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Meet the newest member of The "Miss IBMS" Family!

We are so proud to welcome the beautiful Nichole Tyra of Michigan to The International Bikini Model Search! Nichole has been preparing for The IBMS for 2 years and swept everyone away on our International Finals stage in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic with her beauty, elegance, poise and heartwarming humble attitude! Nichole Tyra represents The IBMS in such a perfect way! Welcome to the family, Nichole  
 1st Place: Nichole Tyra, 2nd Place: Kimberley Jade, 3rd Place Tie: Amanda Gable and Kelly Collins



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## THE INTERNATIONAL BIKINI MODEL SEARCH



Past "Miss IBMS" Title Holders are now traveling the world living their dreams and have been proudly featured on the covers of Playboy Magazine, exclusively in Maxim, FHM, Esquire, appeared in television commercials, became Spokes Models for numerous companies, signed contracts with numerous swimwear companies and so much more! The IBMS International Finals has helped make many dreams come true!

IBMS Regional Title Holders, IBMS Monthly Online Title Holders and hundreds of models from across the globe come together to compete for the Grand Title of "Miss International Bikini Model Search" and a Grand Prize Package that will skyrocket her career.

Models have traveled from as far as across the United States to Canada, South America, Australia, Japan, Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, The Netherlands, Iceland, Cuba, Colombia, France, England, Holland and from many corners of the globe to attend this grand event.

The IBMS has a strong team of coaches and past event attendees who are here to guide each contestant through this competition. We take the time to work with each contestant individually during rehearsal time by teaching them how to walk, pose and learn our show routine to ensure that they are 100% confident and comfortable before our International Finals. Our dedicated coaches and IBMS Founders are there every step of the way to empower each contestant. During our International Finals, IBMS Founders, Patrick and Elina McKinney, will be on stage and backstage coaching, inspiring and empowering each contestant.

Each model attending this event will also have the opportunity to participate in other special events throughout the week, shoot with numerous photographers who will also be in attendance, have the opportunity to be selected for publication by numerous national and international magazines along with countless other opportunities. Most importantly, each model attending this event gains the extraordinary opportunity to network and build strong, lasting professional relationships with hundreds of industry professionals; allowing them to succeed in launching, expanding and enhancing their professional career.



# Amy Culp

I was born and raised in a small town in Alberta. My background is Ukrainian, Hungarian and Irish. I grew up in a small town but spent most my time on the family farm with my very large family. My biggest achievement would have to be my children. Getting back from IBMS I can only foresee great things to come from that. Things that I enjoy is hiking, skating, running, hot yoga or the gym. I've had many great experiences through out my life and met some amazing ppl on my travels. I've been lucky enough to travel for modelling and worked with some amazing photographers. Currently I am single but will see what happens in 2015.

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# Angelapatricia

Photo: Rich Greer



Photo: Chris Lomboy

Places you'd like to travel? Backpacking around Europe. My dad is from Greece and my mom is from Portugal so I'd love to go explore around there for sure.

Where do you see yourself in a year? That is a good question. I have absolutely no idea! I am at such a crazy point in my career and have so much going I'm excited to see where it all goes with the album, and launching my jewellery collection and charity. Where I would like to see myself in a year, just happy healthy doing what I love.

What do you look for in a guy? Looks have never been a big thing for me. If you can make me laugh you are off to a good start. Someone who is down to earth, confident, has a love and passion for music (if he's musically inclined and can sing even better!) Nice smile, good morals.

Fun Facts:  
I love doing impersonations  
I played on an all boy lacrosse team growing up as a kid with two other girls for two years.  
Dressed up as the undertaker

from wrestling for my grade 5 Halloween Catholic school party.

I am an artist and love painting sketching and pretty much all mediums of art. Love playing sports, Love to travel, Super competitive, Aside from singing I play both guitar and piano, Love fishing, camping and the outdoors.

turn on's: someone who can make me laugh has a good sense of humour a nice smile and is musically inclined. Knowledgeable, driven, Dimples

turn off's: cockiness. confidence is a turn on to an extent but sometimes its just too much and lying.

Quotes to live by:  
Escape the ordinary and live to seize every moment.  
There is a time and place to be serious but the weekend is certainly not the time.  
Be yourself.  
If your girl looks great when she comes to meet you it shouldn't matter if she's late Its better to beg for forgiveness than ask for permission

# Caitlin Walt



Photo: Shane Gauthier



Caitlin Merry is 26 years old with blonde hair and green eyes. She is originally from Flowood, MS but has been living in Ft Walton Beach, FL for two years. She is passionate about fitness, and works out at the gym at least five days a week. Caitlin competed in her first NPC qualifier earlier this year, and she is planning to enter another fitness competition soon. Along with working out, she enjoys dancing, boating, and spending time on the beautiful beaches of Destin, FL. She has a carefree and spontaneous attitude, and loves to have a good time with the people she cares about. In the past, Caitlin attended Mississippi State University where she studied biology. Recently, she has finished two degrees at Northwest Florida State College in paralegal studies and criminal justice, but is currently pursuing her dream of modeling and acting. She believes the sky is the limit and is ready to accept the opportunities that are arising for her.

Caitlin became a member of the International Bikini Model Search by competing in their bikini contest at Coyote Ugly in Destin, FL. She then attended the IBMS Finals in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic in May. During that week at the IBMS event, she made lifelong friendships and was able to network and shoot with many highly skilled photographers. Caitlin is absolutely thrilled about the countless images she will be adding to her modeling portfolio. She is planning to attend the event again in October, as she feels the event completely jump-started her career. Caitlin is very excited about the doors that are opening up for her since she's become a member of the IBMS family.

