recorded, demo tape, which you'll be happy to share with you to accompany. We sent them envoy, who is dedicating this song to all of our contestants tonight behind me is the well known Mariachi Stick, directed by Francisco Diaz, very fondly known as El Patron.

01:15:30:24 - 01:15:56:07

Speaker 3

And I invite the mariachi to strike up, and they send them when they come to the stands forward. Please watch when applause. Mariachi, I think, goes into just the references from Diaz and Butter. Just majestic. there's one that companero, and he sent them three.

01:15:56:09 - 01:16:18:01

Speaker 3

Bonus umbrellas. Jimenez, this is Garcia.

01:16:18:03 - 01:16:39:00

Speaker 3

Come on over there. See also Como, lady? No. Who? Balls. Oh. And is also some woman in the. In his.

01:16:39:00 - 01:16:43:08

Speaker 4

Business? No no no no.

01:16:43:10 - 01:16:51:11

Speaker 3

Who? The heroes. Person who brought.

01:16:51:13 - 01:16:54:05

Speaker 3

That is my Lucille.

01:16:54:08 - 01:17:04:07

Speaker 7

Your name? Your mama. Pretty that I did know. Rocha de Lima.

01:17:04:10 - 01:17:07:10

Speaker 3

You think I'm going.

01:17:07:10 - 01:17:23:08

Unknown

To do you do. Do me all. You're mentoring you for me to play? All of you. Maybe God put us.

01:17:23:11 - 01:17:25:21

Speaker 7

On for everybody.

01:17:25:27 - 01:17:29:12

Speaker 3

I care. Don't get concerned.

01:17:29:19 - 01:17:35:07

Speaker 7

He's all for us, for love, for me. Oh, man.

01:17:35:07 - 01:17:44:17

Speaker 3

This nobody put you under so much.

01:17:44:19 - 01:17:53:26

Speaker 3

Human spirit. Ernie.

01:17:53:29 - 01:18:05:03

Unknown

You're going to leave me on me all the ladies like you more for me.

01:18:05:06 - 01:18:18:09

Speaker 3

All of you. And I believe all border 42nd, 42 to 4170.

01:18:18:14 - 01:18:33:10

Unknown

One for those we love, amigos. And then. Mr.. And then he and both of us.

01:18:33:13 - 01:18:38:09

Speaker 3

Gracias. Gracias.

01:18:38:11 - 01:19:03:25

Speaker 3

Cynthia monroy Plaza for the Monterey is tomorrow. We're going to learn and hear more about this young man. We guarantee you that. I mean, I just think how much I just yes, I know she's after him. Have. Well, I understand that we have the results, so I'd like to invite the presenters to please come up so that you'll be ready to, perform your duties.

01:19:03:27 - 01:19:22:18

Speaker 3

I'll ask, Ruben Diaz, assistant sheriff, to please come up along with, Pete McHugh, the new supervisor for district three. County board of supervisors. chief of police. Luke. Yes. Please come forward.

01:19:22:20 - 01:19:30:28

Speaker 3

I'll be giving you a little bit of a brief information about each.

01:19:31:00 - 01:19:56:23

Speaker 3

Rosa's just asked if I could ask the, first Beach and Terminal Operations Company of the United States Marine Corps to, present themselves on stage. behind each of your escorts, please. They're headed up by Master Sergeant Sergio will let us graduate of Lincoln High School, 1979. Who? They are not cadets. They are full fledged Marines.

01:19:56:25 - 01:20:03:22

Speaker 3

I apologize.

01:20:03:25 - 01:20:20:22

Speaker 3

While they're doing this, let's give the American GI forum another round of applause. You know, they generate 50 to \$60,000 a year in scholarships. And, the winners here will also be receiving scholarships as well.

01:20:20:24 - 01:20:47:23

Speaker 3

Robin Diaz, come up. He's the assistant sheriff of Santa Clara County. He says his hobbies are golf. So come on up. you're going to be opening the envelope for Miss Congeniality. then he's president of East Side. He serves as a youth foundation chairman of the South Bay Law Enforcement Consortium and chairs the North Side Community Center and is on the board for Hope rehabilitation, the Salvation Army, and lasting and 20 programs.

01:20:47:23 - 01:21:20:00

Speaker 3

He's really an involved, dedicated man in our community. Sheriff. Next, I guess, who knows? County sheriff, deputy, assistant sheriff Ruben Diaz, you and open up the envelope for Miss Congeniality. Will you be presenting that trophy?

01:21:20:02 - 01:21:28:03

Speaker 3

Congratulations to Claire Mendoza. Miss Congeniality and.

01:21:28:06 - 01:21:42:20

Speaker 3

01:21:42:23 - 01:22:18:03

Speaker 3

Congratulations. And next, to present, the second runner up is the former mayor of Milpitas, who's been with us through thick and thin. Our favorite Irishman, Pete McHugh, who's now supervisor of district three for Santa Clara County. Congratulations, Pete. He's politics. Are his hobby is pigs. I better be, more than a hobby here, Pete. So why don't you read the envelope for second runner up?

01:22:18:05 - 01:22:22:07

Speaker 3

First.

01:22:22:09 - 01:22:25:19

Speaker 3

And.

01:22:25:22 - 01:22:29:12

Speaker 3

Not in the state. Claire Mendoza gets second runner up as well.

01:22:29:14 - 01:23:09:05

Unknown

So she gets control.

01:23:09:07 - 01:23:10:02

Speaker 3

Congratulations.

01:23:10:02 - 01:23:17:27

Unknown

Defendant goes second runner up and Miss Congeniality when he goes with each of the crazy.

01:23:18:03 - 01:23:42:21

Speaker 3

Presidents in our next, we'll be presenting to the first runner up is our chief of police. New Peruvians, all these guys. And, fun for us. But I hope we're not being too security right. The chief is, This will be, something well received by the guy for him. He was, for 101st Airborne Division in the Army.

01:23:42:23 - 01:23:54:10

Speaker 3

And the great Cal Berkeley, got a bachelor's degree from Tennessee State. He, of course, has been, very active in our community and promoted the first Asian.

01:23:54:11 - 01:23:55:00

Speaker 4

American in the.

01:23:55:00 - 01:24:26:06

Speaker 3

History of the department to assistant chief, first African-American, his deputy chief, the first woman to position captain. There's a lot of firsts here. No, maybe the first, mayor of the city of San Jose under the American flag. Who knows? Congratulations. thank you for all the fine work and I want you to be the first runner up.

01:24:26:08 - 01:24:30:08

Speaker 3

The first runner up is somebody. Not yet. Not this.

01:24:30:10 - 01:24:45:16

Unknown

Congratulations to somebody. And when this first runner up.

01:24:45:19 - 01:24:58:27

Unknown

And they.

01:24:58:29 - 01:25:14:22

Unknown

Graduations. Do you remember this?

01:25:14:25 - 01:25:16:20

Unknown

Being given the honor of,

01:25:16:22 - 01:25:28:02

Speaker 3

Announcing to you who the new 1997 Green American GI forum, Pamela Romano.

01:25:28:05 - 01:25:53:12

Unknown

Translations that I am a medal 2097 American GI for green. Medicine and.

01:25:53:14 - 01:26:03:17

Speaker 3

Anthony Berman, years ago. But this.

01:26:03:19 - 01:26:11:13

Speaker 3

Every one of them deserves to be green. Unfortunately, we only have one.

01:26:11:15 - 01:26:21:09

Speaker 3

Green. Thank you to all the judges for the time's up. Select these young ladies.

01:26:21:11 - 01:26:34:20

Speaker 3

Who ran over five.

01:26:34:22 - 01:27:25:24

Speaker 3

Giving me a trophy. We had to return. I actually, Sergeant Richard Martinez. He's the first vice commander of the state of California. American GI form. Taking the place of Leland Castro, who was with me, with us, with the state chairman of the California GI forum, but unfortunately is undergoing surgery and is in the hospital. So, Victor Martinez, Secretary Martinez.

01:27:25:26 - 01:27:31:26

Speaker 3

01:27:31:28 - 01:27:44:04

Speaker 3

Because they. And, Juanita Romano, 1997 Miss San Diego Forum, receiving a trophy from Sergeant Richard Martinez.

01:27:44:06 - 01:27:53:19

Speaker 3

The oldest active duty sergeant of the Army.

01:27:53:22 - 01:28:13:00

Speaker 3

Recently returned.

01:28:13:03 - 01:28:16:12

Speaker 3

To.

01:28:16:14 - 01:28:29:03

Speaker 3

You can no longer repair flowers. Diana.

