

Rachael Todd **Miss Florida 2009**



Miss Florida 2009 is Rachael Todd of Oviedo, Florida. She represented the Miss Suncoast Pageant and was a first time competitor at the State Pageant held July 8-11, 2009 at the Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg. She is a 2009 graduate of the University of Central Florida (UCF) in Orlando with a Bachelor of Arts in Interpersonal Communication. Her future educational goal is to obtain a Masters of Business Administration specializing in public and non profit management. While a student at UCF Rachael was on the Dean's List; member of Delta Epsilon Iota Honor Society; member of Rho Lambda Academic Honor Society; Silver Pegasus Scholar and a Florida Bright Futures Scholar.

Rachael has always been a leader and was Vice President of Kappa Delta Sorority at UCF and representative to the Kappa Delta National Leadership Conference; member of the UCF Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Committee; Volunteer coordinator for Christmas in the City; Team Captain for the UCF CMN Dance Marathon; and a Mentor for Greek Student Success.

Several years ago Rachael's mother founded the HOPE Foundation, an agency that provides Housing, Outreach, Prevention and Education for the Homeless. Rachael found her passion through working with the HOPE Foundation and is committed to changing the way Americans view and deal with the issue of Homelessness. In August 2009, she served as a delegate to the National Conference on Ending Homelessness in Washington D.C. She has associated with the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Alliance to End Homelessness and is committed to increasing awareness about their missions and solutions in this challenging, yet possible, endeavor.

Rachael performed an Irish Step Dance for her talent at the Miss Florida Pageant. She was in the Top 10 at the Irish Dancing National Competition in Dallas, Texas. She is committed to a daily fitness regime and a healthy lifestyle which helped as she completed her first 13.1 mile half marathon in December 2008. Rachael was a Preliminary Swimsuit Winner during the 2009 Miss Florida Pageant. She represented the Sunshine State of Florida at the Miss America Pageant in Las Vegas, Nevada on January 30th, 2010.