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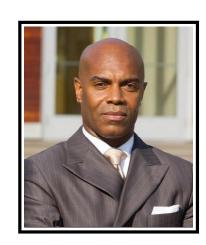


RATANAK SREY, MISTRESS OF CEREMONY

Ratanak Srey, born in the woods of Cambodia at the beginning of the war, is a survivor of the Killing Fields. After escaping from Cambodia, she applied herself in education to better herself through full scholarships at an all girls private school then on to Cornell University where she majored in French. After Cornell, she went on to work in the field of finance and grants administration at the Weill Cornell Medical College. She takes pride in being Cambodian American and looks forward to working on future projects with CCD and MCADC to help promote and preserve her rich Cambodian culture.

RICHARD GLOVER, MASTER OF CEREMONY

Richard Glover III, CEO of the Renaissance Society, exemplifies the epitome of a modern day renaissance man. He is a virtuoso of many subject matters. His noteworthy accomplishments include Celebrity Wine Sommelier, radio show host, entertainer, entrepreneur, musician, composer, songwriter, director, educator, and athlete. Founder of the Men& Style Society, CEO of the International Renaissance Society, The Cellar Wine Show, National Director of Operations for Miss Intercontinental US and State Director for GA and MD.





MISSION STATEMENT

Cambodian Community Day (CCD) is a 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization established to promote, present and preserve our rich Cambodian culture. CCD seeks to integrate Khmer culture into American society to ensure the continuation of Cambodian cultural heritage, especially among Cambodian-American youths. We also work to strengthen Cambodian voice, empower Cambodian communities, bridge distances, heal rifts and build bonds among Khmers and other ethnic groups.

Purpose

CCD was founded by a group of Cambodian volunteers in the Washington DC area in 2001 to promote Cambodian culture. CCD organizes and collaborates Cambodian cultural resources and presents them to the public through various events such as the Khmer New Year in April, the annual Cambodian Cultural Festival in the summer and the Asian Pacific Heritage Month in May. Our main focus includes (but is not limited) to:

- Promoting Cambodian culture in America, especially among youths;
- ♦ Supporting efforts to conserve history and culture;
- ♦ Educating the public about the rich Cambodian culture, heritage, custom, and tradition;
- Fostering coordination and cooperation with other groups with similar interests;
- ♦ Raising community awareness about Cambodia

 importance of preserving them; and
- ♦ Disseminating truthful information about the Cambodian culture and related researches in Cambodia and the USA.

WHAT WE DO

CCD provides some ad hoc services to the Khmer community, participates in fundraising activities for various charitable organizations, and foremost, celebrates the Cambodian culture through the annual Cambodian Cultural Festival. The festival is a token of solidarity in the Khmer communities surrounding the Washington DC Metro area. The festival has enabled us to develop bonds, bridge differences and heal rifts in the Khmer communities and beyond. It also provides a means to reach out and share our values with others.

The festival, attended by several thousand spectators each year, is a showcase of Khmer traditional music, classical, folklore and social dances and shows, and childrenge games, arts and crafts, exhibitions and much more. For example, in 2013, CCD organized a unique folklore show titled õYeeke Mak Theungö. In 2014, we produced Lakhon Bassac, a Khmer opera play, a form of Khmer traditional entertainment that UNESCO deems is on its way to extinction.

Besides major productions, we also organize fashion shows to highlight Cambodian traditional clothing from thousands of years ago, participated by Cambodian youths. The shows were presented during Khmer New Year where more than 10,000 celebrants attended. The importance of the festival is to bring large groups of people in the community together to have fun and to share experiences. The festival also exposes Cambodian culture, tradition and values to young Cambodian American.



Happy New Year! Thank you for joining us for an exciting evening. Tonight, we will witness the culmination of the hardwork and dedication of seven Cambodian American women. They have relentlessly pursued perfection in their preparation over the past few months. Tonight, they will bring their all to compete for the title of Miss Cambodian American DC. Their journey began four months ago, but only one will emerge the winner and carry the title of the 2014 Miss Cambodian American DC, an ambassador of goodwill of the Cambodian community and a role model for young Cambodian Americans of her generation.