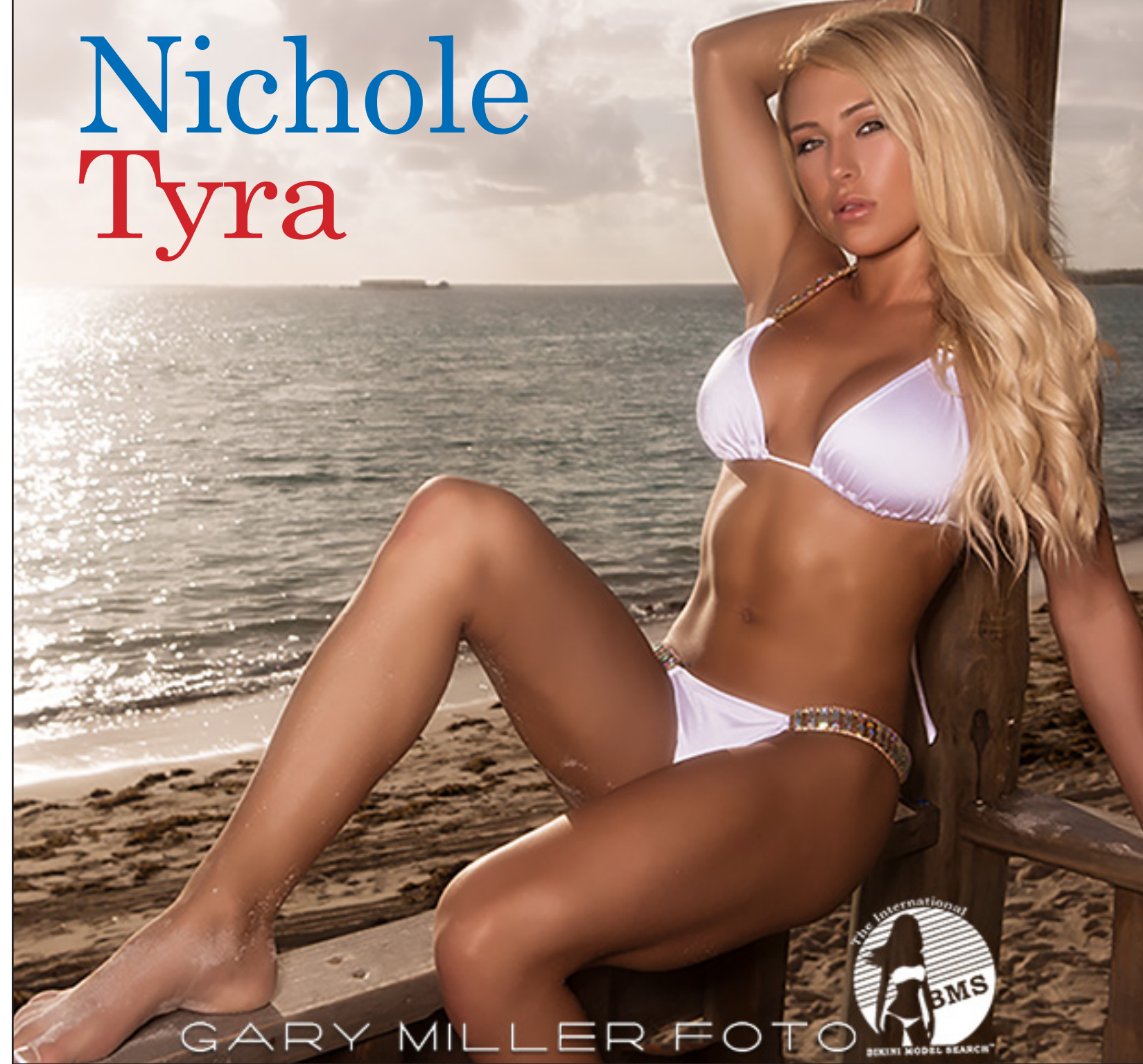
# 2015 Miss International Bikini Model Search



Growing up the little sister of four brothers while chasing a dream of becoming a model was tough to say the least. Some of the revealing pictures I've taken were hard for my brothers and family to see. We used to catch toads, build forts, and ride mini bikes. I truly miss those days. Growing up I always wished I was one of the boys, but then I became this beautiful woman. Modeling has helped me find my inner beauty. This journey has been no walk in the park. I have been let down a lot in this industry so many times and have felt like giving up. It takes someone with tough skin to pursue their dreams. So many people said hateful things and have doubted my abilities. Looking back now I laugh at my first modeling pictures/ experiences



# Nichole Tyra



and wonder what was I thinking? But like so many young girls I had a dream with no one to lead me or teach me. I have done everything on my own. It can be very scary at times not knowing the difference between people trying to take advantage of you and people who are trying to actually help you. The best advise I could give any girl at any age trying to

pursue the modeling industry is to stay humble. Stick to your roots and never do something that makes you feel uncomfortable. Your gut feeling is usually right. Never listen to what people say or think because eventually you will transform as you learn the dos and donts. The people that once doubted you will be your followers and will see how strong

you've become and support you. My dream is to become world renowned not only for myself but to help other young woman like myself. So many models hit this level of fame and forget where they have come from. That is something I have promised myself to never do. Stay tuned- Miss International Bikini Model Search

# Allysha Le Clair

The IBMS experience has been a real pleasure as a second time Attendee. Becoming part of the IBMS family has been influential positively in many aspects. I refer to it as a Sexy funfilled BootCamp for the Bikini BoSS! This is MY second publication in BIKINI MAGAZINE, A first in the Hot Tropix Calendar 2015. Looking forward towards the Next Paradise Bash. Tip my hat to everyone who is apart of The IBMS as it comes together with all the hard work and effort.

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# Christine Mercedes



Kassidy Karter is from Florida but currently lives in Nashville, Tennessee where she works as a bartender, host, and server downtown. She started modeling in high school and began promotional modeling at the age of 19. Kassidy has worked for brands such as Fireball, Ole Smokey Moonshine, Corona and more; and has also been a flag girl for KPax Racing two years in a row. She is a vegan and loves animals; she has an adopted bunny and pig to call her own and enjoys volunteering at animal sanctuaries. She has a degree in Mass Communications, which she uses as a promotional model, and her yoga teacher certification. She doesn't get much free time but enjoys traveling and catching up on her favorite shows whenever she finds herself with nothing to do. She is sarcastic and enjoys comedies, "2 Broke Girls" is one of her favorites.



# KASSIDY KARTER



# Beauty Joy

Photo: Frank Cotton

Wow, IBMS, Punta Cuna! What a truly amazing trip. At first I was a little nervous, but a few of the other Models were so super sweet to me, I relaxed quick. Patrick and Elina Mckinney the owners of the International Bikini Model Search were extremely polite and friendly and reached out to get to know me.. Most of the photographers I met were awesome and they kept me very busy. I had about 5 to 6

photo shoots a day starting at 6 am to catch that beautiful sun rise. The Bavaro Beach Resort was also truly amazing with its all inclusive night clubs, shopping and most important the Fantastic Food, if I did not have to stay in shape for photo shoots I could have eaten all day. I had about 25 photo shoots and I am still going through pictures that all the photographers have sent to me. My sweet room mate Alecia the

hair stylist and I were up at 4:30 am almost every morning getting ready for our day, and although it is a lot of fun, it is also a lot of work, but well worth it. A special thank to all my fans and IBMS judging pannel who elected me to be IBMS Miss April 2015. I made a lot of new friends on this trip and it will be well remembered. One last thank you to BIKINI MAGAZINE for choosing me to be in their magazine.

