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## Rachel Evangelisto crowned Miss Minnesota 2022

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**Eden Prairie, MN** - Rachel Evangelisto was crowned the 86th Miss Minnesota on Friday, June 17 at Grace Church in Eden Prairie. Formerly Miss Winona, Rachel's new title is Miss Minnesota 2022. She will compete for the title of Miss America 2023 this December at the Mohegan Sun Resort in Connecticut.

As the new Miss Minnesota, Rachel was awarded a \$10,000 scholarship from the Miss Minnesota organization. In addition, she received a Preliminary award for the *Red Carpet Evening Wear Competition* and performed a routine of *Jade Forest Praying Mantis Kung Fu* for her talent presentation. Rachel will promote her Social Impact Initiative, 'Celebrating Culture & Driving Diversity' during her year of service.

Ms. Evangelisto came to Minnesota to pursue her undergraduate degree, and in 2019, graduated from the University of Minnesota, Morris, with a degree in Political Science with an emphasis on Law. She has been accepted to Mitchell Hamline School of Law to pursue her Juris Doctorate in Tribal Law. She currently works as an Indian Child Welfare Advocate Guardian ad Litem, and is an enrolled member of the Húnkpaḥa Standing Rock Sioux tribe.

*"To be the first Indigenous Miss Minnesota is the honor of a lifetime. It's always been my goal to put community and culture at the heart of everything I do and represent and I look forward to sharing that throughout my year as Miss Minnesota. I'm proud to be the representation that I needed to see as a little and hope to inspire our children to always reach for their dreams, no matter their background."*

~ Rachel Evangelisto, Miss Minnesota 2022

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Through Rachel's participation in the Miss America program, she has been awarded over \$26,000 in educational scholarships.

Rounding out the top five this year were 4th Runner Up, Emily Schumacher - Miss Mankato; 3rd Runner Up - Sage Hovet, Miss Coon Rapids; 2nd Runner Up - Lorie Martin Kingbird, Miss Heart of the Lakes; and 1st Runner Up - Angelina Amerigo, Miss Midwest.

*The Miss Minnesota Scholarship Organization is an official preliminary to the Miss America Organization, the largest provider of scholarship assistance to young women in America*

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### Quick Facts

- ★ Minnesota crowns the first Indigenous woman as Miss Minnesota
- ★ Rachel Evangelisto's Talent is **Jade Forest Praying Mantis Kung Fu**
- ★ Ms. Evangelisto works as an Indian Child Welfare Advocate Guardian ad Litem
- ★ Miss Minnesota is the official preliminary to the Miss America Competition
- ★ Miss America is the only Nationally televised Pageant with a Talent Competition
- ★ The Swimsuit Competition Retired in 2019
- ★ Women who compete with Miss America advocate for a social impact initiative during their year of service