To compete for this title, our seven contestants will exibit and reveal their beauty, intelligence and talent. In my mind, they are all winners, all beautiful and accomplished. But, the one who can best demonstrate to the judges and to you that she has mastered all three elements of the competition will be the representative to be the role model to other young Cambodian Americans.

CCD established and appended the Miss Cambodian American Pageant to the overall CCD cultural programs to utilise the beauty, the intelligence, and the compassion of Miss Cambodian American DC to advance our cause of spreading the Cambodian culture.

Please enjoy the event and we hope you will continue to support CCD and MCADC.

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Ben Bao President Cambodian Community Day



MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to empower young American women of Cambodian heritage by providing a platform that promotes the development of confidence, self-esteem and cultural identity.

PURPOSE

Miss Cambodian American DC Pageant (MCADC) is a cultural event that seeks to celebrate the talent, intellect, and accomplishments of young Cambodian American women. It is a platform for one outstanding young woman to represent the Cambodian American community, promote cultural awarenesss, and serve as an inspiration and role model to other young Americans of Cambodian heritage.

MISS CAMBODIAN AMERICAN DC TITLEHOLDER

The titleholder is a role model for her community, she is a leader to all she serves, she is beautiful, well spoken, talented, charismatic, reflective of women of her generation, possesses positive Cambodian values such as integrity, compassion and maturity to handle all MCADC responsibilities. She will not only receive the crown and the prizes but will also assume the duties that come with this title.

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Mr. Khan San



A warm welcome to all and thank you for sharing this evening with us. On behalf of the Miss Cambodian American DC (MCADC), the Cambodian Community Day (CCD) organization and the amazing contestants in our 2014 Miss Cambodian American DC Pageant, I hope you will be entertained and inspired this evening. MCADC was established with the objective to empower young Cambodian American women and to create role models and future leaders who will advocate for the goodwill of the community. It is the only pageant on the east coast geared towards Cambodian American women.

There are competitions today that highlight beauty as a key factor for winning a pageant. The MCADC is unique, that even though

we have beautiful girls participating tonight, our competition showcases not only beauty but incorporates cultural uniqueness. The main purpose of MCADC is to cull a young Cambodian American woman to be a role model.

For the past few months, I we had the privilege and honor of working with seven remarkable young women. They have transformed from ordinary to extraordinary. But behind the pageant magic are hours of determination, dedication and training. I am extremely proud of them. I hope that the experiences and adventures through the MCADC have contributed to making these young women better citizens who can take their places in the community and society with pride and dignity.

A special thank you to our generous sponsors, without all of you this program would not be possible. Your dedication and faith in this program mission in support of young women is appreciated more than words can say: the Cambodian Buddhist Society, Inc, Richard Glover of blis.fm, Chris Aldous of Gymnastics-Photo, Truong Lee of Lee Studio, Exxon Mobile Corporation, Premiere Financial Alliance, Mr. and Mrs. Sophorn Nuon, Mr. and Mrs. Phinoun Lim, Mrs. Pheach Srey and Mr. and Mrs. Khuy Lim just to name a few.

To all the volunteers who donate their time to this event including our honored judges, photographers, and friendsí your support and commitment means so much.

As we begin our countdown to the crowning of our new 2014 Miss Cambodian American DC, I canot help but be filled with the same sense of excitement and anticipation as our contestants. A philosopher once said, "The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step".

Ithara Phlong
Executive Director
Miss Cambodian American DC



• WELCOME

Ratanak Srey & Richard Glover, Emcees

- Greetings from CCD President

 Ben Bao
- Welcome Remarks from Pageant Director

 Ithara Phlong
- Remarks by Cambodian Buddhist Society, Inc.

