MISS GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

JANUARY 31

STUDENT CENTER BALLROOM
7 p.m.

STARRING MISS GEORGIA STATE 2014 MARLENA COLLINS

SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT

Georgia State University | CAMPUS EVENTS
DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS
TONIGHT’S PROGRAM

THE OPENING
It’s my Party, Jessie J
Marlena Collins, Miss Georgia State University 2014 and Contestants

MASTER of CEREMONIES
Chandler Brown

INTRODUCTION of JUDGES, AUDITORS and FIELD DIRECTOR

LIFESTYLE and FITNESS in SWIMWEAR COMPETITION – Blue
Sexy Lady, Jessie J

TALENT COMPETITION – White

ONSTAGE QUESTIONS – Blue
A Little Party Never Killed Nobody, Fergie

EVENING WEAR – White
Who You Are, Jessie J

INTERMISSION

INTRODUCTION of VISITING REPRESENTATIVES

LIFESTYLE and FITNESS in SWIMWEAR COMPETITION – White
L.A. Love, Fergie

TALENT COMPETITION – Blue

ONSTAGE QUESTIONS – White
Birthday, Katy Perry

EVENING WEAR – Blue
You Don’t Know You’re Beautiful, Boyce Avenue

FAREWELL
Marlena Collins, Miss Georgia State University 2014

FINALE
Masquerade, Nicki Minaj

AWARDS and FINALISTS

CROWNING of MISS GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY 2015
It takes a million moments to make a lifetime but only one to change it. When I was crowned Miss Georgia State University, I knew this was my moment. It was my time to give back to the university that has given me so much. From a fun-filled, fast-paced week at Miss Georgia to crowning the Homecoming Court at the Georgia Dome, to advocating to end Alzheimer’s disease at the Georgia Capitol, I have thoroughly enjoyed my moment in time.

I have walked in the Walk to End Alzheimer’s, judged GSU’s Best Dance Crew, hosted a pancake brunch for the homeless and worked the phone bank at the Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta Radiothon. Besides the Homecoming Parade, the Homecoming Ball and GSU Night at the Aquarium, I hosted the Royal Flame Awards, moderated the More American Than Me panel for Panthers Allure and emceed the Ms. A.G. Rhodes of Atlanta Pageant. As Miss Georgia State University, I have had the incredible experience of helping found a Student Leadership Consortium for Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta to benefit Hughes Spalding Children’s Hospital. I also became the youngest certified speaker in the Georgia Alzheimer’s Association’s Speaker Bureau. I also had the awesome chance to meet Emmanuel Hudson and co-host the 2014 Campus MovieFest. Great moments are born from great opportunities, and this has been the opportunity of a lifetime.

None of my memories or moments would have been possible without the time and effort devoted by so many people this year. I would like to thank my Mom for working to make sure that opportunities like this one are available to me. If it were not for her supporting me in all I have ever wanted to do, I would be nothing that I am today. This year, I thank her for helping me with the paperwork for Miss Georgia and coordinating my wardrobe from four hours away. I also want to thank one special man, my Dad. He was there to coach, counsel and drive me crazy along the way. Now the one person that deserves a huge thank you is my sister. Leila, you don’t know how much I appreciate you knowing where my things are even when I have no idea where I put them. You truly are the best sister anyone could imagine.

I want to thank Sarah Wilcox, the Miss Georgia State University Scholarship Pageant executive director, for really adopting me as the new queen and growing to be a part of my family. The time that we spent together at forum and at the Miss Georgia Scholarship Pageant were times that epitomize what it means to be a true pageant family. Matt Hayes, our future executive director, you and I have been perfect for one another. Whether we were laughing, plotting or discussing the pageant, I have had an amazing year with you and look forward to many more. Thanks to Executive Board members CC, Jasmine and Phillip for helping me with interview preparation. I am proud that I was able to leave Miss Georgia with a Top Five Non-Finalist Interview Award. Miss Georgia State would not be possible if not for the time given by all individuals on the Executive Board. I know that my moment in time was only possible because these individuals have given many moments of their time.

Thanks to Tyler, best friend, roommate and personal assistant to Miss Georgia State, for always making me feel like a queen. Ashton, I am thankful we have grown closer this year. I really appreciate you and Tyler driving to Columbus to support me in Miss Georgia. Michael and Chynna, you two have both been there from the beginning. I will always be thankful for the laughs, support and outrageous friendship you all have given me. I want to thank all my other friends and family that have supported me over this past year and have taken pride in my accomplishments.

Georgia State University has shown me an incredible amount of support. From the Welcome Center to the 1913 Society to the Georgia State School of Hospitality Administration, I cannot imagine sharing my moment in time with anyone other than you all. I have made so many memories, and there are tons of moments I will never forget because I shared them with the university I love and call home.