01:28:29:05 - 01:28:37:03

Speaker 3

Lam is the daughter of George Romero. we heard all the senior.

01:28:37:05 - 01:28:42:08

Unknown

Many high school.

01:28:42:11 - 01:28:54:27

Speaker 3

Even you had to give her the new flowers. Now, David.

01:28:54:29 - 01:29:05:14

Speaker 3

Diana, you can take your victory walk with you. You found your flowers. And plans to attend some university.

01:29:05:17 - 01:29:21:01

Unknown

A psychology program, and transform into a master member of the wrestling team and youth and board member. And serve as a member of the National Cheerleading Association All-American team.

01:29:21:04 - 01:29:44:02

Speaker 3

You to thank our University Center law program for minorities. He does that for many. More than that, for the remainder of the 13 years we have kids in the jazz, dancing, play sports. We work in the youth, and in his spare time, he makes time volunteering the community to work with children, the homeless and the elderly. She does some tutoring.

01:29:44:02 - 01:30:02:21

Speaker 3

You become a youth. Go by. Well, she already is well underway for us in person for the grandmother was her role model. Demonstrate strength and determination to get the work done by her grandmother. And then we do the honors becoming successful, working hard and wants to become. And she already is a successful Latina.

01:30:02:24 - 01:30:08:22

Unknown

I am the one. And Romero. May 17th zero four, 1997.

01:30:08:25 - 01:30:18:19

Speaker 3

Congratulations.

01:30:18:22 - 01:30:22:22

Speaker 3

And.

01:30:22:25 - 01:30:35:22

Speaker 3

Continue to. Do you want to say your words? Do you have any?

01:30:35:25 - 01:30:41:15

Speaker 1

I'm very honored this evening to be chosen as the 1997 Jennifer Queen.

01:30:41:17 - 01:30:44:19

Speaker 7

I'd like to thank, my parents, my family.

01:30:44:19 - 01:30:46:23

Speaker 1

My friends who came to support me.

01:30:46:26 - 01:30:52:08

Speaker 7

All the girls who participated in this pageant. I'd like to thank Rose and Grace.

01:30:52:10 - 01:30:58:12

Unknown

And Monica for all the time that they have offered for us is valuable, and we all.

01:30:58:15 - 01:31:03:09

Speaker 7

Thank you for this wonderful opportunity. I want to thank everybody who came to support all of us.

01:31:03:09 - 01:31:08:21

Speaker 1

Thank you.

01:31:08:24 - 01:31:10:07

Unknown

Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you.

01:31:10:07 - 01:31:23:15

Speaker 3

Includes our thank you for Laurie Dancers and the music of Mike courage and his band. So thank you very much. And I'll see you next year. Don't forget to go to the mariachi festival in July. And we'll get to the scene with Mario the 2nd of September.

01:31:23:17 - 01:31:34:07

Unknown

Here we have the last night.

01:31:34:10 - 01:32:06:18

Unknown

La la la.

01:32:06:21 - 01:32:15:07

Unknown

And you know, I.

01:32:15:09 - 01:32:42:28

Unknown

Love.

01:32:43:01 - 01:32:49:00

Unknown

The.

01:32:49:02 - 01:32:49:20

Speaker 3

Warmth. Here in the.

01:32:49:20 - 01:33:13:06

Unknown

Studio. With.

01:33:13:08 - 01:33:27:13

Unknown

The people and.

01:33:27:16 - 01:33:29:22

Unknown

In the last.

01:33:29:22 - 01:33:41:08

Speaker 5

Representantes, bring us to Los Estados and Nebraska. Then de la casa.

01:33:41:10 - 01:33:45:27

Unknown

Miss Nebraska.

01:33:46:00 - 01:33:55:23

Unknown

And it's probably California. Diana. Romero.

01:33:55:25 - 01:34:05:10

Unknown

In the center of Kansas. And you shall be the cast out.

01:34:05:12 - 01:34:15:18

Unknown

And it's not only Oklahoma. Beauty salon de la casa. How you get on.

01:34:15:21 - 01:34:24:19

Unknown

Well, let's follow the mission on how far they got.

01:34:24:21 - 01:34:35:02

Unknown

You got to follow me down, and then stop there. Yeah.

01:34:35:04 - 01:35:10:13

Unknown

And there they are. Then the family of J. Across this nation join hands in welcoming you out of this joyous. Death. Not only by this bar represented, but also the life and.

01:35:10:15 - 01:35:30:11

Unknown

In that community. They went on this trip in that moment that they are all winners. And aren't they beautiful?

01:35:30:13 - 01:35:34:13

Unknown

Footsteps.

01:35:34:15 - 01:35:40:09

Unknown

Hey, judge.

01:35:40:11 - 01:35:56:29

Unknown

Okay, the judges are awesome.

01:35:57:01 - 01:35:59:23

Unknown

I just check.

01:35:59:25 - 01:36:11:28

Speaker 5

With our judges poised, our beautiful girls, our J.C. Penney representative, and you, the audience. We begin the poise and personality portion.

01:36:12:05 - 01:36:38:07

Unknown

Of the program. As each contestant is asked to walk on the runway being judged on beauty, poise, and personality. So, music, if you please. And let us begin with contestant number one, Miss Nebraska Lynn Kendall, South.

01:36:38:09 - 01:36:45:08

Unknown

Linn is 20 years old, stands five feet six inches tall. She is at.

01:36:45:08 - 01:36:46:12

Speaker 5

Present time a.

01:36:46:12 - 01:36:57:25

Unknown

Junior at Nebraska Wesleyan University. She is on the Dean's list with a 3.75 GPA average.

01:36:57:27 - 01:37:04:13

Speaker 5

She is a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, and is a recipient of the President's.

01:37:04:13 - 01:37:22:29

Unknown

Scholarship for her college, and is a member of the Collegiate Business Association. Lynn's ambition is to attend graduate school at the University of Nebraska.

01:37:23:02 - 01:37:23:26

Speaker 5

And she wants.

01:37:23:26 - 01:38:13:06

Unknown

To major in business psychology. How about that? Mr. Real? Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome our first contestant, Lynn Pedroza. Miss Nebraska.

01:38:13:09 - 01:38:28:27

Unknown

Contestant number one, Miss Nebraska, Lynn Daniels.

01:38:29:00 - 01:38:43:26

Unknown

Our second contestant. We call on Miss California. Diana Juanita Romero.

01:38:43:28 - 01:39:00:03

Unknown

Diana is 18 years old. She stands five feet, six inches tall. She is a graduate of Archbishop mitty High School in Southern California.

01:39:00:06 - 01:40:12:06

Unknown

Some of her extracurricular activities include a passion for dancing. She has performed Mexican folk dances all over the Bay Area in California. Diana is also the recipient of many awards dealing with superior leadership. She plans to continue her education at San Jose State University and gifted to continue on to Stanford. She wants to major in psychology. Miss California Diana Juanita Romero.

01:40:12:08 - 01:40:24:20

Speaker 5

And there she is, miss California. Diana Juanita Romero. Is.

01:40:24:22 - 01:40:37:24

Speaker 5

Our third contestant is Miss Kansas, Alisha Cabrera.

01:40:37:26 - 01:40:44:17

Unknown

Alisha is 18 years old. She stands five feet, eight inches tall.

01:40:44:19 - 01:41:05:01

Speaker 5

She is a graduate of Hayden High School in Topeka, Kansas. Among her awards, they are the John L Navarro Memorial Scholarship, the Amanda Gardner Scholarship, the Avila Theater Scholarship, the Honor Roll, and she is also listed.

01:41:05:01 - 01:41:20:04

Unknown

In Who's Who among high school students. She received the President's Award for Community Service. Alicia plans to receive a degree in nursing and theater.

01:41:20:06 - 01:41:22:24

Unknown

Miss Alicia Cabrera.

01:41:22:26 - 01:41:24:11

Speaker 5

Candidate number three.

01:41:24:19 - 01:41:41:22

Unknown

From the State of Kansas.

01:41:41:25 - 01:41:51:29

Unknown

Alicia Cabrera.

01:41:52:01 - 01:42:06:05

Unknown

Our fifth contestant is Miss Michigan. Consuelo. Got ECA.

01:42:06:07 - 01:42:10:26

Unknown

Consuelo is 19 years old. Stands five feet.

01:42:10:29 - 01:42:43:22

Speaker 5

Two inches tall. Michigan's brown eyed beauty currently attends the University of Michigan, majoring in physical therapy. She was the 1998 excuse me, 96 Montrose City Blueberry Queen. She's president of Students Against Drugs and Alcohol, a member of the National Honor Society, member of the Students Against a Vanishing Earth.

