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In 2008 and 2010, we held our first and second Miss Chinese American Pageant, and since 2013 we reached out to Asian communities and had our first Pacific Miss Asian American Beauty Pageant. And today, we go further to embrace talented girls from all over the world! We created this pageant with five goals in mind. First, we want to promote the beauty and uniqueness of our Asian heritage, international cultural awareness, and community pride. Second, we aim to provide a platform where young Asian women could display their artistic skills, cultural pride, leadership, and family values in order to further advance themselves in global society. Next, we want to create an exciting and unforgettable experience for every contestant-regardless of whether she wins a title or an award.

In addition, we want to create a cultural bridge between our traditional Asian values and global society. Last but not least, we want to foster community development, cultural exchange, business and economic opportunity and tourism between the United States and Asian countries. I am pleased to report that we have met and exceeded all of these goals.

For all the great six years, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our many sponsors, advertisers and partners for their generous contributions and support. With their assistance, we are able to offer pageant winners scholarships to continue their education. I would also like to thank our pageant directors, honorary board of advisors, committee members, and staff for their love and support. These people are all a part of my extended family, and their hard work and dedication have made this pageant a success. Finally, I would like to express my sincerest appreciation and thanks to the families and friends of our 13 contestants for their unconditional support and encouragement. I want each of you to know that these women are the next leaders of our communities and are paving the way for future generations of Asians.

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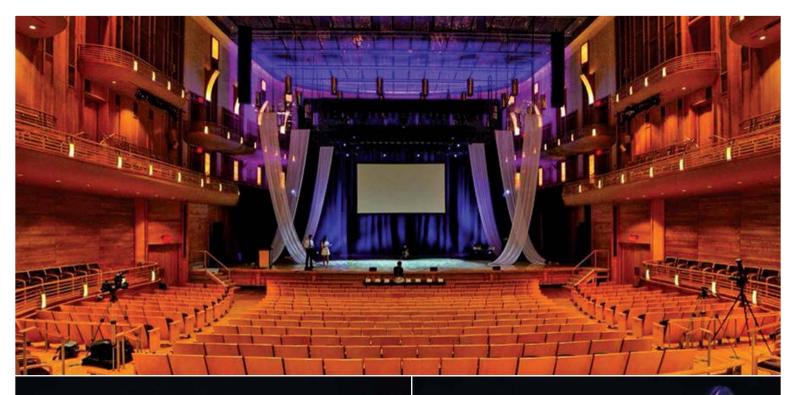
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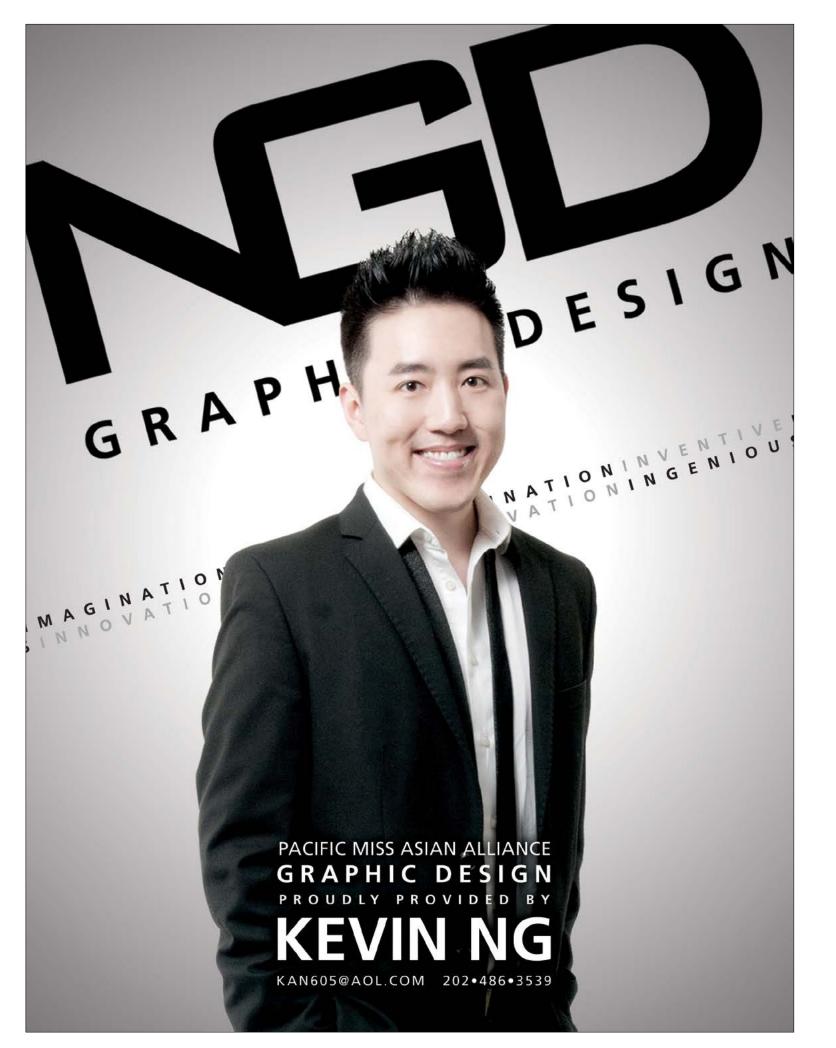