 Dr. Tun Sovan, President
 - Opening Dance Cambodian Traditional Choreography & training by MoCoFAM
 - Introduction of Judges
 - Individual Contestant Introduction Traditional Cambodian Clothing
 - Talent Performances
 - Lifestyle Active Wear
- Evening Gown with Interview Questions by Emcees
 - Announcement of Top 3 Finalists
 - Top 3 Interview Questions by Judges
 - Announcement of Winners



No. 1, Paula Chea

Hello, my name is Paula Chea. I am a 19 year old sophomore at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) where I am a pre-med student majoring in Biomedical Engineering. I am part of VCU& honor society fraternity and am currently on the Dean& List. I have varied interests, from my Cambodian heritage where I teach Cambodian traditional dancing to assisting students with special needs at a special needs facility. I am an avid pianist as well as being a black belt in Choi& Dragon TaeKwondo. Five years from now, I see myself graduating from a medical school and continuing to pursue my dream of becoming a Rheumatologist. I also see myself continuing to teach Cambodian dancing and doing everything I can to help spread the Cambodian culture. Being Cambodian American means respecting your roots while balancing the cultures of being American.

No. 2, ISABELLE HUM

Hello, my name is Isabelle Soria Hum and I am turning 21 in February. I am attending the University of Maryland where I am majoring in Communications. Singing, traveling, doing Zumba, dancing and spending time with family and friends are what I enjoy. Voluntarily, I sing for seniors at assisted living facilities and participate in fashion shows such as CCD's. I hold my Cambodian heritage near and dear to my heart and gladly take part in any cultural events to represent it. For the first time, I visited Cambodia in January 2014. This trip has piqued my interest to learn more about my roots and ancestors. Discovering my heritage helps me to know myself better in order to be the best that I can be now and in the future. Becoming Miss Cambodian American would also allow me to inspire young Cambodian American girls to believe in themselves and to be strong even when faced with adversity.





No. 3, NATALIE BUN

Hello. My name is Natalie Bun. I am a 24 year old from Richmond, VA. Currently, I am a nursing assistant at Mary Washington Hospital while pursuing a degree in Pharmacy at VCU. But, my passion is in pro-bikini competition which is a form of body-building. It takes a lot of work, determination and dedication to be a professional body builder. With my extensive knowledge of weight training and nutrition from being a professional body builder, I am also able to reach out to help others as a personal trainer.



No. 4, DANI TANG

Hello, my name is Dani Tang. I am a 16 year old junior at Tuscarora High School. I am very active in sports, particularly lacrosse, volleyball and basketball. I am a strong believer in volunteering and participating in various community service projects. In 5 years, I see myself at the University of Maryland pursuing my dreams in the field of medicine. Being Cambodian American means carrying the traditions forth into American culture and promoting diversity. I believe that as Miss Cambodian American, I can spread the culture and history to those around me.

No. 5, Chhomnimol Murielle Sokhon

Hello, my name is Chhomnimol Sokhon. I am a 16 year old junior at Urbana High School. I enjoy soccer and lacrosse and have a strong interest in the arts such as drawing and dancing, particularly Cambodian traditional dancing. In 5 years, I see myself pursuing a degree at a university while also continuing to participate in activities related to my experience and love of Cambodian traditional dancing. I value the uniqueness of my Cambodian heritage and would like to share my Cambodian culture with others.





No. 6, LUCILLE PANN

Hello, my name is Lucille Pann. I am a 21 year old junior at LaSalle University majoring in Business Administration. In 5 years, I hope to be successful in my own chain of restaurants utilizing Momø wonderful Cambodian recipes. Family is very important to me because without them I would not be striving as hard to succeed. I am a hard worker who lives by the virtues of respect, kindness, courage and honesty. I am also a thrill seeker who likes to try new things as well as meeting new people. To be Cambodian American is to have great strength, ambition and patience. I find that the two cultures are complete opposites yet there is a balance as I discover my identity as both. Becoming Miss Cambodian American would allow me to inspire other young Cambodian Americans and to show them that there are no limits to success.