Time is a treasure that can’t be bought. That is why I want to encourage each one of you contestants to fully enjoy your experience. It goes by fast because time flies when you are having fun! But remember you never have too little time to say thank you or appreciate those surrounding you that are making your pageant journey possible. As you are preparing, know that time can never be replaced. For every minute you are sad you lose 60 seconds of happiness.

Life all comes down to a few moments, and this is one of them. Wishing I could have this moment for life, I am Miss Georgia State University, Marlena Collins.
**MASTER of CEREMONIES**

Chandler Brown is the manager of presidential communications and coordinator of public appearances, speaking engagements, writing speeches and overseeing constituent services for the president of Georgia State University. In 2010, he was awarded Best Speech in the Southeast Division of CASE, Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Brown also is the advisor to the 1913 Society, Georgia State’s presidential ambassador corps.

A native of Gwinnett County, Brown graduated from Parkview High School, where he served as co-president of the student body. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts in speech communication from the University of Georgia. While at UGA, he served as editor of *The Red & Black*, the award-winning daily independent newspaper serving the University of Georgia community. He also was president of Di Gamma Kappa, the university’s broadcast journalism honor society.

Upon graduating UGA in 2000, Brown began a successful career with Cox Enterprises, where he was a reporter for *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* and producer for Emmy Award-winning WSB-TV, Atlanta’s ABC affiliate. Brown joined Georgia State University in February 2009.

**MISS GEORGIA FIELD DIRECTOR**

Jim Montgomery has over 29 years in various phases of pageantry and has been affiliated with the Miss America Organization for the past 19 years. As a field director for the Miss Georgia Organization, he is responsible for pageant administration for several pageants throughout the state. He was an inaugural member of the Board of Directors for the Miss Teen Georgia America Pageant, now known as Miss Georgia’s Outstanding Teen, and has served on the Board of Directors for the Miss Macon Scholarship Pageant, a Miss Georgia preliminary. Montgomery is an approved Miss America preliminary judge and has judged numerous local, regional and state pageants, including serving on the state panel in South Carolina that selected Rachel Wyatt, Miss America’s Outstanding Teen 2013.

Montgomery is an accomplished tap and jazz dancer, having toured and performed as a principal dancer with the former Earle Davis Dance Company of Miami. He has served as resident choreographer and dance instructor for several teen performing arts centers, including the Teen Performing Arts Club in Macon, Ga., which he co-established. As a singer/songwriter, he has performed lead vocals and written music for the Ultimate Choice, a former local gospel-recording group. Montgomery also has several television credits, including appearing as a principal dancer at Super Bowl XXIII.

A native of Miami, Montgomery has resided in Macon for the past 24 years. He holds an Educational Specialist degree in education administration and supervision and is employed as a school administrator.
JUDGES

Vivian Gray has been a design consultant since 1976 working in various capacities. She won many awards for her personal designs, including a Grand Nation Award for her ballroom and country western costume designs. In 1988, Gray was chosen the best designer in Atlanta. She has been an accredited preliminary Miss America Organization judge for over 12 years and was a guest speaker at the workshop for the Miss America Pageant in 1987.

Vivian Gray

Laura L. Voisinet was raised in western New York. She earned a bachelor’s degree in mathematics at Towson State University, a master’s degree in mathematics at Virginia Tech and a master’s degree in statistics from Pennsylvania State University. Voisinet has served as finance manager at an independent kindergarten through 12th grade Waldorf School in Michigan, spearheaded accreditation of two independent schools and taught algebra, mathematics and fitness. She also worked as a counselor at Harvest Hope Food Bank and served on the Financial Assessment Committee for Habitat for Humanity in South Carolina. Voisinet is married to Georgia State University President Mark P. Becker. Passionate about education and the arts, she is Georgia State’s chief ambassador and serves on the boards of the Rialto Center for the Arts, the university’s Library Ambassador Board and the Theatrical Outfit Board.

Laura L. Voisinet

Dr. Joseph Woodruff is a Georgia native. He grew up in Cobb County and enjoyed a love of music throughout his childhood singing with his family in churches across the Southeast. This love continued as he completed degrees in voice performance at Kennesaw State University and the University of Montevallo. Woodruff began teaching in the Georgia public school systems but continued to perform in shows around Atlanta while completing his doctoral degree at the University of Alabama. You may have seen some of his performances at 14th Street Playhouse, Georgia Institute of Technology’s Ferst Center and many, many . . . many shows at Six Flags over Georgia. Woodruff has also provided vocal direction for many local shows as well as multiple charity events in Atlanta.