My name is Erika I'm 28 years old. I'm Mexican and Irish and grew up in the mountains of North Carolina. I like being in nature and connecting with Mother Earth.

I love to travel and collect neat treasures from around the world! Some of my favorite travels have been Tokyo because they have the best sushi, and Paris because it is so romantic!

I'm always bizzy bouncing around with work but When I get free time, I like playing with my puppy or just being with my girls having drinks and laughing! Sunday mimosas are my favorite!



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# Erika Yarborough



# Tina Marie

Photo: Fadel Chidiac

As a young girl I always wanted to be a model. .. What girl doesn't?? As I got older I always dreamed of chasing that dream, but as life happened I soon realized I needed a job and went to work putting my dreams on the back burner.. one thing stacked on top another and well before I knew it I forgot what I wanted as that young girl. I was sitting at home with my amazing kiddos and talking about what they wanted to be and what their dreams were. It made me remember what I wanted as a little girl but thought that chance in my life had passed.

.. I was a grown-up with kids and a family. Modeling was for the young gals....but then while looking online I found a contest and for the kicks entered it. I soon found myself as a winner and on my way to L.A for a photo shoot with Playboy. It was a start. How exciting. Playboy Miss Social was my way of getting that chance I missed so long ago. I had no idea it was going to lead me to my accomplishments today. I have been featured in Bizsu Mag, CoverGirl of the BIKINI MAGAZINE, Dyme Mag, on the Playboy app, Playboy MX site, Crusin the Streets

site, and several other feature pages, sites, and publications. I am a proud IBMS MODEL and winner. IBMS has given me so many wonderful titles, achievements, opportunities, and support. I am living my dream now... even though, after I thought I was never going to. Being a model is a true chance for anyone if they are willing to take the chance. I feel as beautiful as ever with amazing support and I feel blessed to have been given the chance to chase that dream. Xoxo love life each day and make it beautiful





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# Kat Kent

My name is Kathy Kent. I am 31 years old and single mom of 2. Born and raised in a rural part of Ontario, Canada. I grew up farming and doing all the same things the boys do! I love Fishing, mudding, and concerts!! I can go from high heels and dresses to ripped jeans and steel toe boots in a heart beat and still be just as fun and pretty!!

My main goal in life is to just live life like its your last day! Love Hard,

Work Smart, Give from the Heart. Smile Always! And do your best to make life better for everyone!

My love life is a secret! Just kidding!! I'm a single mom, my kids are the loves of my life!!

I have a secret too!! I'm a big one Nerd!! I enjoy reading, strange useless facts, and anything medical / science related! I plan on continuing my educational horizon.

This was my first, first time attending an IBMS event, and I honestly had the best time of my life. Everyday waking up in Paradise and doing something I truly love is a dream come true!! Everyone involved are so incredibly nice, fun and supportive of each other. It was fascinating how fast everyone became friends, and I have met amazing people from all around the world!! In all it was truly an amazing experience.



Hey y'all my name is Jennifer Lincoln. I'm 23 years old and I'm from beautiful Florida! I have been modeling for several years and feel very fortunate that through the different jobs, I'm able to travel and visit places all around the world. My nick name Jenyo was given to me by some close friends a few years ago. I'm not quite sure how that came about, other than the fact that we tend to jokingly throw the word "yo" into many of our conversations. However, even though the friendships faded, the memories and nick name will stay with me forever. Off set I'm an extremely laid back, go with the flow kinda girl. With minimal makeup and natural hair you can find me spending all my free time on the beach, fishing, or rounding up the cows with my horses on the ranch. I feel extremely fortunate for the lifestyle I am able to live and continue to put in hard work, determination and dedication to pursuing my dreams on the path to success. Special thanks to Bikini Magazine for the wonderful opportunity to shoot in Punta Cana this summer. I appreciate all the love and support from everyone who worked together to produce this IBMS special edition and I look forward to what the future has to offer!

Xoxo

*Jenyo*

*Jennifer Lincoln*

# Kaska

Kaska was born in Poland. She moved to the United States in 1995 pursuing the American dream. She finished High School in 1998. Kaska started her modeling career after finish Modeling School. She entered many pagents often being among the top three. She started her own business in New Jersey in 1998. This business is not only successful but allows her to collaborate her hobbies and family. She loves to travel. She plays piano and accordion. After a long day at work you will find often find her at the gym with her trainer. Kaska feels her work at the gym is necessary to prepare her for the upcoming photo shoots. Kaska enjoys family meals with traditional polish foods.

Photo: Norman Rheume



# Katie Gibbs

Photo: Fadel Chidiac



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My name is Katelyn Marie. I am a model from Oshawa, Ontario and trying new things and learning along the way is my philosophy. I have a BSc in Psychology and love trying many different types of work including volunteer work. I currently volunteer at three places in my community including with youth and those that may be mentally ill. I recently found my way to Punta Cana with IBMS for my first modelling event, ever and it was an experience I would not trade for the world! I met so many beautiful and talented people and took so many amazing photos! I overcame my nerves enough

to survive the stage with forty of the most gorgeous women you have ever seen in so many different shapes, sizes and ethnicities. Back here in Canada I am working hard to do more photo shoots while going through photos from my trip, working out at the gym, volunteering and working day jobs. I hope to be able to work full-time as a model one day but I will always make time to try new exciting things! I'd love to get my masters degree or even PhD in psychology, go to culinary school and, of course, travel around the world!



Kaylin Kennedy is a model and writer living in New York City. She studied marketing at a private university and ran NCAA Division II Cross Country and Track throughout college. Kaylin has been modeling for two years now and has attended the last two IBMS events in Punta Cana. As a new model IBMS gave Kaylin the chance to meet other models, work with many different photographers and gain a great deal of experience. She hopes to attend more IBMS events in the future and become an established model in the industry. When Kaylin isn't in front of the camera, she can be found running marathons, reading, cooking and exploring new places. Her current obsessions include spin classes, juice cleanses, and red lipstick.