No. 7, DANICA BUTH

Hello, my name is Danica Buth. I am a 16 year old junior at Manassas Park High School. I enjoy playing volleyball and volunteering in community service activities such as the food and coat drive through the National BETA Club. My future aspiration is to attend college to pursue a degree in the field of medicine. As a Cambodian American, I have a lot of pride in my Cambodian heritage and the beauty of its culture. I hope to show my pride and promote the culture through my participation in community activities such as the Miss Cambodian American Pageant.



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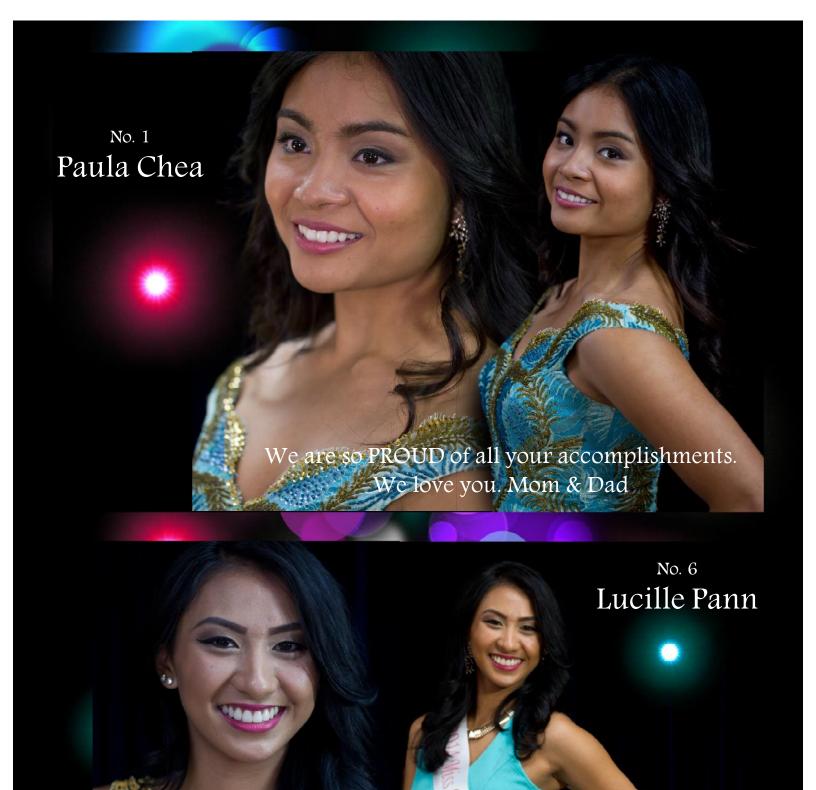




