



## Miss Florida's Outstanding Teen 2007

*Alexandra Milbrath*

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**Princess**  
*Gracie Westerfield*



*In this issue, fourpoints is putting the Spotlight on the very special relationship that a Princess can have with her mentor. Gracie and Alexandra are continually learning from each other and reaping the benefits of the Princess Program. Like countless young women, Gracie is developing skills and talents that may one day lead her to the Miss America crown.*

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When Gracie Westerfield first participated in the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Princess Program, she wasn't sure what to expect.

"At first, I thought it would be all about getting dressed up and wearing a crown. Boy, did I learn quickly there's a lot more to being a Princess than pink party dresses," says Gracie.

This past year, Gracie was paired up with Miss Florida's Outstanding Teen Alexandra Milbrath. The two hit it off immediately.

"Alexandra and I became friends quickly," says Gracie. "She gave me advice on how to walk on stage, how to introduce myself to people, and how to start a conversation with someone I'd like to meet."

Although Alexandra and Gracie aren't the same age, the two discovered that they have plenty of things in common.

"From the moment we met, we became fast friends. I knew there was something truly wonderful about Gracie. She possesses many of the qualities of a real princess. She's brilliant, charming and adorable! Above all, she is genuine and tenderhearted. We found that we have many things in common—our love for music, dance and performing, our friends and families—including our silly pets!" says Alexandra.

Since the national pageant in Orlando in August, Alexandra and Gracie have been able to attend lunches and parties together and continue to learn from one another. In addition to learning how to

sing and dance on stage, Gracie has learned how to talk to reporters and how to be a role model.

And Gracie isn't the only person benefiting from the Princess program. Although she is a mentor, Alexandra has taken many lessons and gifts away from her experiences with Gracie.

"It is a joy, honor, and privilege to have my best buddy share in some of my most memorable moments so far as Miss Florida's Outstanding Teen," says Alexandra. "I'm looking forward to many more happy times with my sweet Princess Gracie."

Alexandra and Gracie are only two young women out of the thousands that are learning and growing as a result of the Miss America Organization. While the focus in life may sometimes be on the destination, MAO and MAOT are truly about the journey to the crown. This journey can start at any age and impact a young woman in so many ways. From poise to public speaking skills, from performing talent selections to platform work, the Princess Program can truly mold a little girl into a young woman.

To find out more about the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Princess Program, visit [www.MAOTeen.org](http://www.MAOTeen.org). The program is open to girls between the ages of 6—12 and takes place in Orlando, Florida, from August 12—16, 2008. 🍷