01:42:43:25 - 01:42:51:12

Unknown

She plans to graduate with a master's in physical therapy and practice in an outpatient setting.

01:42:51:14 - 01:42:55:07

Speaker 5

Or home care center.

01:42:55:09 - 01:42:59:20

Unknown

Court. Welcome our fifth contestant, Miss Michigan.

01:42:59:22 - 01:43:17:23

Speaker 5

Consuelo, to.

01:43:17:25 - 01:43:29:24

Speaker 5

Consuelo. Miss Michigan.

01:43:29:27 - 01:43:30:19

Unknown

And now from.

01:43:30:19 - 01:43:31:18

Speaker 5

The great state.

01:43:31:18 - 01:43:38:09

Unknown

Of Texas. Please welcome our sixth contestant, Candice Elaine.

01:43:38:11 - 01:43:46:07

Speaker 5

Year.

01:43:46:10 - 01:44:14:06

Speaker 5

This 17 year old beauty is a senior in high school and earned honors in Spanish government, chemistry, physics, and pre-calculus. She is a certified life guard at Six Flags. She plays the keyboard saxophone. Move over Clinton, the French horn, and she.

01:44:14:06 - 01:44:30:08

Unknown

Sings. Candace plans to go straight out of high school to Saint Mary's University in San Antonio, where she will enroll in medical school to become a plastic surgeon.

01:44:30:10 - 01:44:35:04

Speaker 5

So there you are, ladies. This green eyed beauty from Texas.

01:44:35:06 - 01:44:59:20

Unknown

Is in Kansas. Elaine, you too.

01:44:59:22 - 01:45:20:06

Unknown

Beautiful girl.

01:45:20:08 - 01:46:01:09

Unknown

Oh, my. Oh, my my my miss Texas. Candice. Elaine. Yes. Oh, my. I'm so.

01:46:01:12 - 01:46:08:07

Unknown

Beautiful.

01:46:08:09 - 01:46:10:14

Speaker 5

And of course, not to be forgotten.

01:46:10:18 - 01:46:21:12

Unknown

Is our fourth contestant, Miss Oklahoma. Lori Stella Calderone.

01:46:21:14 - 01:46:26:11

Speaker 5

Lori Stella stands five feet tall, and this brown.

01:46:26:11 - 01:46:50:18

Unknown

Eyed beauty is a high school graduate. And has completed two years at Metro Tech in computer science. She presently attends Rose State College, majoring in business, and is actively involved in the American GI Forum Youth Lori Stella.

01:46:50:25 - 01:46:51:26

Speaker 5

Is a scholarship.

01:46:51:26 - 01:47:01:08

Unknown

Recipient. She plans a degree in business so that she can have a stable career, and thereafter.

01:47:01:10 - 01:47:03:13

Speaker 5

Work for her community.

01:47:03:16 - 01:47:07:09

Unknown

So she can make a difference in the world.

01:47:07:12 - 01:47:11:19

Speaker 5

Please welcome contestant number four.

01:47:11:21 - 01:47:36:26

Unknown

Miss Oklahoma Lori Stella Calderone.

01:47:36:28 - 01:47:37:09

Unknown

Lori.

01:47:37:09 - 01:47:38:27

Speaker 5

Stella Calderon, miss.

01:47:38:27 - 01:47:45:07

Unknown

Oklahoma.

01:47:45:10 - 01:47:45:25

Unknown

And that.

01:47:45:25 - 01:47:56:16

Speaker 5

Ladies and gentlemen, concludes the boys personality portion of the pageant. And weren't they beautiful? Yes.

01:47:56:18 - 01:48:20:15

Speaker 5

On Friday, these young ladies, while you were in session, we were having them go through oral interviews. And, of course, our same distinguished panel of judges fielded questions to them. And that was very exciting for they participated in preliminary judging where the judges ask them questions that they themselves.

01:48:20:17 - 01:48:40:24

Unknown

Felt they wanted to get some information from the girls. The scores of this preliminary schedule will be entered as part of the grand score totals. And of course, with all that behind them, now we proceed to a very important portion of this evening.

01:48:40:27 - 01:48:43:19

Speaker 5

Which is their speeches.

01:48:43:21 - 01:48:51:08

Unknown

You will be dazzled by the articulate speakers. Each week has selected a topic of choice.

01:48:51:11 - 01:48:52:27

Speaker 5

So now we start.

01:48:52:29 - 01:48:59:03

Unknown

With the speaking portion of the contest. And I'm wondering.

01:48:59:03 - 01:49:20:24

Speaker 5

If we can get a little bit of air in here. All right. And we will start with a topic. My heritage is special. Speaking on that is Miss Nebraska Lynn resides.

01:49:20:26 - 01:49:25:06

Speaker 1

She's from.

01:49:25:08 - 01:49:26:21

Speaker 1

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen.

01:49:26:24 - 01:49:33:12

Unknown

Distinguished guests, her Majesty, Miss Vanessa Ramirez. Just fall. I'll be a junior at.

01:49:33:12 - 01:50:04:28

Speaker 8

Nebraska Wesleyan University. At Nebraska Wesleyan, I'm involved in many extracurricular activities to complement my liberal arts education. Some of these activities include the collegiate Business Association, the G.I. forum, and membership and a sororities. All of these activities have helped me to form my leadership skills, expand my education, and discover my self-identity. As a member of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, I've participated in many activities and events.

01:50:05:01 - 01:50:32:13

Speaker 8

One event that took place in April was our international reunion Day. At this reunion, one of the speakers addressed everyone present as white females. It irritated me that the speaker just assumed

that everyone present was a white descent. While some people might look at this and say, well, it's a good thing when people don't notice that you're from a race different than their own, because then they won't be prejudiced towards you.

01:50:32:15 - 01:50:56:03

Speaker 8

But I disagree with this because I am proud of my heritage, and I am not willing to shadow it in order to avoid ignorance. And I don't think that anyone else should need to either. Heritage is a special gift that people should be proud of. It is not something that they should be ashamed of and struggle with day in and day out to repress and negate me.

01:50:56:04 - 01:51:22:01

Speaker 8

Cultura mexicana is algo that can store a movie or go your you're not seen as Estados Unidos quiero mucho. But don't be mad at me, Padre. A student in Mexico, I presume mucho is badass, but I been senora la cultural Mexico Eucharistic surrounding. Bless you. Espanol. You decide on my brothers Karen Espanol and insignia. La la lingua seahorse.

01:51:22:03 - 01:51:44:08

Speaker 8

I know people that have come to United States not knowing a single word in English, but as they begin to learn and speak, it, they go through a transformation. They begin to pretend that they've forgotten how to speak Spanish, and they start speaking it all together, find again their native language. These people are negating their culture and who they are.

01:51:44:10 - 01:52:14:11

Speaker 8

I find it very stunning that society has forced minorities into being ashamed of their background and of their heritage. Because tonight, mexicana significa mucho para me significa lony Viva la familia can't take a stand. And me viva, you can stand represent us. But I swear you that you swap for your significa tradition that I me that's going to maneuver for solid tamales significa traditional music I Como cumbia.

01:52:14:12 - 01:52:16:11

Speaker 8

Yes rancheras.

01:52:16:13 - 01:52:21:25

Speaker 1

But most importantly, my Mexican heritage for me is in our pride.

01:52:21:28 - 01:52:28:09

Speaker 8

It's who I am and how I want people to know me. I've always fit in well in the American society.

01:52:28:12 - 01:52:29:04

Speaker 1

And I get along well.

01:52:29:04 - 01:53:01:26

Speaker 8

With people from different backgrounds. I plan to succeed in life and contribute towards something meaningful, and not in spite of being a minority or in spite of being a Mexican, but because of it, because of my pride in being who I am and the heritage, the culture, the traditions that form a part of me. Muchas gracias. When I was not just.

01:53:01:28 - 01:53:14:03

Unknown

Lyndon. Panther. Rosa, number one, Miss Nebraska.

01:53:14:06 - 01:53:35:05

Speaker 5

Our second contestant is going to speak on establishing your success in life. Please welcome Miss California, Diana Juanita Romero.

01:53:35:08 - 01:54:06:18

Speaker 1

Bienvenidos. You and us. Not just where says I. Todas las familias amigos. Invite us. SMI star Vanessa Ramirez Menominee is the unknown Ethan Olmedo es un grano no esta noche sobre el éxito. Estoy delante du status Hunter con cinco Vegas. Yes. Thank you. The señoritas. No esta aqui por casually, that person throws Amos tenido éxito in muchas cosas in nuestras vidas.

