

# Your Cup of Kool-Aid

First, I must apologize struggling to make these for a few months. I have been crazy busy balancing school, work, applying for jobs, and pageant preparation. However, I am excited to announce that I completed my education at Brigham Young University with a 4.0 GPA. My next step is to complete my student teaching in Houston, Texas in December. After that, I officially graduate! Thank you to each of you for supporting me and helping me pay for the expenses of college. The scholarship I received from the Miss Kool-Aid Days pageant has helped tremendously.

Now, on to what I've been doing as your Miss Kool-Aid Days 2018!

## Miss Nebraska Pageant Orientation [April 6-7](#)

This was a packed, but very fun weekend. I met my little sister for the Miss Nebraska pageant. Her name is Celine and she is a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader who loves pink and basketball. We danced the night way Friday night at our Little Sister Party.

Saturday, we turned our paperwork in and drew for contestant order, I picked to be contestant 7. I will have my interview with the judges Thursday morning and compete that night in on-stage question and will perform my original compilation of "Pirates of the Caribbean" on the piano. Friday, I will compete in Lifestyle and Fitness (this year our swimsuits are sponsored by Kandice Pelletier) and Evening Gown. I am SO excited about my gown! It is designed by Joe Bohac and Billie Papuchis at the Black Swan.

## Mother/Daughter Tea Party [May 6](#)

I was asked by the Scotts Bluff Country Club to join them for their first Mother/Daughter Tea Party. This was a wonderful afternoon in which cute finger sandwiches were enjoyed, a picture frame for the mom was made, and each girl had her picture taken with her mom and I in the photo booth.

I shared with them about the Miss America Organization, discussing each element of competition and why it is a part. I helped them understand things such as many of the elements help show a woman is confident, so it is important for them to begin to be confident and believe in themselves.

I was also able to share about my platform and read "Rosie Revere, Engineer" by Andrea Beaty. From that, we discussed what it means to be inspired and how our mothers and daughters inspire us. I hope mothers and daughters bonded through this and continue the conversation beyond our afternoon together.

While I was there, a little girl expressed to me that she did not enjoy reading, but she loved history. I was glad I picked the book I did because the main character in the story is based off Rosie the Riveter from WWII! The book discusses this and I was able to share that with her. I tried to help her see that she could love reading, just perhaps hasn't found the right book yet. I gave her mom some suggestions about books with historical figures

Her daughter may enjoy, such as "Before She Was Harriet" by Lesa Cline-Ransome and "She Persisted" by Chelsea Clinton.



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June 8- I compete in swimwear and evening gown

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