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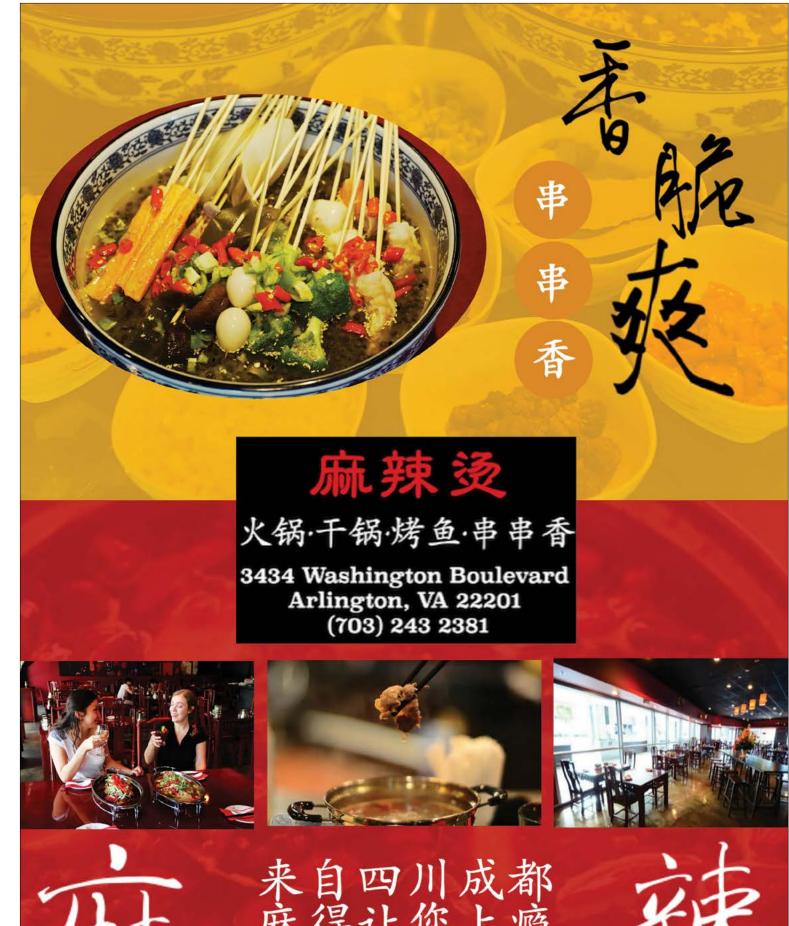








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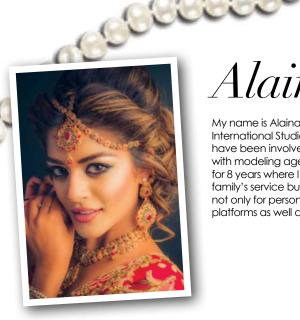
13. FINAL WINNERS AWARD PRESENTATION







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### Alaina Rashid



My name is Alaina Rashid! I am 19 years old and am from the Northern VA area. I am currently studying International Studies with minors in French and Spanish. I am from a business and entrepreneurial family and we have been involved with the Entertainment Industry both nationally and internationally. We have experience with modeling agencies and with producing concerts. I have also participated in musical theater productions for 8 years where I combined my talents of acting, singing, and dancing. Currently, I am working in one of my family's service businesses which is related to the Healthcare Industry. I have a strong interest in Social Media not only for personal but for business purposes and I am always researching and learning new social media platforms as well as existing social media boards.

