



A life-changing moment occurred when 15-year-old **Jordan Orris** heard her name called as Miss Nevada's Outstanding Teen 2009, an official state preliminary title to Miss America's Outstanding Teen Organization, the "little sister" to the Miss America Organization (MAO). MAO, the largest scholarship provider for women in the world, made available over \$45 million in scholarship assistance last year alone. The mission of the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Organization is to promote scholastic achievement, creative accomplishment, healthy living and community involvement for America's teens. The title has given Jordan a statewide vehicle to promote causes that are important to her. This year, Jordan will travel the state not only representing the Miss Nevada's Outstanding Teen Organization and the Miss Nevada Scholarship Organization, but also her personal platform "**SERVE**" and the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Organization National Platform "Children's Miracle Network".

Inspired by years of involvement with the Girl Scouts of America and National Charity League, Jordan wanted to get involved with promoting youth volunteerism. Jordan believes, "**teaching tweens, teens, and young adults about serving others and promoting community service can truly make the world a better place,**" so she works to teach students how to develop a servant's heart with her SERVE program which is an acronym for Sacrifice, Empathy, Relationships, Values, and Empowerment. She will also spend much of her year of service assisting with the Miss America and Miss America's Outstanding Teen Organizations' National Platform, Children's Miracle Network, at her local Miracle Hospital, St. Rose Dominican Hospital Siena Campus.

Representing the state of Nevada at the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Pageant in August, Jordan displayed her talent, a piano performance of composer William Gillock's "Fountain in the Rain". In addition, Jordan was able to secure a four year, full tuition scholarship to Auburn University in Alabama based upon her stellar grades through an in-kind donation from the university. She also earned additional scholarships.

Jordan is a sophomore at Green Valley High School in Henderson. She is involved with her school's Forensics and Track teams, as well as piano, saxophone, and voice lessons outside of school. Jordan continues her work in National Charity League and Girl Scouts and is pursuing her Girl Scout Silver Award through a project designed to help homeless teens in her area.

You can learn more about Jordan at

<http://missnevadapageant.com/OutstandingTeen.html>

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