Kaylin Kennedy

# Kelsey Morse

I am not really sure where to go from here, so I am going to just be me and tell you what I am feeling. I started to work when I was 15 years old at McDonalds and when I turned 16 I started to work at Wawa. During these years, I got into a lot of trouble. Mostly due to the fact I was bullied and wasn't in the most healthy relationships. I started to lose weight and thought I had to look a certain way. When I was told I had a month to live, I had to change my life. I started to eat healthier and started to work out. I was soon asked to start this class that taught you how to walk the runway. I soon started doing local shows for about 5 years which led me to the Green Legion. That became the start of me traveling to these amazing places. One of the girls I met introduced me to the IMBS. My first trip with the family was to Cancun. I did the bikini contest for the first time in my life. After the competition, I was able to see my scores. Just



say I thought I was going to do a lot better than what I was given. From that point in time I knew that I couldn't let that hold me back. I decided to come back to the next event in Punta Cana. I did the competition again and I was so proud of myself that I did a lot better than the first event. I also was involved with the fashion show, which gave me the chance to show the girls how to walk and pose on the catwalk. I also helped put the show together and I was extremely happy that the show was well done. After the show Patrick and Elina pulled me to the side and asked me to come back to be the IMBS Runway Instructor. I was extremely excited and took the offer. The next event was here in no time and I just want to say that we pulled another amazing show off. One more thing, this family stays together. I have been on three events and I have to say that I met and shot with some of the best photographers around the world. I grow every event because I didn't give up. Embrace who you are and be confident. Once you discover that you can do anything you want. I wouldn't have done it this way out the love & support of my girlfriend, my family, friends and fans.

# Jasmine Wong

outfits from bags. It was interesting. Once I graduated I was able to focus on my career. I started doing photoshoots, hoping I would be comfortable in front of the camera, sure enough I was a natural. Soon I had enough pictures to begin my portfolio. Now I was getting excited, I was becoming a model, it was a little dream coming true.

I got a part-time job as a photographer's assistant working with her at her studio. My duties were such jobs

eg: helping the women pose, there facial expressions and well I have an eye for flaws so anything that was out of place. I would also help the gals get all dolled up. Pick out which outfits and accessories they wanted to wear. Working at the studio really opened my vision on modeling, as this photographer specialized in Pin-Up old school style shots. I fell in love with the style, the Betty came out in me and Jazzy Cupcake was born! From the hair to the lips to the clothes to the bad ass hot rods and

custom bikes, I knew I had found the niche for me.

My style changed and so did the style in my modeling, Hot rods and motorcycles where my new jadore. The photos were turning out amazing, my new creativeness was a hit. From the hot rod car clubs to the custom build bike clubs to some serious bad ass custom bike shops, this Cupcake is making her self one fabulous portfolio. Life as a model is quite exiting, especially once

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I was born in a small town, just outside of Vancouver B.C, raised from a big family I was the one who had, as my mom would say: "A flair for fashion". I've always had a way of doing things a little differently than others. From the creativeness in my design, my "eye for the tiger", my determination and my unique sense of style, this gal knew she would be something when she grew up, not sure what... but something / someone in this big Old world!

When I was about 13 I got a job offer, the local mall was having a "Bring on Summer" event and I was asked to partake in the annual fashion show. I hadn't done anything like this before, but I has always wanted and hoped for the day I would get my chance. Once I agreed, they put me in a runway class and a few model pose workshops. Since I was new, I was very grateful for the opportunity at hand. The night of the show I was pretty exited, I

was about to go down the runway modeling Tommy Hilfiger's new summer collection. I was thinking is this even real right now!

My career, I could feel it was about to start. But as I was so young my parents insisted I waited till after high-school to really take it serious. I got a few different jobs during that time. One of the better ones was for Calvin Klein. He was doing an abstract type of shoot and he made

you start getting more known. From working events and from being published, people start to recognize you.

I've done some pretty bas ass work, from clothing company's asking me to repp there gear. Purpose Apparel in white rock Canada B.C, Sullen

clothing in L.A California and Vandal clothing in Lloydminster, Canada AB. From getting to be on the cover and a 2 page spread in Build Magazine in Langley B.C, to getting published in Kustoms magazine in Europe to becoming a poster girl for one sick custom bike shop, Trickfactory Customs in Coquitlam B.C.

But regardless how big or small the job may be, to me it's all an experience and networking. I love an adventure, cause after all isn't that what life is all about? Take a chance, Roll them dice! Life is what you make it, always listen to your heart and follow your dreams.

# Kayla Williams

Coming from a small town in south Louisiana, I was raised in the outdoors and never imagined I'd start modeling!! But 3 years ago I met Elina and Patrick McKinney, Owners of IBMS and they took me in like family.. Treated me as if they had known me my whole life.. I had my first bikini competition with IBMS and I fell in love with it. That is when I realized, I had a dream to chase and I wasn't going to stop!! I love being apart of IBMS,

competition, being in front of the camera, traveling, and most importantly having people that I can call my close friends and family!! The International Bikini Model Search has changed my life forever. I am so blessed to have met Patrick and Elina McKinney!! I have had more amazing times with my modeling than I could have ever imagined and it's all because of this excellent team and all of my loyal supporters!! I couldn't be more thankful

to have so many amazing people backing me and supporting me throughout my journey!! I have a lot more coming in the future. It just gets better and better all the time!! I feel like even though it's been 3 yrs, I'm just getting started and I can't wait to show the world what else is to come of my modeling!! Special thanks to Elina and Patrick McKinney, my support team, and my amazing sponsor for making all of this possible for me!!

Photo: Gary Miller



# KRISTY SEGUIN

Ever since I attended my first IBMS event 2 years ago my career as a model has completely changed. Right from the beginning I was welcomed with open arms and smiles across the board from Elina and Patrick McKinney and their amazing staff at IBMS. This was not a place where you felt unwelcomed or like you didn't fit in. My first event and every event since then have been very productive and some of the greatest times of my life. The love, the bonds, the friendships and the support and encouragement are neverending and true. We

really are ONE BIG HAPPY EVER EXPANDING FAMILY!

You will not find another event that opens so many doors of opportunity and is so full of positivity and greatness. Being surrounded by people who are not only beautiful on the outside but are even more beautiful on the inside really changes you for the better. I have never felt more part of anything in my life or been more grateful to be a part of something so amazing! I am proudly working as Ambassador Model and stand with them 110%. They will forever have

my complete devotion and support! Whether you are a new model or photographer, an experienced model or photographer or a company looking to expand your related expertise,... you will find a spot in our family!! Join us in making great memories that last a life time! We chase and achieve our dreams and goals together!!