Alexandra An

Alexandra An is 25 year-old and is a student of Political Science in Concordia University. She worked as journalist for 2 years in China. She wants to make an effort to protect human rights with her thoughts and words. This is why she chose to work in media and study political science. She believes that her life will be different because of her choices. She have also firm conviction that other persons' lives will also be influenced in the future, as the result of her endeavor. Beside study, her life is filled by many hobbies and activities. She enjoys reading and has been keeping this habit since her childhood because her mother once told her that whether you were beautiful, young or not, only a smart mind and elegant soul would follow you for the whole life and only reading could make this happen. She also absorbs rich nutrition while playing piano and dancing. She had an unforgettable experience of beauty pageant, Miss Universe China in 2013, and was honored the Top 16. Since then she has a more comprehensive understanding of beauty. After that, she fell in love with body building. During the journey of fitness, she gains a good shape, the willpower, and lots of friends. Her passion for fitness impacts the persons around her. She loves the feeling of delivering positive energy to others. Because of this, she values this opportunity of Pacific Miss Asian American Beauty Pageant, on the stage of which the brightness, beauty and active attitude will be transferred to the world.

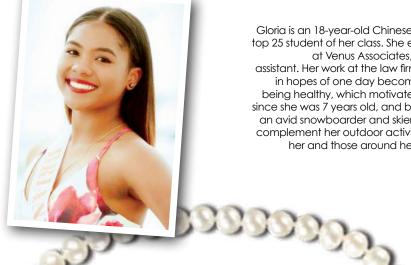


ArielYu

Ariel Yu is 20 years old. Over these twenty years, She's been both a competitive dancer and a competitive ice skater, which helped shape two of her most important mottos in life: dream big, and live without regrets. This has earned her two trips to national level competitions in ice skating, and a gold and honor awards at the 2015-2016 Overseas Taoli Cup, an international dance competition. These experiences, including her hardships and failures, such as struggling to meet everyone's high expectations, had made her stronger as a person, and more determined to achieve her life goals. She's now a student and assistant dance teacher, teaching the local Asian American community Traditional Chinese Dance, allowing them to explore their cultural roots. when I performed at the IMF during the 2016 Spring Meetings. The teaching opportunity was offered to me after studying abroad at NYU Shanghai for a year. That year allowed her not only to explore my own cultural roots, but also meet students from other cultures. Learning from their experiences has better prepared her to bridge the cultural and social divide between Asian Americans and the rest of the US. Moving forward, She hopes to be able to use this pageant as a platform for bettering the standing of Asian Americans in the American community.

### Briana Coleman

Greetings from the Filipino-American community! Brianna Coleman was born in the U.S.A. but was raised with an interesting fusion of the Asian and American cultures. Filipino genes run deep in her blood hence she just loves to dance and sing in almost every occasion and endeavor always to excel in academics. She's proud to have garnered the Presidential Award and be a part of the National Honor Society. Greatly inspired by her late Filipino grandmother Lulu Alexander, she joined ISA's Miss Teen Philippines-America pageant to be connected more to Filipino roots and heritage. And now, joining the Asia-Pacific American pageant will be another venue to expand her horizons and get to know more the Asian community. In a year or two, she hopes to pursue a major in Communications and Media on a Pre-Law track for Corporate Law, and be of service to the Asian-American community.







Jin Liu (Candice) is 23 years old and just graduated from St. John's University. She studied management major for 4 years, but after junior year, she found that business is not her interest. She always wants to study and work in the film and entertainment industry. During the summer holiday, she tried a lot of volunteer and internship jobs in film and entertainment industry, and really enjoyed it. That is why she choose to study in the New York Film Academy for next semester in acting major. She likes play badminton, piano, listen to music and watch drama in her free time.

(Crystal) Yunyi Cen

Crystal is a 25 year old comes from Guangzhou of China She just new moved to town for live and study. She graduated from The Open University of China, business English major and now she works for Frozen Meats Import & Export Business as a trader. Nowadays she takes a class in Montgomery College to improve herself as well. Yunyi loves to travel around the world. She has been to Japan, Thailand, Mexico, and some European countries. She thinks travel can explore vision. In her free time she likes to play badminton with friends and go swimming. Through this beauty pageant she hopes she can discover inside of her and shining best of her and to be a better her.