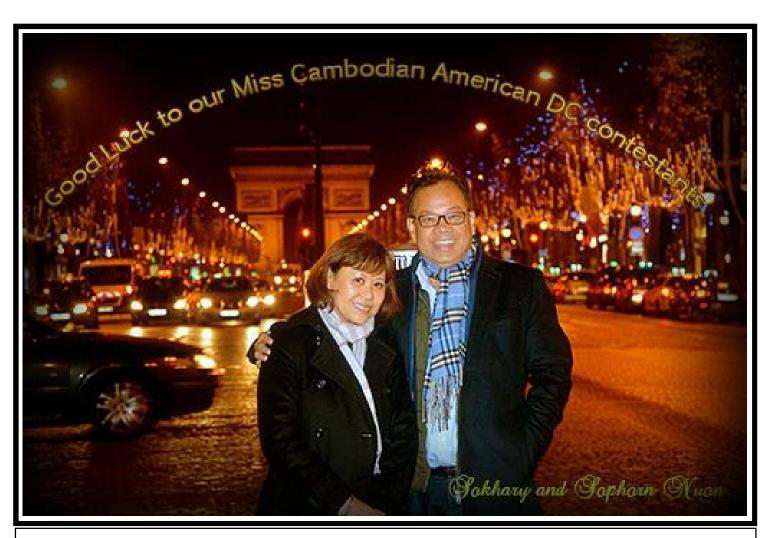


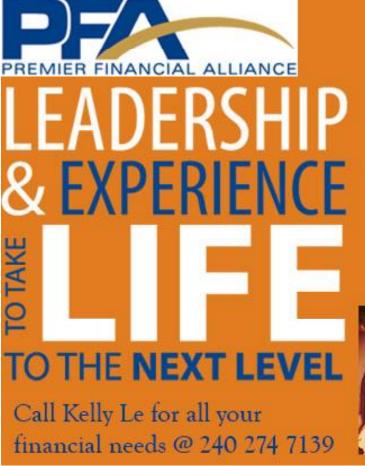






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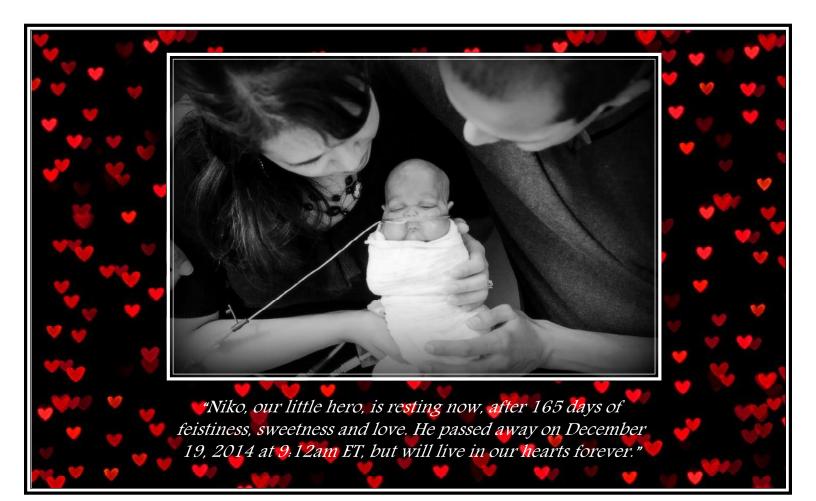


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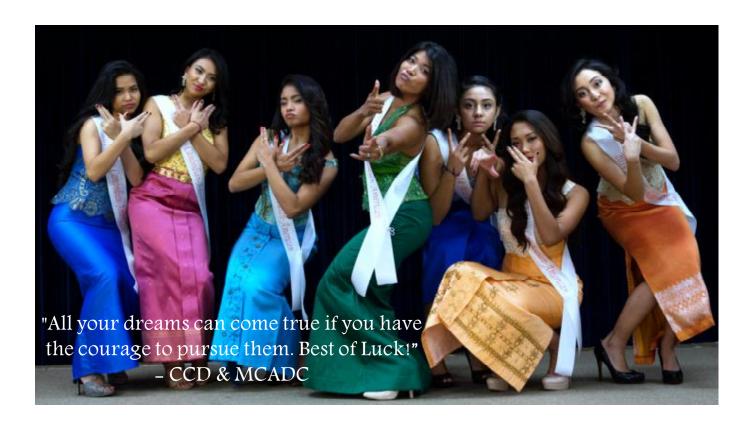














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MICHAEL LEWIS MCBRIDE

Michael Lewis McBride is the current USA National Director for the Miss Intercontinental Pageant and has been involved in the pageantry, fashion and performing arts industry spanning over 30 years. He has a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Texas. Combining his education and his experience on stage as a former print model, dancer, actor, fashion consultant and as a pageant producer and judge, he now applies his extensive background to run a talent management company, Nutainment Management, LLC and to coach young ladies and young men to reach their full potential. He has guided young women to the top of their game to local, state, national and international titles in the Miss USA, Miss Intercontinental, Miss America, Miss Earth, Miss World and many other pageant systems. Michael specializes in honing interview and modeling

skills, platform development, and sponsorship acquisition, in addition to exposing his clients to an array of talented professionals in the pageant industry and beyond. Michael will continue to work to empower young women through community service, being a positive role model and educator to inspire others. He would like to send a special congratulation to the seven Cambodian American contestants competing in this event. Thank you for all you do to promote peace, goodwill, and understanding. You are all WINNERS!



