After 734 Days, Longest Reigning Miss Minnesota Poised to Crown Her Successor on June 25

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Miss Minnesota 2019-20, Kathryn Kueppers invites community members to celebrate a new era at the state competition on June 25, 2021

Miss Minnesota Organization, Eden Prairie, MN – Kathryn Kueppers, Miss Minnesota 2019-20 will check off her second history-making accomplishment within the Miss America Organization of serving 734 days; her first being she is the only daughter of a former Miss Minnesota to win the state title in the 100 years of the Miss America Organization.

After holding the Minnesota State title for two years due to the postponement of last year's Miss America competition, Kueppers issued the following statement:

"The Miss Minnesota Competition is thrilled to finally welcome such exceptional women back to the stage - and at a remarkable new location! While my extra year serving the state of Minnesota has been a time I will never forget, it is so important that we give other women the opportunity to serve, grow and have access to scholarship funds that will help them achieve their educational goals."

The Miss Minnesota Organization, official preliminary to Miss America, announced last month that after being postponed for one year due to the pandemic, their annual competition will return bigger, better, and stronger. Finals will take place on *Friday, June 25, 2021 at Grace Church in Eden Prairie, Minnesota in their 4000+ seat auditorium,* with the preliminary competition taking place on June 24. Twenty-two women from around the state will vie for the title of Miss Minnesota 2021. Tickets are currently on sale to the public for in-person entry and livestream access will be announced closer to the competition.

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Areas of competition for the job of Miss Minnesota 2021 are a 10-minute private judges Interview; Social Impact 'Pitch' about an issue each young woman will advocate for during her year of service; On Stage Question; Talent; and Red Carpet Eveningwear. Miss Minnesota 2021 will go on to compete for Miss America this December at the Mohegan Sun Resort in Uncasville, CT. Miss America will be celebrating its milestone 100th anniversary!

The Miss Minnesota will still undertake social distanced seating in the theater as Minnesota moves toward normalcy. That involves closing off every other row, and blocking off 3 seats between parties in each row.

For tickets and information, visit http://www.missminnesota.org

The Miss Minnesota Scholarship Organization is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization which awards educational scholarships to outstanding young women to help them academically and professionally. The Miss Minnesota Scholarship Organization is an official preliminary of the Miss America Competition, the nation's leading achievement program and the world's largest provider of scholarship assistance to young women.

Kathryn Kueppers is currently finishing her degree in Family and Consumer Science Education at Minnesota State University, Mankato with plans to become a FACS Educator. She is a professional vocalist and a member of the dynamic touring band, Shirts & Skins. She has been awarded over \$30,000 in educational scholarships from her participation in the Miss America Organization.