Frany is 23 years old. She graduated from high school in her home country. She can speak very well Chinese language and Uyghur languages, and she can communicate well in English, also she learned a little bit Korean. She was in China Xin Jiang Institute of the Arts studying film and television performances professional. Frany learned Latin dance for six years in chinldhood and she learned Bel Canto, she did modeling almost 10 years. Frany likes driving, swimming and skating. Also I plays basketball very well. She used to play basketball for six years. She has participated in many national model contests, she was doing modeling teacher assistants and judges in her country. She was shooting on location photos and magazine pictures, she has worked with Beijing Oriental Bentley model company. Now she's studying at a university in Virginia.

Gloria is an 18-year-old Chinese American student who recently graduated from Clarksburg High School as a top 25 student of her class. She enjoys helping others and she is currently fulfilling her passion for assisting others at Venus Associates, a law firm specializing in motor vehicle accidents, where she works as a legal assistant. Her work at the law firm has inspired her to study pre-law at the University of Maryland, College Park, in hopes of one day becoming a lawyer herself. Gloria believes that a core aspect of living a happy life is being healthy, which motivates her to exercise frequently and stick to a healthy diet. She has been dancing since she was 7 years old, and believes that it is a great exercise to stay in shape. In addition to dancing, she is an avid snowboarder and skier, always looking forward to the winter season so that she can hit the slopes. To complement her outdoor activities, Gloria also loves playing the piano and violin because music brings joy to her and those around her. Through this pageant, she hopes to find more opportunities to really make a difference for her community



(Candice) Jin Liu



(Frany) Dilfuran Arkin

Gloria Zhang





### Irene Gao



Irene Gao is a 24-year-old Chinese student who graduated from University of California, Irvine, with degrees in Business Economics and Education. She is passionate about playing the piano, performing on stage, painting, and Chinese calligraphy, Irene believes that with dedication and hard work she can do anything. Her dream is to become a better person so that she may help others have better life. She is currently working as a piano teacher; a job that allows her to share her love of music with others.

Karry Wang

Karry Wang is 23 years old. Her study of Dance Choreography and Arts Management has given her a solic background and multiple arts knowledge, including Ballet, Chinese classical and folk dance, and modern and contemporary, so that she is deeply interested in various performing arts and learning quickly. Additionally, she was an actor in Beihe Dance Company, after then creating a dance studio enriched her a lot. The production Medusa performed in the Young Artists program of Beijing International Dance Festival. During that time, she gained Beijing Dance Academy teaching certification, Dance Psychotherapy certification in American Dance Therapy Assistant (ADTA). She did the study of Dance psychotherapy implement in creative dance education, which is the first research in this area in China. As an international artist, she possesses alobal eves, the courage of communicating, the ability to adjust to a new environment, and maintaining a supportive relationship with Chinese Artists and performing arts companies. She's also a volunteer in the NexGenfriends program at the Kenney Arts Center, Xuejuan Dance Ensemble, and Asian American Music Community, which will allow her to build connections with professional people, and learn from them. She's a creative, outstanding, and purposeful candidate.



Zina Fang

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Zina is a 24 year-old Chinese American student was born and raised in Dallas, Texas. Zina speaks Chinese, English and Spanish and is currently in her senior year at the University of North Texas majoring in Biology with a minor in Chemistry. Zina is looking forward to entering a nursing program and ultimately becoming a nurse where she can combine her love for people and the healthcare industry. When Zina was young, she traveled a lot with her family to visit Taiwan and China. Having the experience of traveling and living in Asia at a young age, she had the opportunities to learn and embrace different languages, tradition and culture, which she is passionate to promote and represent in the Asian community. Zina advocates the importance of a healthy lifestyle which embodies staying physically active, eating healthy, and continuing to be a platform for women to encourage positive choices. Some of her hobbies include traveling to new places, playing the violin, singing, and dancing. Zina is also talented at performing acrobatic arts, which she has trained professionally for aerial silks and pole fitness at Lone Star Circus School. In her spare time, Zing enjoys watching performance art shows, reading, and spending time with her family. Competing at in the Pacific Miss Asian Alliance Beauty Pageant is a good opportunity for Zina to explore the world of beauty pageants and continue her positive contributions in her community.