MALLORY MILLER

Mallory Miller is the reigning 2015 Miss Intercontinental Maryland. She is also a professional actress with a Bachelor of Music in Music Theater from Westminster College of the Arts of Rider University. She graduated Summa Cum Laude and was one of the first Music Theater students to successfully complete the Baccalaureate Honors Program. When not on stage, Mallory shares her passion for the theater with her students at 24/7 Dance Studio where she teaches Music Theater Dance and directs shows for their childrenøs theater. Between her love for the arts and teaching, Mallory is a huge advocate for Arts Education for Children. She has spoken at numerous schools and conventions about why having an accessible arts program can change a childø life; as it has changed hers. Outside of the theater and the studio, Mallory has a passion for fitness, NFL Football, and

all things chocolate! She is beyond grateful to be representing the state of Maryland and looks forward to making 2015 an unforgettable year!



EMAD RAHIM

Dr. Emad Rahim is an award-winning author, educator, entrepreneur, and business leader. He is a Forbes contributor and writes for CEO Magazine, YFS Magazine and TweakYourBiz.com. Rahimøs rise to success, amidst nearly insurmountable odds, is a living example of perseverance. As a Khmer American, he survived the Killing Fields of Cambodia and was raised as a refugee on the streets of Brooklyn, New York. Today Rahim is a dynamic educator, higher education administrator and business leader. He has been mentioned in U.S. News & World Report, NY Post, Forbes, Washington Post and Boston Magazine and featured in the Huffington Post, CEO Magazine and Worldclass Magazine. Rahim earned a Post-Doctorate Diploma from Freeman School of Business at Tulane University, a Doctorate of Management and two graduate degrees from

Colorado Tech, and two undergraduate degree from SUNY Empire State College. In 2013 Rahim was recognized for his contribution to the entrepreneurship ecosystem at the United Nations Headquarters. He currently serves as an Associate Professor and Program Director at Bellevue University, Endowed Entrepreneur-in-Residence at Oklahoma State University and JWMI Fellow for the Jack Welch Management Institute. He formerly served as the University Dean at Colorado Tech, Curriculum Dean at Strayer University and Director of Venture Connect at SUNY Morrisville State College.



KAREN TEP

Karen Tep is an actress, model and human rights activist. After realizing her passion to raise awareness about Cambodia and the genocide, she noticed that one of the issues that plagues Cambodia today are lack of education and human trafficking. This fueled Karenø passion for fighting human trafficking in Cambodia by providing women and girls with opportunities for leadership and independence. In response to the crisis, she has hosted many events and fashion shows in New Orleans, Louisiana since 2010, called "Fashion for Freedom" to raise awareness and fundraise for organizations such as Nomi Network and The Freedom Climb. Karen has recently just climbed 7 summits over 14, 000 ft. in Colorado in the name of human trafficking this past July 2014. Karen also co-founded The Strengthening Cambodian Communities Project (TSCCP). She is a

big influence in the Cambodian generation in the US and overseas; who is also a spokesmodel for Cambodiaos first National Baseball team and has been featured in many films, magazines, newspapers, print, radio, TV and on the international news; Voices of America (VOA) in Washington, DC.



Doris Williams

Doris Williams combines the experience of a talent manager with a momøs intuition to provide a balanced perspective. As both a talent manager and a mom, Doris has first hand knowledge of the competitive world of the modeling industry. She has been involved in the modeling industry managing her son's modeling career for a decade. She is also a licensed realtor, paralegal and social worker with a myriad of experiences in the business, finance and health and human services sectors. As a military spouse, she has traveled extensively all over the world and has been exposed to various cultures. She believes that pageants should be a positive experience in every woman's life and is a great character building exercise.

April 18-19	Khmer New Year: CCD will be producing Children Clothing Show
May 9	Mother Bay Celebration
June 21	CCD Annual Festival: CCD will be producing a Yeeke type of entertainment entitled "Mear Yeung" or "Tum Teav" depending on resources availability
June 21	Miss Cambodian American Pageant PRELIMINARY

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