Dr. Joseph Woodruff

Glenda Young won the Miss Savannah pageant and then won the Miss Georgia title in 1961. Following her reign as Miss Georgia, she moved to Atlanta to attend Georgia State University and started a career as model/actress with Atlanta Models and Talent. After she married and had two children, Young worked in real estate development with her husband, and the two developed subdivisions in the metro area and surrounding counties. She also was a fashion consultant during that time. Currently, Young is an actress/model and spokeswoman with Atlanta Models and Talent and a wellness and beauty coach with Isagenix International. She has been associated with the Miss America Organization since 1961 and is an active accredited judge.

Glenda Young
CONTESTANTS

SHERRICE LOVETT  
Blue 1  
Talent: Dance  
Hometown: Annandale, VA  
Major: Biology, Pre-Medicine

EBONY CARTER  
Blue 2  
Talent: Vocal  
Hometown: McDonough, GA  
Major: Anthropology

ITASHA SMITH  
Blue 3  
Talent: Vocal  
Hometown: Griffin, GA  
Major: Journalism

SHIRYRA CRABB  
Blue 4  
Talent: Vocal  
Hometown: St. Thomas, Virgin Islands  
Major: Health Informatics

DESMONET COOPER  
Blue 5  
Talent: Flag Routine  
Hometown: Dallas, TX  
Major: Human Learning & Development

LEILA COLLINS  
Blue 6  
Talent: Dance  
Hometown: Edison, GA  
Major: Pre-Medicine

TEESHA RENEE  
Blue 7  
Talent: Speed Painting  
Hometown: Rockford, IL  
Major: Studio Art
NIKKI McDANIEL
White 1
Talent: Violin
Hometown: Durham, NC
Major: Interior Design

DE’JA MINUS
White 2
Talent: Dance
Hometown: Snellville, GA
Major: Pre-Journalism

JANAE WILLIAMS
White 3
Talent: Spoken Word
Hometown: Brunswick, GA
Major: Accounting & Marketing

MAREDIE GOODSON
White 6
Talent: Dance
Hometown: Augusta, GA
Major: Speech Communication

BRIANA DONALDSON
White 5
Talent: Dance
Hometown: Orlando, FL
Major: Marketing & Hospitality

ANANDHI MARTIN
White 7
Talent: Spoken Word
Hometown: Stockbridge, GA
Major: Neuroscience

AIGNER SMITH
White 4
Talent: Dance
Hometown: Savannah, GA
Major: Biology, Pre-Medicine

JANAE WILLIAMS
White 3
Talent: Spoken Word
Hometown: Brunswick, GA
Major: Accounting & Marketing

KELLIE SMITH
White 8
Talent: Dance
Hometown: Dublin, GA
Major: Health Informatics
MISS AMERICA ORGANIZATION

The Miss America Organization is one of the nation's leading achievement programs and the world's largest provider of scholarship assistance for young women. Last year, the Miss America Organization and its state and local organizations made available more than $45 million in cash and scholarship assistance. This assistance is not just for the handful of young women who become Miss America, but is available to the over 12,000 young women who compete in the state and local competitions as well. Rich in history and social significance, the Miss America Organization is a not-for-profit organization that has maintained a tradition for many decades of empowering young women to achieve their personal and professional goals, while providing a forum in which to express their opinions, talent and intelligence. Scholarships have been the cornerstone of the Miss America program since 1945.

Source: www.missamerica.org

SCORING

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Earlier, each contestant had a private 12-minute interview that will count for the remaining 25% of her score.

In addition, the judges will evaluate the contestants' overall performance in all phases of competition as well as their extemporaneous responses to the onstage questions and give an overall composite score.

Judges will score each contestant on a scale of 1-10 in each phase of competition with the high and low score discarded in each category.
AWARDS

MISS GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY 2015

Official Miss America Crown and Sash
$1,000 Georgia State University Scholarship
$300 Book Scholarship for the University Bookstore
$250 Gift Certificate Applicable to State Competition or Custom Talent Ensemble Courtesy of Gregory Ellenburg
$50 Gift Certificate from Mere Cosmetics
A Portrait in Crown & Gown from Matt Boyd Photography
Starter Package Plus, Georgia State Student Recreation Center

1ST RUNNER UP
$500 Georgia State University Scholarship

2ND RUNNER UP
$250 Georgia State University Scholarship

3RD RUNNER UP
$150 Georgia State University Scholarship

4TH RUNNER UP
$100 Georgia State University Scholarship

INTERVIEW AWARD
$300 Georgia State University Scholarship

TALENT AWARD
$100 Georgia State University Scholarship

RECOGNITION WILL ALSO BE GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING:

Evening Wear Winner
Lifestyle & Fitness in Swimwear Winner
Miss Congeniality – One Winner in Each Group
Viewers’ Choice Facebook Winner
# THROUGH THE YEARS

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