Mibao Xiong

Mibao Xiong is 21 years old. She came to this country when she was five years old, but she's passionate about her culture's (Chinese) rich history and traditions, which is why she attained her bachelor's degree in East Asian History from the University of Maryland-College Park. She's currently working as a product consultant for LTS and later on she hopes to pursue a Master's degree in International Business, where she can use her skills to facilitate international trade between China and the U.S. This pageant is a wonderful opportunity for her to meet those who share her background and interests.

Pie Duong

Pie Duong came from Vietnam. She has a great passion for art designing. She spends much of her free time on drawing all beauties that she discovers every day. She hopes it can improve her perspective of art and also her future career. Entering this beauty pageant is a wonderful opportunity to challenge her. It is not only for showing her physical appearance or talent but also to exploring her hidden dianities.



### Shannon Jin

Shannon Jin is an 18 year old Chinese American graduate from Thomas S. Wootton high school, where she spent all four years on the honor roll. Shannon is passionate about increasing diversity in the computing industry, as well as increasing the number of girls passionate about STEM fields. As an AspirelT grant recipient, Shannon formed the Dream In Code initiative as a senior in high school in order to increase the number of girls interested in pursuing STEM courses. Shannon will be attending Columbia University as an Egleston scholar and computer science major. Shannon plans to blend her acumen for computer science with her love of public service by using her research grant to investigate the intersection of social issues and innovations in computer science. In her free time, Shannon enjoys catching a movie with her friends, chasing her little sister around the house, and cooking inedible concoctions. She is also a closet anime fan (no longer), and a talented ceiling

Vicky Mei

Vicky is a 17 years-old high school student at Thomas S. Wootton High School. Her interests are math and science, the arts and especially in music, and also learning languages. Vicky has played piano since she was 4, winning awards at competitions and recitals. Last year, she passed the highest level of the National Guild Audition and was featured in the official publication of the American College of Musicians. In terms of languages, Vicky can speak Cantonese, Mandarin, English, Spanish, and she is also currently in the process of learning Japanese and Korean. When Vicky was 9 years-old, she immigrated to the U.S. with her family, and since then has guickly adapted to the American culture, earning good grades and being an Honor Roll student since middle school. However, she has not forgotten her Chinese heritage and culture, and was able to score full scores on the Chinese SAT II and AP exam on her first try. She also enjoys volunteering at Chinese school in her free time, and has also volunteered at the Chinese school summer camp to help teach other kids about Chinese culture. Vicky is working hard to become a successful person, and she hopes to use her knowledge to give back to the community.





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Ms. Zhu is a certified image and style consultant. She is Co-Executive Director of the United States-China Association of Commerce.



### CONTESTANT **GLORIA** ZHANG



### finaleJUDGES



### George Cheung

George Cheung is a business entrepreneur, philanthropist and one of Washington, DC metropolitan areas' foremost supporters of cultural events in the Asian American community. Mr. Cheung is highly sought out for his business savvy and ingenuity. Mr. Cheung serves as the honorary president of the US-China Association of Industry & Commerce. He is also the president of the Atlantic Seafood International Group Inc., Asian Restaurant & Liguor Store, Inc., Atlantic International Investment and vice president of New World Times, Inc. In addition to his many business activities, Mr. Cheung is the general director of the Second Washington Metropolitan Miss Chinese American Beauty Pageant and vice president of Pacific Culture International (PCI). In 2008, he was the Title Sponsor for the First Washington Metropolitan Miss Chinese American Beauty Pageant. The following year, Mr. Cheung served as a judge for the American Runway Model Contest 2009. And he was also the final judge from last year's Pacific Miss Asian American.



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#### Rita Lee

Rita Lee began her career in financial services in 1982. And has since worked her way up to being the Vice President of the Cathay Bank. In addition to being the Vice President of the bank, she also serves as the Chairperson of the Washington Chinatown Development Corporation (WCDC), the one of the largest Chinese Community group in Washington D.C. Rita has played many roles in the community. She served as treasurer of the Silver Spring Lions Club and Local Chapter American Red Cross and President of Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce of Greater Washington D.C. (TCCGW). Currently, she is the CFO of TCCGW, President of the Chinese American Medical Association, and Senior Vice President of CAREN Seniors Center. Not only is she an active participant to the community, Rita Lee is also one of the most well-known Masters of Ceremony in the D.C. Metro area's Chinese American community.