01:54:06:20 - 01:54:30:02

Speaker 1

I stand here before you as one of six beautiful and distinguished young women. We're not here because we are randomly selected, but we have gone beyond our limits to achieve many accomplishments in our lives this evening. It is a great honor for me to talk to you about success. When I tell you that I'm going to talk about success, I'm not talking about having a big house or a fancy car, but rather I'm talking about being rich.

01:54:30:05 - 01:54:51:07

Speaker 1

Not the riches of money, but the riches of love. The key to this success is being true to yourself. You must establish your beliefs and your principles and live by them. You shouldn't try to fool others into believing you're someone you're not. Instead, let them see the real you and appreciate you for your own special gifts and talents.

01:54:51:10 - 01:55:11:24

Speaker 1

Be true to yourself and don't compromise yourself for anyone. You see, we're all music boxes carrying our own special melodies inside. Sometimes it's not easy and you must listen with your heart for what lies hidden in each of us. But once you have found your belief in yourself and learn to love yourself, then others too will begin to see the beauty within you.

01:55:11:26 - 01:55:34:20

Speaker 1

Others will begin to love and appreciate you for who you are, and in return you will love them with no reservations. This will bring you happiness and in key, this happiness will bring you the greatest success

of all. Let. And once you achieve this success, you will also gain a power in. This power will take you anywhere because you believe in yourself and in your dreams.

01:55:34:22 - 01:55:56:12

Speaker 1

There will be no limitations to hold you back and the world will be at your fingertips. Now, as I stated earlier, I stand here before you as one of six beautiful and distinguished young women. We all have our exterior beauty, but the most radiant beauty in each of us is our interior beauty. We're true to ourselves and many people love us for who we really are.

01:55:56:14 - 01:56:05:23

Speaker 1

We have, truly found success. I would like to thank you for your time and attention. Muchas gracias. You went as much as.

01:56:05:26 - 01:56:15:04

Speaker 5

Miss California, our second contestant, Diana Juanita Romero. Wow. Bar high school years nor.

01:56:15:04 - 01:56:23:20

Speaker 8

College education is a lifelong process. Education creates the.

01:56:23:20 - 01:56:24:22

Speaker 5

Opportunity.

01:56:24:27 - 01:56:30:22

Speaker 1

To be self-sufficient, and the self-satisfaction of knowing that you.

01:56:30:25 - 01:56:32:25

Speaker 8

Have achieved something.

01:56:32:28 - 01:56:42:00

Speaker 5

That cannot be bought. Education is growth emotionally as well as spiritually.

01:56:42:03 - 01:56:48:23

Speaker 8

Education is to work, to help, to guide our selves.

01:56:48:25 - 01:56:50:13

Speaker 1

Our families.

01:56:50:15 - 01:56:55:24

Speaker 8

As well as others. Education gives us the tools.

01:56:55:26 - 01:56:57:05

Speaker 1

To create change.

01:56:57:12 - 01:57:02:15

Speaker 8

For a better and a safer society and a world we live in.

01:57:02:18 - 01:57:05:04

Speaker 1

And we'll hand down.

01:57:05:07 - 01:57:08:11

Speaker 8

It gives us the background to stand up.

01:57:08:11 - 01:57:12:22

Speaker 5

For our rights, as well as for those who cannot.

01:57:12:24 - 01:57:24:26

Speaker 8

Or maybe fear to do so. Getting to the finish line is the hard part. However, the rewards are never ending.

01:57:24:28 - 01:57:27:26

Speaker 5

The opportunities the education has.

01:57:27:26 - 01:57:29:04

Speaker 1

Given me.

01:57:29:06 - 01:57:57:10

Speaker 8

I feel, has made me a better person. My goals in life is to strive for and a positive and conservative manner, so that I may give something back to those who have stood by me, believed in me, and

encouraged me to reach for my dreams. I plan to use what I have learned through education to make a difference.

01:57:57:12 - 01:58:00:17

Speaker 1

It only takes one one.

01:58:00:17 - 01:58:11:03

Speaker 8

Person to make a difference. And I, Alysia Cabrera, will be one of those who will make a difference. Gracie. Yes.

01:58:11:06 - 01:58:47:25

Speaker 5

Miss Kansas, our third contestant, Alicia Cabrera. Oh, judges, you have a tough night ahead. All right. And we continue on with our fourth contestant speaking on Hispanics in Oklahoma. Please welcome Miss Oklahoma florist Sela Calderon.

01:58:47:27 - 01:59:13:13

Speaker 8

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, and our American Jennifer family. My name is Flores de la Calderon and I am from Oklahoma. Oklahoma. What do you think of when you hear Indians? Right. Maybe cowboys, but Oklahoma is a new land included. Many Hispanics, Hispanics who were there long before Oklahoma ever thought of becoming a state. For many years, many people overlook the incredible rose has been exploited in Oklahoma.

01:59:13:15 - 01:59:26:20

Speaker 8

Even the very presence not realizing their contributions to the state's cultural heritage and economic development. There are many. There are many Hispanics.

01:59:26:22 - 01:59:38:03

Speaker 8

We have many.

01:59:38:06 - 01:59:44:24

Speaker 8

Interesting.

01:59:44:26 - 02:00:12:21

Speaker 8

The pride in our heritage enables us to progress and achieve. There are many, many stories of heroism, bravery and honor that make a Hispanic from Oklahoma feel very proud. The Mexican vaquero driving cattle from South Texas through Oklahoma to the Kansas Railroad. Coal mining one of the most dangerous of occupations yet to thousands of Hispanics to Oklahoma. One incident of bravery and honor occurred on February 22nd, 1912.

02:00:12:23 - 02:00:40:10

Speaker 8

A fire broke out about 100ft below the shaft in Lehigh Number five mine. 22 year old Rufino Rodriguez, a Mexican coal miner working there, enabled 150 workers to escape. Rather than run for his life, Rodriguez fought through the smoke and sounded the alarm throughout the mine. The depression followed when he returned to Mexico, but those who remain sometimes had to pretend to be Indians in order to get jobs with the WPA.

02:00:40:12 - 02:01:09:24

Speaker 8

Others sold tamales, tended gardens, collected and sold bottles, and did whatever they had to do to survive the sacrifices continue, but the pride in our heritage enables us to progress and achieve. We have many Hispanics in Oklahoma. The population is now 87,000, and in just ten years it increased by 17,000. In 1990, half of the Hispanic population had a high school education.

02:01:09:24 - 02:01:34:04

Speaker 8

So we are making progress. We have many successful Hispanics in Oklahoma, such as Mr. John Lopez of Lopez Foods, Mr. David Lopez, president of Southwestern Bell. As American Jennifer Motto says, education is our freedom in Oklahoma. We firmly believe that. My point is, no matter where we are, Oklahoma, Kansas or anywhere else in the United States, we will make it.

02:01:34:06 - 02:02:00:17

Speaker 8

We are people of perseverance. We will continue to encourage and not discourage. Si se puede difícil venido un lugar conocido. Gracias. If you don't have either mejor para algun studio, it is a familia. Simplemente I casita delante con un poco de pacientes facil. Aqui todas las cosas negativa de.

02:02:00:19 - 02:02:16:13

Speaker 8

La American G.I.. Forum Julia sera de la representar. Let me get this form a mas positiva. Gracias. Ricardo Garcia give you an American G.I.. Foreign. Thank you very much, Miss Oklahoma.

02:02:16:13 - 02:02:32:11

Unknown

Fellow Priscilla Calderon.

02:02:32:13 - 02:02:52:20

Speaker 5

Our fifth contestant topic is my extended family. The church. Please welcome. Contestant number five, Miss Michigan. Consuelo.

02:02:52:23 - 02:03:13:01

Speaker 1

Buenas noches. Good evening. Welcome. Distinguished guests. Honorable judges. Fellow foreign members present. Queen and Queen. Candidates. There are many contributing factors to my being here tonight, but the main one being the love and support I have received from my family. Now, when I say.

02:03:13:01 - 02:03:14:23

Speaker 4

Family, I not only mean my.

02:03:14:23 - 02:03:42:11

Speaker 1

Immediate family, but my extended family, my church. Growing up, an adolescent faces many difficult decisions, from peer pressures to a career choice. It all comes down to that young person's virtues. I was fortunate enough to have parents who encouraged me to become involved with the church. The church has provided me with guidance, a deeper appreciation of my heritage, and a second family.

02:03:42:14 - 02:03:53:27

Speaker 1

One of the many beautiful features of my church, Our Lady of Guadalupe, is the pride and unity of the congregation. We take pride in our heritage and every year we come together to.