Kristy "cookie" Seguin  
IBMS Ambassador Model  
Photographer:  
CM Photography  
Swimwear:  
VENAO SWIMWEAR  
HMUA: Marcos Venegas



Hello beautiful people! It's Paris Chanel here. I want to take a minute to tell you a little about myself. I am southern bred from Memphis, Tn. I grew up in a single parent home with one little brother. I now have two other siblings a girl and a boy. I am a 23 year old Aries (March baby). I am goofy, sophisticated, classy, and educated. I am a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and Marketing. Yes, I love numbers lol. My dreams and aspirations are to be a part of the non-nude Playboy family, represent a major brand on a billboard, and be the face of a major hair company. I also want to see myself in the pages of magazines such as Maxim, FHM, and Vogue.

Growing up wasn't easy.

I watched my mother struggle balancing working, going to school, and taking care of my little brother and me alone. She is the strongest woman that I know. Just watching her struggle hurt me, and I always wished that there was something that I could do. Despite our struggle she always made sure that we were in the best schools, dressed well, and followed our dreams. I can't begin to tell you how many different things I tried and then decided I didn't want to participate in them anymore. After all of that, she still stuck by me and supported me. My mother eventually went to law school and opened her own firm. I was so happy for her. She completed school in two years and that was motivation for me to continue to grind hard.

I discovered modeling at the age of 12. I wasn't really sure that I would like it, but I was so infatuated with Tyra Banks and Naomi Campbell; I just had to give it a shot. I was also tall for my age and people kept saying you need to model, so I said hey why not. My mother put me in modeling school from the age of 12 until 16. I begin to find myself and discover who I really wanted to be. I literally ate, slept, and breathed modeling. I graduated and started networking trying to find jobs and learn as much as I could. Things were really slow and a part of me started to give up. Being an African American model in the industry is so hard. You have to work 10 times harder to get noticed. I just began to get down on myself. One day I was at my breaking point and I cried and began to pray. All that I could think about was my mother and my brother. I realized I had to make it for them. I want to be able to pay my mother back so that she never has to want for anything. I had to work hard and show my brother that you can be anything that you set your mind to be.

My career began to slowly pick up in 2012. I stepped into the promotional modeling field and realized that there was an entire world of work out there. I began to represent brands such as Harley Davidson, All-state, Playboy energy drink, etc. I am always looking for opportunities to advance in the next stage of my career. One day I just so happened to be stumbling across Facebook and discovered IBMS. I checked into it and I was amazed by the things that I was seeing. I spoke to my mom and told her that I really wanted to step out on faith and take on this opportunity. We began to reach out to family and friends to help me raise the money. It was hard and there were times when I was doubtful and thinking that I wouldn't raise enough money in time and at the last minute I must've prayed for about an hour; a few hours later someone donated the remainder of the money that was needed. Next thing I know I was in Cancun living it up with my mother.

My IBMS experience was unbelievable and definitely a dream come true. I've gotten a chance to shoot with several photographers. I have now been published in 20 magazines. I was featured by Maxim South Africa. Lastly, my image was used in the Playboy Mexico July 2014 Issue in the IBMS feature. These were things that I know I for sure would not have been able to get on my own. IBMS is definitely I dream come true. I could not have been more excited to be the Official African American Spokesmodel for the com-



# Paris Chanel

pany. I placed top 30 out of 100+ girls in the competition in Cancun, Mexico, and I was the only African American model there. I am pretty ecstatic about my achievements. Becoming one of the Spokesmodels has definitely been life changing. I have currently been featured in the IBMS 2015-2016 calendar.

My goal is to help other models to see that anything is possible and to never give up on your dreams. I want to encourage them to save up and raise money to come to IBMS events. I also want to try and bring IBMS to my hometown so that models here can be presented with this awesome opportunity. I am always trying to help models and giving advice. I feel that if you don't give back then what good are you? I feel that in order to be a true success you have to give back especially to those that are in the shoes that you were in before your career took leaps.

My plans for the future are to continue to get published in major magazines. I am still working towards becoming the face of a hair brand. I want to see myself on a major billboard soon. Graduating this May was definitely my biggest accomplishment of all! I want to eventually open my own Marketing and Promotions agency. The sky is the limit for me and I'm extremely excited about where my future is headed.

Photo: Shane Gauthier





Savi  
Hart

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My model name is Savi Hart, I am 22 years of age, and am from Canada. My hobbies include barrel racing in rodeos, fitness, riding my horse, bonfires, travelling, singing, dancing, and cooking. I started modeling in January and I found out about the IBMS through social media. IBMS inspired me to start in January because I entered the monthly online competition, I placed 3rd. My passion for modeling has developed even more since my experience in Punta Cana, I have lots more knowledge of being in front of the camera and I just love it. I had met so many wonderful people through the IBMS which include models, photographer, founders, sponsors, the list goes on. I will be returning to the IBMS one day and I hope to meet many more wonderful people there. My goals for my modeling career is to be featured in Playboy, Maxim and Sports Illustrated!



My name is Rose Chiauzzi I'm 23 years old and from a small town in upstate NY... Warsaw. Modeling has always been intriguing to me so I decided to follow my dreams and dive in! To me modeling is a passion and I always try my hardest to better myself as a model each and every time. I enjoy traveling to exotic new places so that's just a plus! I recently became apart of the IBMS and couldn't be happier to have come across such an amazing international bikini company. On my downside I like to relax just soaking up the sun near the beach, it puts me at ease. I also enjoy outdoor sports such as softball, volleyball, and even jet skiing! I like to live for the moment, life is so short and there's no room for negativity. I like to have hope and see the best in everything it's what keeps me hanging on with a smile!

Photo: Norman Rheaume

Rose  
Chiauzzi



# Taryn Maria

When I think about The International Bikini Model Search (IBMS) I fall short on words, basically The company is amazing!! Patrick & Elina McKinney are dedicated, hardworking people who put IBMS together and made it what it is today. Not only is it an amazing opportunity to shoot in tropical destinations but you get the privilege of working with the best models & photographers in the world!! The connections I have made are unbelievable, the publications I have received are a dream come true but the friends who became family will always be in my heart. I highly recommend models & photographers of all caliber to join the ibms family!!

Photo: Frank Cotton



*Valerie Ann*

Hi readers! My name is, Valerie Ann your Miss March 2015 International Bikini Model Search social media contest winner! I absolutely love modeling and take a lot of pride in being a 31 years old mother and remaining all natural with out any types of surgical or chemical enhancements! 34B-26-37 all made in the gym! I enjoy expressing myself artistically through all types of modeling, with a concentration on Swimsuit & Fitness. I live to inspire others to love them self naturally with proper nutrition, and exercise! Follow my journey

Photo: Joe Pepper

# Dr. Valya Romanov

Valya Romanova is a glamour model who is also a surgical physician assistant. Valya recently became a fashion Ambassador for Pascale Swimwear. When she's not in front of the camera, she's in the Operating Room working side by side with a surgeon, saving somebody's life.