#### Sandra L. Gibson

Sandra Gibson has over three decades' expertise in teaching and arts, which gives her a unique understanding of creative collaboration. Gibson's professional career began with her role as program representative for UCLA Extension's Department of the Arts and later became Director of West Coast Operations at American Film Institute. Gibson currently serves as the first executive director of the National China Garden Foundation in Washington, D.C. and serves as Chair, Friends of the British Council and a board member and chair, Artistic Committee of the Sphinx Organization, as well as a board member and chair of the Governance Committee for the National Center for Creativity in Aging. An ethnomusicologist and musician with a Master's Degree in Music from Northwestern University, Gibson believes the arts are critical to personal, community and national well being, essential to an advanced democracy and to global cultural exchanges

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### NgocAnhVi

Vi was born in Saigon, Vietnam in 1991 and came to the states in 1992. She is mixed Vietnamese and Italian. Ngoc Anh Vi is a well known Vietnamese Pop Singer signed under Asia Entertainment Incorporated. Aside from singing professionally, Ngoc Anh Vi is a 24 yr old chemistry student at Virginia Commonwealth University. Tonight, she performs on the same stage, at the same pageant that she was crowned Pacific Miss Asian American in 2014. Only a year prior to that, Ngoc Anh Vi was crowned Miss Vietfest 2013. Since working with ASIA and being crowned Pacific Miss Asian American 2014, she has been a philanthropist and loyal volunteer to many charities, churches, projects and foundations such as One Body



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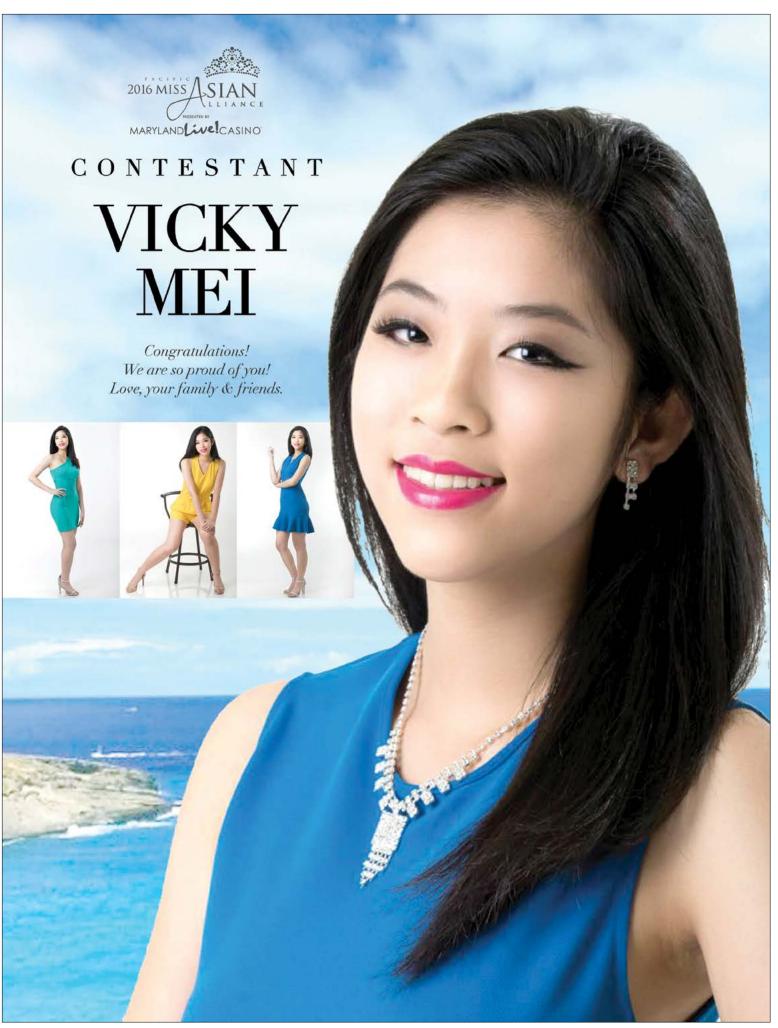
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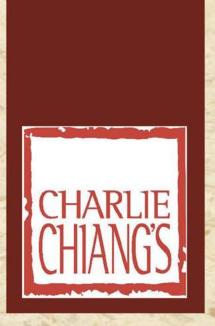
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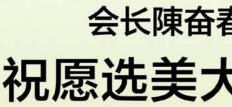