02:03:53:27 - 02:03:55:01

Speaker 8

Celebrate Fiesta.

02:03:55:01 - 02:04:24:04

Speaker 1

Mexicana. This is a time when the parish shares with others the many wonderful things our culture has to offer, from the authentic Mexican cuisine to the flamboyant dresses of Ballet Folklórico, people from all over will find themselves enjoying our traditions. Throughout my youth, the church has had quite an impact on the decisions that I have made when I was younger and taking catechism classes, making Jesus happy was always stressed.

02:04:24:06 - 02:04:46:09

Speaker 1

Not knowing this made it a little bit easier for me to share with others and play nice for fear making someone higher up a little bit angry. This continued throughout my youth and into my high school years. During those four years, I was faced with many difficult decisions. There is a point in my life when my circle of friends gave in to the pressures that are common to teens.

02:04:46:11 - 02:05:06:10

Speaker 1

These pressures are drugs, alcohol, and even sex. It would have been so easy to follow the path that my peers had taken. But in my heart and in my mind, I knew what choice had to be made. Separating myself from my friends was not an easy thing to do, for they were what I had come to depend upon.

02:05:06:13 - 02:05:14:26

Speaker 1

It was then that I truly realized that the church would always be there for me. It would not turn its back on me as my peers had.

02:05:14:28 - 02:05:15:22

Speaker 4

I then became.

02:05:15:22 - 02:05:41:20

Speaker 1

A more active member of my parish. I found fulfillment in reading, commentating, and even participating in traditions such as the posadas at midnight mass. I believe that the church can be the source of comfort that many troubled teens are looking for. Studies show that the main reason teens turn to gangs is for acceptance. These same teens should realize that the church offers a more richer form of acceptance.

02:05:41:23 - 02:06:04:20

Speaker 1

Unconditional love. They would find that by turning to the church, no matter what they did, it would always embrace them. I strongly advise getting involved in any sort of youth program offered by the church. Getting involved in these programs can be the first step towards building a lifelong friendship with the church, a friendship that can always be depended upon.

02:06:04:22 - 02:06:07:06

Speaker 8

Gerardo. Gracias. Adios.

02:06:07:09 - 02:06:09:24

Speaker 1

E todas las personas de Flint, Michigan.

02:06:09:28 - 02:06:11:20

Speaker 8

Give me. Are you that own? Yes.

02:06:11:23 - 02:06:21:19

Speaker 1

The cement me, mama em, bubba. Get off! Muchisimo. Which is gracias. A.K.A. the useless San Diego.

02:06:21:21 - 02:06:33:07

Speaker 5

Miss Michigan. Consuela. God. Tika.

02:06:33:09 - 02:06:46:20

Speaker 5

And next we have Miss Texas, Candace, Elaine church.

02:06:46:22 - 02:06:59:19

Speaker 4

Good evening, Your Majesty. Contestants, judges, casino director, middle school doctor Hector Perez Garcia. And let's have a bean. Avocado. El mismo tiempo. Also, the Cassian.

02:06:59:23 - 02:07:00:13

Speaker 8

Con todos.

02:07:00:14 - 02:07:01:21

Speaker 1

Nosotros.

02:07:01:23 - 02:07:31:08

Speaker 4

Muchas gracias por el American, for he makes me proud to be a Mexican American. Knowledge is the key to every opportunity you may have today. It helps you attain jobs for financial reasons and it also gets you through life. Smooth and free. As an eagle, everyone's education begins from the moment we are born. There is not one day in our lives that goes by without us learning something new and interesting when do not need an education.

02:07:31:10 - 02:07:55:22

Speaker 4

Never. And this is why education is freedom, and freedom should be everyone's business with God in your heart and a little bit of encouragement. Seasons change, businesses grow and the mind can expand into areas unknown. Schools all across America, for example, have also altered throughout the years. They used to not be a required grade or taken subject to graduate.

02:07:55:25 - 02:08:19:17

Speaker 4

So many teenagers would drop out due to lack of encouragement. Now the matter of making the grade is essential. This is the most exciting conception speculated of children everywhere are thirsting for an education, but all they're lacking is a little urge of encouragement. Encouragement is always needed in life to successfully motivate anyone and what they do with the required education systems, now and towards the future.

02:08:19:19 - 02:08:45:01

Speaker 4

Teachers and parents are the absolute key to unlock that learning box inside children's little heads. A teacher will do all they can to help a struggling student to do their best and achieve their own personal goal by providing by helping a student make good grades, getting involved with extracurricular activities, and to have a positive attitude about everything. Also, with parents, right by a child's side, there's no excuse for encouragement not to be just around the corner.

02:08:45:04 - 02:09:08:07

Speaker 4

Not only for a child's sake, but into their adult years as well. Because all these years of schooling is leading up to one important thing a career. Basically, to get any type of career started, one needs a diploma. Receiving a diploma is not actually a job you must fulfill, but an honor, a glory and height to freedom. And having God as your foundation will definitely help you to succeed.

02:09:08:09 - 02:09:29:28

Speaker 4

Struggling through life is not one one wants to go through. This is why there are so many opportunities for everyone. Anywhere. Does not matter if you are African American, Hispanic or Caucasian, no matter who or what you are, God has given you the freedom to learn what you can. In fact, the person who you are inside is what really matters.

02:09:30:00 - 02:09:44:11

Speaker 4

You as an individual have to be strong enough in your heart to say, I want to be smart, free and have a successful life. Becoming positive and believing in yourself will get you anywhere you want to go. You can always sit down and ask yourself.

02:09:44:18 - 02:09:46:03

Speaker 7

How is this possible?

02:09:46:05 - 02:09:59:21

Speaker 4

What tricks did I use? And you know what the answer is as long as you have faith in yourself with God and the freedom of education today, anything and everything is possible. Thank you very much.

02:09:59:23 - 02:10:09:04

Speaker 5

Miss Texas. Candace Whittier.

02:10:09:06 - 02:10:37:25

Speaker 5

Well worth a wonderful home. I that's great to have that kind of poise and beauty. It's just wonderful. I've had the pleasure of working with these young women throughout the week, and I'm going to say that it has to be the best representation that I have ever seen, and I truly congratulate the states that are representatives here tonight.

02:10:37:28 - 02:11:05:11

Speaker 5

Thank you. You know, giving a speech is one thing, but, we had made a decision with some of the Chaperons or the Chaperons that we wanted to see a little bit of extemporaneous speaking from the girls. So there's Chaperons made some questions that are going to one question that's going to be asked of a girl. I didn't make the questions your chaperons did.

02:11:05:13 - 02:11:31:04

Speaker 5

So you will answer this question extemporaneously and you will draw from this little bag. Thank you. Alma. And so I will call first on Miss Nebraska.

02:11:31:06 - 02:11:45:19

Speaker 5

All right. Your question is, and I don't think this was your chaperon. What would you do with \$500,000? I know what I do.

02:11:45:22 - 02:12:04:11

Speaker 8

Take it and run now. If I had \$500,000, I think, first of all, I would take a little and help myself finish college, pay my loans off. Then I would like to help the community.

02:12:04:13 - 02:12:06:07

Speaker 1

Maybe establish some scholarships.

02:12:06:07 - 02:12:29:02

Speaker 8

Of my own, or donate money to organizations like the GI forum that work towards the betterment of its people, its youth. Help people in need, help people who want to succeed in life. Help people reach their goals and be who they've always wanted to be. That's what I would.

02:12:29:02 - 02:12:33:17

Speaker 1

Like to do if I had that money. Thank you.

02:12:33:19 - 02:12:55:06

Speaker 5

Thank you very much, Miss Nebraska. So there you are. Yes. Take her name down. Okay. Now we come to contestant number two, miss California.

02:12:55:08 - 02:13:05:24

Speaker 5

And the question is, how do you view yourself as a leader?

02:13:05:27 - 02:13:20:14

Speaker 1

How do I do? How do I view myself as a leader? I see myself as a leader because I'm not a follower. I don't do what others want me to do. I do what I want to do. I stand up for myself. I stand up for my peers, and I stand up for those who no one else will.

02:13:20:16 - 02:13:37:06

Speaker 1

I am a leader because I believe in myself. I believe in others, and I believe in the future. We are the future. And if we don't believe in each other, then you can't. We can't have a strong future. And so we need to believe in everyone to have strong leaders in the future. Thank you.

02:13:37:09 - 02:13:48:26

Speaker 5

Well-Said Miss California, all right. And our third contestant, Miss Kansas.

02:13:48:29 - 02:14:00:06

Speaker 5

Will shake it up here and have you draw for your question.