In the past year, Valya won 1<sup>st</sup> place as Miss Tampa in the International Bikini Model Search. She has also won multiple other contests including Jack Fire Bikini contest, The Ticket Chick Miami 2015, and Miss Charisma 2014.

Growing up, Valya was always interested in fashion and beauty. As a young girl she dreamed of becoming a model. Her dream became true when she went in for a casting, and was accepted by the Toge Models Agency.

Now, Valya's long-term dream is to open a beauty center where clients would have access to an array of specialists offering both inner and outer transformations.

Originally from Penza, Russia, Valya relocated to the United States to complete her college education. She studied medicine at NY State and holds a Masters with Honors in Physician Assistance. She received additional surgical training in her residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Valya currently lives in Miami, Florida. Her interests include oil painting, gymnastics, figure skating, ballet and yoga.

Photo: Jerry Steele





Photo: Peter Urbanski

# Danielle Beaudieu

Being a model has always been my dream I never thought I could do it, or have the look for it. I was told I was not good enough and you need a certain look; this is not true, I found out. I had the dream of being in magazines and showing my girls they can do anything. I'm 31 and just starting this adventure; so always believe in your self and know u can do it. Now, my girls see me accomplish my goals being a model and they want to follow in my foot steps it makes my heart melt. IBMS gave me this chance, they are a true family, they push you to your goal, they give you the tools you need to become something. The people are so kind, sweet, talented and caring, I truly felt family when I was apart of IBMS. The photographers are so talented and make you feel so amazing. I am living my dream and can't wait to be back with my IBMS family. Patrick and Elina have made this experience the best, and gave me the confidence I did not know I had. Photo: John chennavasini

# Nailim

Nailim was born and raised in Carolina, Puerto Rico, the Enchanted Island. She ended up moving to Mobile, Alabama, when she was a teenager.

Nailim has been modeling for about six years now and she truly loves it. She has also done several runway shows in the Alabama and Mississippi area. She has been published five times so far but says: "I'm always aiming for more!" Her publications include: Bella & Co. Magazine, Mobile Press Register (twice), Pensacola News Journal, and Habla Hispana Magazine.

Since she was a little girl, Nailim has always dreamed on winning the Miss Universe crown for Puerto Rico. It might still happen so everybody watch out!

Photo: Fadel Chidiac



# FEATURED PHOTOGRAPHERS

## FRANK COTTON

Frank would rather be photographing than to eat when he is hungry. Frank got his first camera in 1978; he has been shooting since. He feels it is important to have the right tools in his profession but never be afraid to improvise. Photoshop is a close friend. Frank went back to college at age 50, "To see if anything changed" he says.

Things he misses most "Momma's buttermilk biscuits, fried chicken at Grandma's house and CCR". Frank describes himself as a kind of cool like Elvis with a John Wayne swagger and Dean Martin smooth. He likes to play an old Merle Haggard tune and enjoy a cold one now and then.

Frank spent 10 years in Corporate Advertising; he had the privilege of photographing the U.S. Navy Blue Angels flight team. And the honor of

training & working beside top ranked photographers around the country. He has photographed everything from Music Icons, classic cars, the homeless, and few beautiful ladies along the way.

In the 80's Frank studied graphic design but switched to photography. Practicing everyday is a great way to learn the craft.

Frank Cotton's motto: Believe in yourself first. Positive is a way of life, Always carry a camera. Now for what it's worth here is a little advice that was given to Frank Cotton a long time ago and he would like to pass it along.

4 things to remember in life.  
 1. Scared man can't gamble.  
 2. Jealous man can't work.  
 3. Whiskey glass and woman's ass have been the downfall of many good men.



## PETER URBANSKI

Ever since my grandfather gave me my first little plastic camera when I was twelve, I have always enjoyed, and had an eye for photography. Growing up in Poland I learned to process film and develop my own prints during my teen years. I emigrated to America and continued with this passion during my college years. Have taken thousands of slides of the world around me. Later on I became busy with life and fascinated with

computers and programming. Photography became my somewhat sideline interest. With the introduction of new technology I got interested again. After purchasing my first digital camera, I immediately saw possibilities of connecting my computer skills with my old passion for taking pictures, and the new adventure with photography began. Took some college courses and learned digital processing, practiced with

some great photography teachers and mentors. Now I am continuing my study and doing real shoots with real models. IBMS trip was a bit of last minute decision, which I am glad I made! Have met a lot of great people and made new friends during a week long stay in Dominican Republic. Hope my work will be well received. Thank you all for your support and believing in me. Now on to taking more images

## CHRISTOPHER LOMBOY



Born and raised in Southern California as a first Generation American from his Filipino ethnicity, Chris grew up to the beaches surrounding Redondo, Venice and Manhattan, California. He surfed, boogey board, skateboarded and many hours of tanning on the sands there in the South Bay. Always enjoying the beautiful hard- body Cali girls in their bikini's, it seemed only natural that he comes to shooting these beautiful ladies in their bikini's after all these years.

His love for photography arose in early years in Elementary school where he purchased his first Nikon camera from saving his money earned from the "Daily Breeze" Newspaper route he worked. Many pictures were taken on film and much money spent developing each roll. The expense of film and developing added to the determination in capturing the picture the first time. He started off his love for photography with "Landscape" outdoor pictures. His pictures consisted of travelling to Yellowstone National Park, Sunsets along the beach and any opportunity in creating that "postcard" picture.

He was fascinated with bridges and waterfalls. His term in the United States Air Force allowed Chris to travel and see more of this beautiful world gave the opportunities to capture in time.

A friend's sister asked him one time to do portrait pictures for her to pursue an acting career. Chris was not impressed with his first attempts at this type of photography and decided to never do this type of photography again. This has become to be false statements as Chris has done wedding, Easter family, Prom and Senior pictures for his friends and family. Another type of photography is to capture that sporting event such as Auto racing, Baseball, Basketball and Football.

With the internet and the ability to share one's pictures online, Chris was contacted by a friend who noticed his work and he was introduced to "Fine Art". For Chris, this was a re- ignition of the passion within. The ability to use "lighting and shadows" to create beautiful images gave Chris a love for this type of creativity and artistry.