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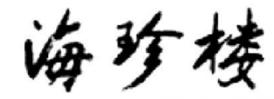
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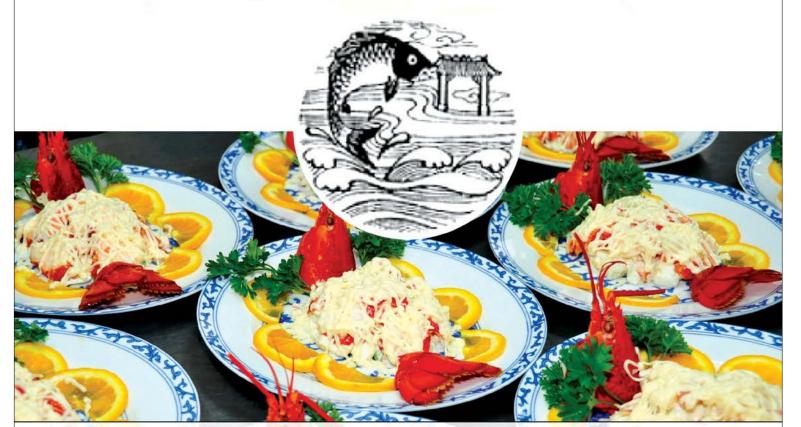


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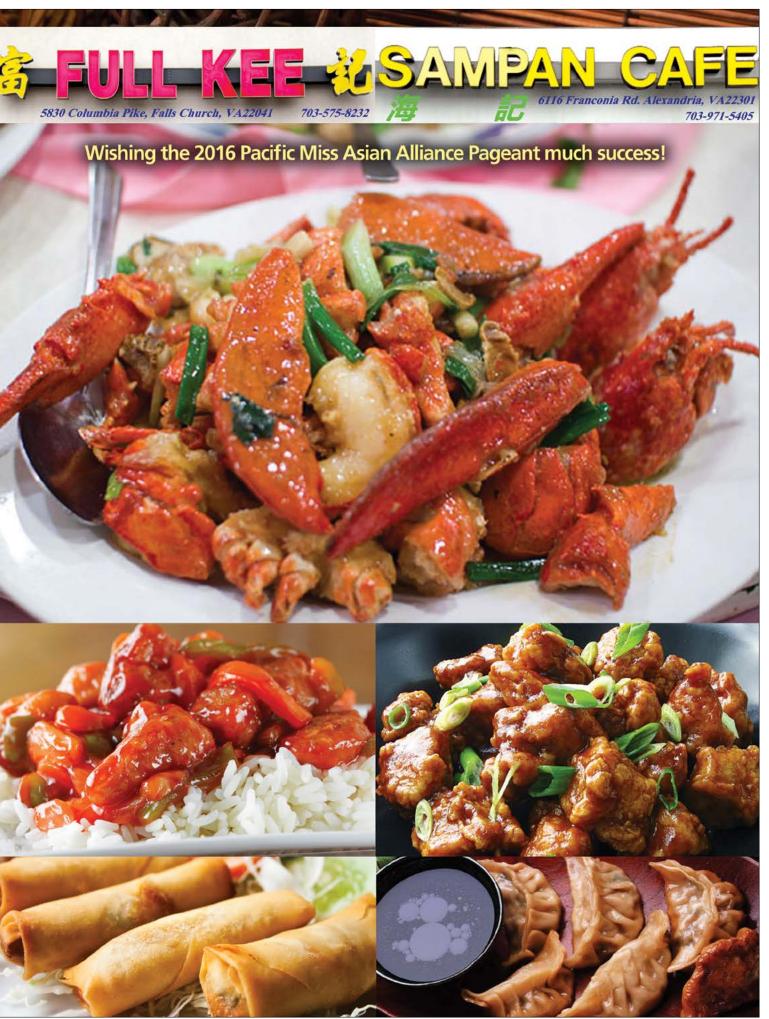
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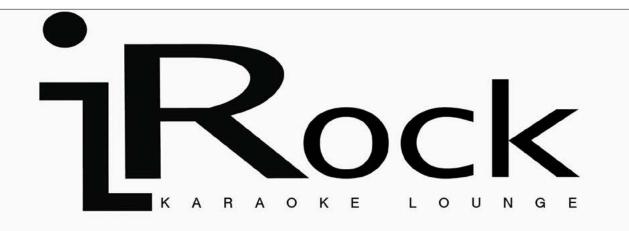


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