02:14:00:08 - 02:14:00:24

Unknown

This is a.

02:14:00:29 - 02:14:11:00

Speaker 5

Very, very good one. If you were an elected leader, how would you help the youth?

02:14:11:02 - 02:14:39:15

Speaker 8

If I was elected leader, the first thing that I would do to help my youth is to listen to them. To listen to their ideas, their beliefs, what they want out of life, their ideas, how to make the society better. Because

I think by us listening to one another, we could come together and compromise and make the world a better place for our next generation.

02:14:39:17 - 02:14:42:29

Speaker 8

Thank you.

02:14:43:02 - 02:14:55:18

Speaker 5

Miss Kansas contestant number four. Number three. Excuse me. And our contestant number four. Miss Oklahoma.

02:14:55:20 - 02:14:58:27

Speaker 5

How are you doing tonight? And how are you? Great. Having a great time.

02:14:58:27 - 02:14:59:25

Speaker 8

Just good.

02:14:59:28 - 02:15:16:24

Speaker 5

Okay, now we're going to draw for a question here. This kind of like the lottery. You know. Okay. If you could unite our Hispanics, how would you achieve that?

02:15:16:27 - 02:15:43:22

Speaker 8

To unite my Hispanics, I would achieve it by having gatherings, many gatherings, sharing all our opinions, hoping that we could unite all our community together. We would build scholarships for the youth, which is important most of all, so they could go on forward with their education. We would do much more like we would help them in tutoring, do tutoring for the community, do touring for the little ones.

02:15:43:25 - 02:15:45:00

Speaker 1

As a leader.

02:15:45:03 - 02:15:57:15

Speaker 8

To help our Hispanic community, I would also don't go forward and be a leader myself. Thank you.

02:15:57:18 - 02:16:06:27

Speaker 5

Our fourth contestant, Miss Oklahoma and now contestant number five, Miss Michigan.

02:16:07:00 - 02:16:28:21

Speaker 5

This is exciting, isn't it? Very. Yes. All right, so now let's see what you draw here in this nice little, almost gift bag. Here. What act of achievement would you want to be remembered for and why?

02:16:28:24 - 02:16:38:06

Speaker 1

I believe the act of achievement that I would most likely to be remembered for, would most like to be remembered for, would be much like what the gift form is doing and helping the youth.

02:16:38:09 - 02:16:39:12

Speaker 8

I'd like to be remembered.

02:16:39:12 - 02:16:57:02

Speaker 1

For making scholarships more readily available for the youth, and also for tutoring and anything else that they may need. I would definitely like to be remembered for helping my youth and the Hispanics. Thank you.

02:16:57:04 - 02:17:06:01

Speaker 5

There you are, Miss Michigan. And now we'll call upon Miss Texas.

02:17:06:03 - 02:17:07:12

Speaker 5

Are you having a great time tonight?

02:17:07:18 - 02:17:09:06

Speaker 4

I'm having a wonderful time in you.

02:17:09:07 - 02:17:16:27

Speaker 5

It's great. It's great. All right, let's, draw a question here.

02:17:16:29 - 02:17:30:23

Speaker 5

Okay. As the American G.I. forum queen, if you are elected or selected, what can you do to become a role model, to become.

02:17:30:23 - 02:17:52:29

Speaker 4

A role model? I would like all the youth to look up to me and say, I want to be just like her. She went through a lot of stuff in high school, including a lot of different clubs and organizations. She has built a lot of responsibility for herself. After that, she has gone on to college. She has got gotten a successful diploma and went on to medical school as well.

02:17:53:02 - 02:18:18:26

Speaker 4

She has helped the youth in anything that she has to offer from herself. I would like to offer anything I can to the youth. I would like to provide more scholarships for the American GI forum, not only to the queens but to other youths. I would like to open the doors to other to the other youth of the American GI forum, and I want everybody to look up to me, not only the youth, but everyone as well, to say she was a wonderful queen for the American GI forum.

02:18:19:03 - 02:18:23:03

Speaker 4

Thank you very much.

02:18:23:05 - 02:18:44:14

Speaker 5

And there you are. Weren't they poise, Miss Texas, and they were absolutely lovely. I was telling our present National Queen that we were going to have a question and answer period to this particular program, and she said, oh, why didn't you put it in last year? I would have loved it. So I think it was a good idea.

02:18:44:14 - 02:19:15:25

Speaker 5

The girls really liked it. And that concludes the speech and question portion of the program. I, for one, know that our future leadership is in good hands and it is through events like these, such as JCPenney is sponsoring, where we can see and hear and show America that Latinas have it and we will make a difference.

02:19:15:28 - 02:19:36:27

Speaker 5

And now we call upon our state representatives before a panel of judges to do their quarter turns, starting with contestant number one, Miss Nebraska.

02:19:36:29 - 02:19:41:27

Speaker 5

Miss California.

02:19:41:29 - 02:19:48:20

Unknown

Miss Kansas. Miss Oklahoma.

02:19:48:22 - 02:19:53:06

Speaker 5

Miss Michigan and Miss Texas.

02:19:53:08 - 02:20:01:16

Unknown

Ladies and gentlemen. Aren't they beautiful?

02:20:01:18 - 02:20:03:20

Unknown

There they are. And if I had.

02:20:03:20 - 02:20:29:09

Speaker 5

Crowns for each and every one of them, I would crown them all. And now, ladies and gentlemen, for your benefit, a quarter turn to the left and. A quarter turn to the left and a quarter turn to the left.

02:20:29:12 - 02:20:34:07

Speaker 5

A quarter turn to the left. Aren't they wonderful?

02:20:34:09 - 02:20:37:17

Unknown

What beautiful bride.

02:20:37:20 - 02:21:14:10

Speaker 5

Doctor Garcia, these young women make you proud of the foundation that you built for them. One of them will wear a national crown, but will all represent us proudly to you. We dedicate this evening the fans of our organization and the men that loved the beautiful women of our organization. So to all of you women this evening and Elder Garcia and in your staff in DC, siendo Miss Texas.

02:21:14:13 - 02:21:21:12

Unknown

Miss Michigan, Miss Oklahoma, Miss Kansas.

02:21:21:14 - 02:21:32:23

Speaker 5

Miss California and Miss Nebraska.

02:21:32:26 - 02:21:57:00

Speaker 5

And there you have them, ladies and gentlemen. And on behalf of the J.C. Penney families across the nation, we want you to know that they have sponsored this event. So tell your friends when you want to go shopping, shop at J.C. Penney. We are now going to take a 15 minute intermission.

02:21:57:02 - 02:22:10:20

Unknown

And.

02:22:10:22 - 02:22:16:13

Unknown

I.

02:22:16:16 - 02:22:17:15

Unknown

Well, we're.

02:22:17:15 - 02:22:42:04

Speaker 5

All refreshed again. And welcome back to the J.C. Penney Evening of Pride. Before we announce our winners, it's appropriate to acknowledge the work that goes into an event such as this. First and foremost, our sponsors of the American or our sponsor of the Miss American G.I. forum, J.C. Penney.

02:22:42:06 - 02:22:47:19

Unknown

I think they're wonderful. I hope you know, I have a little story.

02:22:47:19 - 02:22:58:24

Speaker 5

About J.C. Penney loving less More Than You siempre this year. Yo quiero iida. Yay! Si, bene. You're. Yeah. No, Papa.

02:22:58:26 - 02:23:04:23

Unknown

Louis, J.C. Penney is okay. Can't you see I was a little more educated.

02:23:04:25 - 02:23:19:22

Speaker 5

Know? Okay, I'll try it. And J.C. Penney. So it never worked. And today I say J.C. Penney. Yay for J.C. Penney. He was right.

02:23:19:25 - 02:23:22:16

Unknown

All right. I would like to once again.

02:23:22:16 - 02:23:31:19

Speaker 5

Acknowledge the distinguished panel of judges. Tutor Gretchen.

02:23:31:22 - 02:23:35:15

Speaker 5

Mary Cueva.

02:23:35:18 - 02:23:54:19

Speaker 5

Al Cardenas, Clara Reyes, and Carlos Rojas, who's out in the back with the envelopes. And then I would like to especially thank the chaperons who have done an outstanding.

02:23:54:19 - 02:23:59:15

Unknown

Job this evening. It was Selva.

02:23:59:15 - 02:24:17:06

Speaker 5

Pedroza. Rose Flores, where are you? I want you up here. Rose Flores, Sonya Rodriguez, Cecilia Rodriguez, Maria Flores and Martha Lopez. Where are you?