Introduced to the "International Bikini Model Search", Chris attended his first event in May 2015 in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

Although shooting on "location" and not in a studio was intimidating to Chris, he recalled his first days of shooting landscapes and drew from the beautiful inspiration that those had created. The thought of adding some of these beautiful ladies in bikini's to his early work of landscape encouraged him to take the job.

Chris's ability to have the models feel at ease are some of the attributes one would hear when they shoot with Chris. Add in his talent with "fine art", and magic can appear. If you are desiring to get that non- traditional bikini picture, exploring with "lighting & shadows", set up some time with Chris.

Collaboration, theme decisions, and location selection, enhance his pose and click nature that enables a most fun, and creative photo shoot for all involved.



# SHANE GAUTHIER

I first found out about the International Bikini Model Search accidentally by a friend of mine in Atlanta. She was going to enter an IBMS Regional in Tampa Florida at Coyote Ugly. It was suggested that I could be a judge there, so with no hesitation I said yes and booked everything. On the Friday night I met Elina and Patrick McKinney, who introduced me to the contestants and the photographers. Coyote Ugly was packed and all these beautiful girls walking around in their bikini's, everybody was having a great time. Patrick suggested (If I had a good time, who couldn't have a good time) that I might attend one of their International Events. The first one I attended was in Punta Cana in Sept 2014 at the Barcelo Bavaro. I went with my Camera hoping to learn about photography and have a good time meeting everyone. Right away I noticed how models and photographers were sharing ideas for shoots and me being new to the IBMS family I was being asked "hey would you like to come and help out". I was amazed how open everyone was. There was one photographer there who especially helped me with learning photography. He let me go to his shoots and answered my so many questions. After the shoots there was always a themed party for all of us to attend, and again mingle and talk with different people. After this event I went and got better photography equipment and when I called a photographer again to ask questions about equipment they were so helpful. The event we just had in May 2015 at Barcelo Bavaro was a lot better for me. I knew people from the time I landed, I was booking shoots with these amazing models and photographers I met before and photographers I never met before were all getting together to talk about shoots and locations. IBMS really is a family, and I find myself texting with models and photographers almost everyday. This is a great experience to learn that everybody can come here, experienced or new and learn in a positive environment.

# NORMAN RHEAUME

Photography has been a passion of mine for all of my adult life. It has opened my mind to different cultures and far off lands in five continents, forever enriching and expanding my horizons. Because of it I have developed interests in architecture, diverse cultures and unique landscapes. Doing wedding photography toned my people photography skills leading to the unique model photography specialty which has been my focus for the last six years. As a photographer with the Hot Tropix team I have done Bikini Model Photography on most all of the Caribbean islands producing over a dozen calendars in the process. The last two IBMS events have been ideal venues to meet and photograph both new and seasoned models who are eager to further their modeling careers by being recognized and published. Models from these two events will appear in my calendar entitled LADEEZ available soon at CALENDERS.COM.

# RICH GREER

Hey My name is Rich Greer of RichG Photography from New Jersey. Im a 28 year old Photographer, where Photography is a huge part of my life that I enjoy and love every part of Photography from doing Weddings, Sweet Sixteens, to Photoshoot's with amazing models. I've been doing Photography for over 3 years where I love every second of it where my life time goal is to become a full time Photographer and a Traveling Photographer. I recently had the chance to fly out to Punta Cana this past May for the International Bikini Model Search for my first time which was to me the most amazing experience of my life and so grateful I had that chance to do that event. Being able to get away for 7 days being in paradise doing nothing but Photography work with beautiful models from all around the world every day was truly amazing in every way which really opened up my eyes and really made me see that this is what I want in my Life and I wont stop until I make it happen. I'm really excited to be going back this Upcoming October to Punta Cana for the IBMS once again with the best crew that's apart of the IBMS. I also feel blessed to be able to say that I'm now a published Photographer from getting that chance to get my shots from the event published in BIKINI MAGAZINE which really made me a happy photographer and made my hard work and dedication to be published worth it. Well to finish this off want to say thank you to all the supporters out there that support me and who enjoy my photography work so thank you everyone.



# Carrie Englehart

24 years old from Baltimore Maryland. I enjoy country music tailgating and summertime. I have a big family but I'm single and have no kids. I do have a dog named Bo Duke.



Photo: Peter Urbanski

# MELISSA TEIXEIRA

Made by her popular nickname "HemiGirl", Melissa Anne Teixeira is a professional swimsuit model, actress, artist and entertainer. She is an automotive enthusiast who has graced the pages of several men's magazines, and has appeared on many radio and television shows.

Melissa appeared on the VERSUS network for TapouT Reality TV, a popular mixed martial arts show geared around discovering new fighters and selling t-shirts.

Most notably, Melissa appeared on the Howard Stern Show in August of 2009 and was named a "Miss Howard TV", where she presented all of the upcoming episodes on Howard TV's network for iNDemand. From there she became the co-host of "The Auto Show", with Howard's wingman Ronnie "The Limo Driver" Mund.

In the recent years, she excelled

in her athletic ability as a former Quarterback and co-captain for the Lingerie Football League, playing for the "New England Euphoria" but was traded to the "New York Majesty" representing New York City. Taking in with her Boston pride, Melissa resigned from her position as New York's QB with a multitude of press over the Boston/NYC rivalry. She appeared on Fox New LIVE on Fox & Friends representing the league before resigning all together.

In late 2011, Melissa was cast to film for Animal Planet's "Hillbilly Handfishin'", where she lived in the drought stricken Oklahoma among the earth dwellers for the biggest thrill seeking adventure of her life.

In July of 2012, HemiGirl won the title of Playboy's Miss Social July, where she was flown to the Playboy Mansion, and head quarters where she bared it all for her pictorial.

In her personal life, Melissa is a semi-professional Surfer, having appeared in several Surfing Magazines, and likes to customize surfboards in her spare time.

When she is not surfing, you can find her snowboarding the white powdery mountains of New England!

In 2014, Melissa began attending IBMS events; her first being in Cancun Mexico, which garnered her first Playboy publication in Playboy Mexico as a feature model. From there, Melissa went on to be published as a Playmate in Playboy Venezuela's magazine as Miss January 2015.

At nearly 30 years old, Melissa is more than happy to be still working as a model, traveling the world and making new friends. She is a proud member of the IBMS family!