02:24:17:08 - 02:24:45:25

Speaker 5

You know, I want to say that her coronation like this is complete because of all the work that these women have done. They not only chaperon the girls, they were here decorating, helping me decorate

until 615. I particularly want to say thank you, thank you, thank you to Martha Lopez, who was outstanding.

02:24:45:25 - 02:24:54:28

Unknown

In helping me this evening. My applause to Martha.

02:24:55:00 - 02:24:55:18

Unknown

I love it.

02:24:55:18 - 02:25:44:06

Speaker 5

And that's what a family is all about. And we took our shoes off. And I know Vicki from JCPenney was here, tending to the curtains, too. So it was all a big family. And then I would like to thank Evelina Velasquez and her mother, and most especially, I would like to thank Vicky Lynn Cartwright. And, I believe that both Jake and Alma have a little token of our affection to you because she has said that next year in Corpus Christi, it will be bigger and more beautiful and hopefully will help television coverage.

02:25:44:08 - 02:25:50:07

Unknown

Alma and she.

02:25:50:09 - 02:26:09:14

Unknown

Thank you. And this week, 49th Annual National Conference call for an award to J.C. Penney in appreciation of the continuous support organization each of us.

02:26:09:16 - 02:26:15:15

Unknown

I know.

02:26:15:17 - 02:26:40:08

Unknown

I know none of us. Should have at my very, most honest and sincere textbooks. And I say, and we'll look forward to next year. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of this.

02:26:40:11 - 02:26:43:28

Speaker 5

It's a pleasure, of course, to be considered, in your.

02:26:44:04 - 02:26:57:27

Unknown

Family of friends of. Come down and prepare to get those wonderful awards. But before we go on with the program.

02:26:57:29 - 02:27:07:28

Speaker 5

I would like music. Mr.. Please. And we will call our beautiful bevy of beauty.

02:27:08:00 - 02:27:09:20

Speaker 5

And first.

02:27:09:23 - 02:27:17:21

Unknown

I would like to call on this American G.I. forum of 1996 97, summa.

02:27:17:21 - 02:27:20:29

Speaker 5

Hasta la reina de la American G.I. forum.

02:27:21:02 - 02:27:25:14

Unknown

Vanessa Ramirez.

02:27:25:16 - 02:27:32:12

Unknown

We.

02:27:32:14 - 02:27:38:21

Speaker 5

Followed by Miss Nebraska.

02:27:38:23 - 02:27:48:06

Speaker 5

Miss California. Miss Kansas, miss Oklahoma.

02:27:48:09 - 02:28:00:11

Unknown

Miss Michigan and Miss Texas.

02:28:00:14 - 02:28:02:18

Unknown

One of these lovely young ladies will.

02:28:02:18 - 02:28:08:26

Speaker 5

Be Miss American G.I. forum and will reign through the 50th National Convention in.

02:28:08:26 - 02:28:14:17

Unknown

Corpus Christi, Texas. Call us on Reyna.

02:28:14:19 - 02:28:22:22

Speaker 5

El Corazon del Toro Garcia.

02:28:22:25 - 02:28:31:05

Unknown

Are they beautiful?

02:28:31:07 - 02:28:39:11

Speaker 5

And now I would like, upon call upon Vanessa to give her farewell, walk.

02:28:39:14 - 02:28:54:18

Unknown

Her traditional walk, and then do her farewell speech. Vanessa Ramirez.

02:28:54:20 - 02:28:58:04

Unknown

Vanessa. Kemp. Lobato.

02:28:58:06 - 02:28:59:08

Speaker 5

Velasco. That is.

02:28:59:11 - 02:29:07:18

Unknown

The loss. Yes. For those who need us. And nuestro Corazon virus para siempre.

02:29:07:21 - 02:29:16:06

Speaker 5

Nuestro Corazon. Is there almost a record that's. Cannot you toda la is not just cacique again there.

02:29:16:06 - 02:29:21:14

Unknown

Felicitas Thomas and I said and el futuro.

02:29:21:16 - 02:29:40:26

Speaker 5

That is your most mucho éxito and on your CV and in de la parte de la familia de la American GI forum, Vanessa Ramirez.

02:29:40:29 - 02:29:45:17

Unknown

I.

02:29:45:20 - 02:29:47:05

Unknown

Miss the oil.

02:29:47:07 - 02:30:34:03

Speaker 8

Lida. I thought this was this American GI for miembros and honor. I love these members. Eduardo Green is Venus and this is soda Studios. Familia Ortiz, Elizabeth Publico. This in this perdida sundress. This but I seguro okay so no is there the pork? Is this one of the spirit of para me the celebration to laugh often

and much to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children, to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends.

02:30:34:05 - 02:31:09:18

Speaker 8

To appreciate beauty, to find the best in others. To leave the world a bit better. To know that one life has breathed easier because you have lived. Ladies and gentlemen, this is to have succeeded. This quote from Emerson summarizes the meaning of success. So when I say we are today's youth, tomorrow's success, this is what I mean today are youth is educating themselves and improving themselves along the way.

02:31:09:21 - 02:31:38:04

Speaker 8

They are overcoming treacherous obstacles and the result we will become tomorrow's success. But how do we guarantee that our youth excels to their potential? I believe the solution to the unfortunate hardships of our youth is support. Support. Such a simple answer, yet difficult for so many to execute. Let me explain to you how to give our youth the hand.

02:31:38:07 - 02:32:11:25

Speaker 8

If we can count on your hands to hold us in our time of fear and disappointment, if we can count on your hands to catch us from our downfalls and pick us up. If we can count on your hands to point to our goals and gently push us in that direction. If we can count on your hands to applaud when we triumph, then I assure all of you that with your hands you will have sculpted our success as National Queen.

02:32:11:27 - 02:32:35:20

Speaker 8

I am so thankful for all the support I have received. First, I cherish the faith I have maintained in God, for he has blessed me with an abundance of love amidst the dearest people I know must pass the gallery. You have brought a distinguished and respectable pride to the American G.I. forum on my. You welcome me to your home and inspired me.

02:32:35:22 - 02:33:01:16

Speaker 8

I believe in your efforts for this organization because if it wasn't for you, I don't think I could share with everyone an experience of a lifetime. Flocking in the inaugural parade, exchanging smiles with Clinton, giving a little wink to al Gore, waving to the cameras while I smiled and represented you in front of the whole nation. Thank you.

02:33:01:16 - 02:33:10:02

Speaker 8

On Monday for always helping me out throughout my reign.

02:33:10:04 - 02:33:33:11

Speaker 8

My identity not gone, I think. I'm not going to look at you because I know I'm crying. I'm not going to cry when I do not come. I thank God that he blessed me with your friendship and for the faith you have instilled with me by presenting me a lifetime membership. I thank you and I will make you proud, and I will carry on the spirit that you say I do have.

02:33:33:14 - 02:33:55:20

Speaker 8

I love you my man, and thank you so much San Jose. I form. You're the old number one, but with all sincerity you'll always be the number one in my heart. It all started with you last year and you brought me here. So thank you very much, Jai, for.

02:33:55:23 - 02:34:13:08

Speaker 8

From Flores. I personally want to thank you. And I know I speak on behalf of all the queens when I say thank you for believing in us through your involvement in these pageants, friend, I guarantee you, you have had a big influence on my growth as a person. And I thank.

02:34:13:08 - 02:34:22:12

Speaker 7

You. Thank you friend, I'm dead serious. And throughout my reign, I went to J.C. Penney to buy my dress. It's because I feel.

02:34:22:12 - 02:34:47:09

Speaker 8

If you can support us, gosh darn it, I'll support you. So thank you. And I just want you to know, I don't know. What are you. Vicky? Vicky, there you are. That you can take this back to them and tell them that this investment you're making today, tomorrow, is going to be a priceless reward. Thank you. Thank you so much.

02:34:47:12 - 02:35:15:10

Speaker 8

But I mean, for Amelia, mom, dad, Nina and Nino. Jason and Eric. If there was no you, there'd be no me. And because there's a you, I'm everything. I am so proud of myself. Because of you. You are my main support. I love you, and I thank you so much from coming all the way from California. I know it was hard, busy schedules and everything to be here with me.

02:35:15:13 - 02:35:26:22

Speaker 8

It means so much to me because you are my support and you are the reason I have succeeded. I love you so much.

02:35:26:24 - 02:35:28:00

Unknown

Me the cell para.

02:35:28:03 - 02:35:28:24

Speaker 7

Me the cell phone.

02:35:28:24 - 02:36:13:05

Speaker 8

I said no to him. Let's get todos askew. Let's get lost inside the lost Venus, the monster in para todos who still is hoping to Sister Luciano. But I logrado nuestros éxito. Por qué la educacion the todos nosotros a la Juventus. Let's get out. I go to that. La educacion is muy importante partner on this arroyo

in todos Los aspectos para nuestros principios I get it rispetto you got in with you that I believe that God gives us a special gift, and it is our responsibility to find it within once we know what it is.

02:36:13:08 - 02:36:48:06

Speaker 8

That is our passion in life, whether it be a teacher, an engineer or even a politician. When your passion is your profession, you will be happy. Not everyone was meant to be a doctor or a lawyer, so pursue a profession, not for monetary reasons and not for expectations of another. Do it for yourself and because in your heart and in your soul, you believe that you will make a difference and that you ultimately will be happy.

02:36:48:08 - 02:37:20:02

Speaker 8

Congratulations to all the youth that is here in the Dei form. Instead of being out partying or on vacation, you are here and you are here for a reason and I am so proud to be among you. Congratulations on your scholastic ambitions and let's do our part in honor of the doctor, Hector Garcia. Youth. Let's do our part to bring peace and hope to this organization.

02:37:20:05 - 02:37:36:18

Speaker 8

This assessment of the spirit of the celebration, not least the work action plan, I can siempre de la mejor de me. Kenosha, Hinton, Como la Scala. Rondo siento sono. Give me if you don't in México.

02:37:36:20 - 02:37:38:08

Speaker 7

If you don't in México.

02:37:38:10 - 02:37:44:19

Speaker 8

Con fenice attenzione immediate en carino recursos e por eso siempre Corazon. Get him!

02:37:44:19 - 02:37:48:29

Speaker 7

Which is brother Moon.

02:37:49:01 - 02:37:58:19

Speaker 8

The oil otra senorita Trinidad la opportunity that the lucida star Corona con or not.

02:37:58:22 - 02:38:35:20

Speaker 8

Reyna's nuevas amigos, congratulations for you exemplified to everybody. What are youth is made of? I have faith in our next Queen, and I have faith in each and every one of you that you will go back to your home, continue to be role models in your community and beyond. I am so proud. I am so proud to be giving my crown up tonight because of you ladies and gentlemen, not all futuro porque es el futuro is that in nuestras months?

02:38:35:22 - 02:38:36:23

Unknown

I have one last.

02:38:36:23 - 02:39:17:23

Speaker 8

Stop for everyone. It's a thought. Almost a suggestion to all the American GI for members young and more experienced youth, women and men. The next time you're in a discussion, in a meeting, the next time you raise your hand to propose an idea, the next time you stomp your foot to oppose an idea, the next time you are going to make a decision for the American go form, ask yourself, look within your heart and ask Doctor Hector P Garcia.

02:39:17:25 - 02:39:41:27

Speaker 8

Am I living your mission and my actualizing your vision? And then you will know Garcia's. We want us not just give you those indica siempre you have. You.

02:39:41:29 - 02:40:28:08

Speaker 5

Vanessa. Those will be very, very hard shoes to fill. I certainly wish that we had a lifetime queen. You would get that crown. And for those of you that maybe are skeptical of this Queen pageant, think about all these young women that are here today. Think about me. That 30 some years ago, I stood in Vanessa's spot and I have someone very special in my heart that are like my family that were with me and hopefully I challenge you girls to let me sit in the audience and watch you do what I'm doing this evening.

02:40:28:10 - 02:41:07:10

Speaker 5

A special tribute in my heart to Lewis and Isabel Pierce. Me Familia, the Albuquerque and Little Mexico. They were the ones that taught me what I know. And so now, with all of that sentimentality out of the way and our careers going forward for these young ladies, I would like to have some music, and I'd like to get the envelopes from Mr. Rogers for the winners.

02:41:07:12 - 02:41:40:18

Speaker 5

This is the gentleman, Carlos Rogers, who had the awesome responsibility of calculating all those scores. And first, we're going to start with Miss Congeniality. And this is a Coronado award, and it's going to be awarded by JCPenney this evening, as well as some of the, other contestant awards. I also want you to see that JCPenney is giving our Queens a bag.

02:41:40:18 - 02:42:14:17

Speaker 5

They're filled with goodies and a certificate. And also, as you know, this evening, our reigning queen will get a \$1,000 scholarship. The first runner up, I believe, is 500 and then 250 for the second runner up. And each participant will get \$100. So now I'm going to present an award for Miss Congeniality. And that award is voted by the contestants themselves.

02:42:14:19 - 02:42:25:03

Speaker 5

Please help me honor Miss Congeniality for the American G.I. forum for 1997 98.

02:42:25:06 - 02:42:39:13

Unknown

Flirty Sailor Caldera and Miss Oklahoma.

02:42:39:15 - 02:42:52:02

Speaker 5

Hello, ladies. Brought so much joy to this organization. It was beautiful and she so well deserves it.

02:42:52:05 - 02:43:25:19

Speaker 5

All right. And now for that moment, event time. It's this. Just like. There she goes, Miss America. Okay, I'm opening the envelope. Oh my gosh. And Mr. Jake Allred is going to present his second runner up with her trophy and flowers. Please help us welcome Miss Michigan Consuela of Attica.

02:43:25:22 - 02:43:38:02

Speaker 5

And you?

02:43:38:04 - 02:43:43:17

Speaker 5

And we'll ask the girls that are winners to do a little traditional walk there.

02:43:43:19 - 02:43:51:13

Unknown

Miss Michigan, second runner up for Miss American G.I. forum and our Miss.

02:43:51:13 - 02:43:56:06

Speaker 5

Congeniality from Oklahoma.

02:43:56:08 - 02:44:06:01

Speaker 5

And then I'm going to ask alma. To present the first runner up.

02:44:06:04 - 02:44:15:22

Speaker 5

And the first runner up trophy goes to guess who Miss California.

02:44:15:24 - 02:44:21:19

Unknown

Diana Romero.

02:44:21:21 - 02:44:30:04

Unknown

And she gets a \$500 scholarship.

02:44:30:07 - 02:44:49:15

Speaker 5

And there she is, miss California.

02:44:49:18 - 02:44:59:23

Speaker 5

You're up. And now Mr. Jay and Alma will present the winners trophy.

02:44:59:25 - 02:45:05:04

Unknown

As well as the flowers.

02:45:05:07 - 02:45:06:06

Unknown

Lorraine model.

02:45:06:07 - 02:45:23:08

Speaker 5

American G.I. forum. The meaning of anticipation of your show. Kev, I need a celebration in Corpus Christi, Texas. La reina del American GI farm, miss cancers.

02:45:23:10 - 02:45:42:00

Unknown

let's not have to.

02:45:42:03 - 02:45:59:19

Unknown

And of course, our National Queen will crown.

02:45:59:21 - 02:46:11:25

Speaker 5

I guess you all can kind of crowd her in and take a good look at Miss Cancers. Take those pictures.

02:46:11:27 - 02:46:44:22

Speaker 5

And Eric Ramirez is going to present the box where she can keep her crown on. And we're presented with her trophies and our national commander, Jay Gallery that we're presented with the flowers and I, Lorraine in, for the night out by Vanessa Ramirez.

02:46:44:25 - 02:47:21:11

Speaker 5

And then while they're doing all the duties, Vicky will present the other contestants with their trophies.

02:47:21:13 - 02:47:23:24

Speaker 5

Reyna Pascual saw that American G.I..

02:47:23:24 - 02:47:30:23

Unknown

Forum. They all know what I'm most more. Felicidad and Alani. Okay. Evening.

02:47:30:26 - 02:47:34:16

Speaker 5

Ladies and gentlemen.

02:47:34:18 - 02:47:38:25

Unknown

The 1997 98 Miss American GI forum.

02:47:39:02 - 02:47:51:21

Speaker 5

Miss Kansas.

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And we invite you all to partake of the beautiful dance that we're going to have this evening. And ask the young ladies and their order to follow our new Queen. Mr.. Our first runner up, miss California. Second runner up, miss Michigan, Miss Congeniality, miss Oklahoma. Alma. Followed by miss. Never lost to.

02:48:15:17 - 02:48:26:16

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Miss Texas and our outgoing Majesty Vanessa Ramirez. Welcome.

02:48:26:19 - 02:49:02:15

Speaker 5

Yes, I was in thin air Canada, Bendigo. Thank you, thank you. JCPenney. We'll see you in Corpus Christi, Texas.

02:49:02:18 - 02:49:16:03

Speaker 5

And.

02:49:16:05 - 02:49:16:19

Speaker 5

You.