Hi my name is Bianca Shane. I am 21 and from Montana. Growing up I always dreamed about becoming a model but never thought I was pretty enough or ever thought I would have the opportunities that I have been given. I'm so glad when I was 18 I took the chance to be apart IBMS. They've taught me so much. Some of my achievements that I've made happened during the fall event of IBMS when I was announced as the

IBMS North American Spokesmodel. With this position I've done my best to help and mentor girls who are new to IBMS. To show them to believe in themselves and to push hard. I'm still growing as a model and I'm so excited to see where modeling takes me. My goal is to work with top magazines and become a known model worldwide. I've seen so many girls who have made it that never look back to help girls from where

they started. I've made a promise to myself if I ever made it big to help other girls who might be struggling to get where they want to be. I know I've struggled and I'm still struggling as model and my inner demons with myself. This industry is a dog eat dog world. It is a refresher to have a company like IBMS that is all about building each other up and helping each other succeed.





# Nurse Brittany Umble

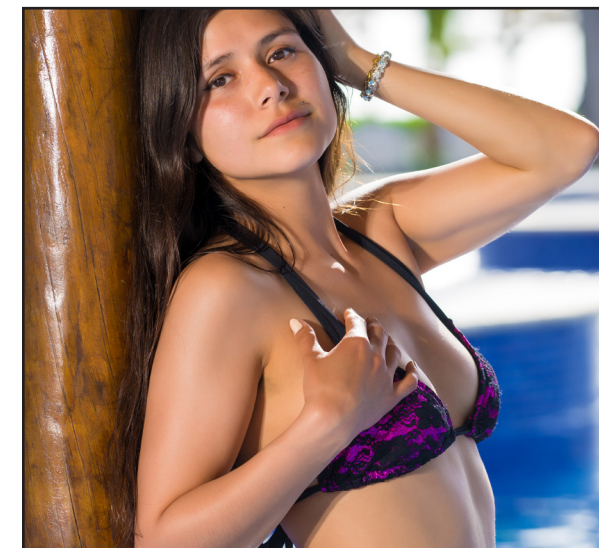
I am from a very small town in the panhandle of Florida. I am an X-ray Technologist by trade, and I am attending school to pursue a nursing degree with hopes to become a nurse anesthetist. Modeling was never anything I imagined myself getting into. I was approached by photographer Joe Damaso to participate in a project for sponsor of the IBMS, Dr. Scott Ennis, founder of Breast Enhancement Centers of America. From that moment on, my career in modeling has hit the ground running! Following my participation in the project, I competed in my very first bikini contest and took home the title as Miss IBMS Destin. I am so fortunate, amazed, and still in such disbelief what the IBMS has done for me, and the way it has drastically changed my life.



# Naomi Helm

Naomi Geddes helm is a twenty year old Tlingit, First Nations Model, photographer, fitness coach, role model, entrepreneur, future business owner and more. This free spirit comes from a small town by of only a few hundred people by the name of Carcross in the Yukon Territory, Western Canada. She has been modelling since the age of 4 when her mother put her on the runways as she was a hairstylist. She has been to Hollywood representing Canada in an International competition, a couple adventurous trips to Mexico, The Dominican Republic, and more on the way! She recently attended the International Bikini Model Search in Punta Cana and went through insane terrains to make it there - So she can live her dream. She met many amazing people, made connections and got discovered - which changed her life.

She is currently in Canada and since she's been home she has completed her schooling and received her grade 12 diploma and received a business award for starting her own business in photography and to further her modelling career. They also acknowledged her leadership and entrepreneur skills as well as her good grades. She has been busy sending photos to be published in magazines, booking trips to further her knowledge in photography and to model as she goes! She has been contacted by playboy for a casting and is flying out to LA for



that, as well as photography courses, and modelling in Vegas and Cabo!

"My IBMS trip was amazing! I love to meet new people, travel new places, engage in modelling and photography, further my education and make new memories! This is the perfect even to do so! I travelled in 5 planes to get to Punta Cana for the last 2 days of the competition... And even though I couldn't compete as they already picked a winner - who totally deserves it, you go Nicole! I still wanted to go and make connections, go for the experience, just live a little. I'm so young and it is so brave to go, Everybody was so proud of me and still is! So I am happy I never gave up on what I wanted! I came back to find out I lost my job as a tour guide but I believe everything happens for a reason and better things are in store for me... So look out for me, I am going to keep travelling the world. I am booking my trips now! So go after your dreams! Look me up! Let's travel together, talk about life, or do business - shoot me or I shall shoot you, let's decide.

Photo: Peter Urbanski

A full-page photograph of Crystal Danos, a woman with long, dark, wavy hair, wearing a shimmering, iridescent bikini. She is standing on a beach, looking towards the camera with a slight smile. Her right hand is raised to her hair. The background shows the ocean and a sunset sky with warm orange and yellow tones. The name 'Crystal Danos' is written in a large, stylized font in the upper right corner, with 'Crystal' in blue and 'Danos' in red.

# Crystal Danos

Crystal Danos is a Native American beauty from the southern heat of Louisiana. She grew up on an Indian reservation, Isle de Jean Charles, which consisted of a small two lane road that reached out for 3 miles connecting the island to the main land. She lived off the wildlife of the land as a child. She comes from a large family of 10 brothers and 3 sisters. Modeling is her natural born talent. She is spontaneous, adventurous, and very energetic. She enjoy the daily challenges of hardcore training with no limit. She is known as the insane trainer of three times a day. Her daily motto is "Train Insane or Remain the Same." She enjoys running three miles day, running Stadium, doing plyometric, and flipping tractor tires the distance of a football field. During her free time she enjoys helping others, doing charity events, and volunteering at the local nursing home. She is a princess by beauty and an angel by heart. She is every man's dream of sweet and nice with a little bit of spice. Her extra curriculum activities consist of riding jet skis, fishing, swimming with dolphins, beach volleyball, riding four wheelers during the afternoon and dressing like Cinderella by night. She has been published 42 times which consists of 18 different magazines. She has had the honor of being front cover three times. She is part owner of Bayou Bikinis Company. She is also the spokes model for Thunder roads magazine of Louisiana and Southside maniac which contribute all of their charity events money raising to St. Judes children Hospital. She is also a website model for a clothing line in Biloxi Mississippi called Smash clothing and L.A. Renee Boutique Clothing. Crystal is featured in hot tub time machine part 2. Her modeling portfolio spans nationally and internationally gracing the lens of the industry's most respected and sought out photographers. She has recently been promoted to be an Ambassador for the Phenomenal International Bikini Model Search. She plans to continue her modeling career in swimsuit, Modeling fashion, fitness, and glamour. She plans to become Mrs. worldwide someday.

Photo: Nelly Putnam

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