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Miss Lakes Region 2001 Year Coming to a Close

A year of traveling, performing, public speaking, local appearances, and the opportunity to make lifelong friends, was not necessarily the kind of year I was anticipating, but was the most exciting and rewarding opportunity I have had to date. I had decided to pass in my application and contract to the Miss Lakes Region Scholarship Program, with the expectation of going, having a good time, performing and leaving. I thought I would participate in this program, and then move on to a busy year at the University of New Hampshire at Durham as a freshman. Little did I know that I would capture the title of Miss Lakes Region 2001, and earn \$1175.00 of scholarship funds towards school in the fall! There were seventeen young women in the program, and I was one of three that was actually from the area.

What the Miss Lakes Region Scholarship Program has done for me is incomparable. I have gone into the

community at large and educated people on the Program, in part explaining that it is a preliminary for the Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program, and ultimately Miss America. I have also had the opportunity to speak out on my platform: "Caring Hands: Taking the Time, To Make a Difference." My platform supports volunteerism. On a visit to the Gilmanton Elementary School, I had the opportunity to speak to seven different classrooms, encouraging children to get involved early in volunteering.

One of the highlights during my reign as my Miss Lakes Region was the 73rd World Championship Sled Dog Derby. I had the honor of serving as the ambassador for this prestigious event. It is an event that the next Miss Lakes Region will truly enjoy and remember. I also traveled to the Miss College Park Program in Maryland, where I was given a mock interview in preparation for the state program, and I had the opportunity

to perform my talent at this preliminary to Miss Maryland. Also as Miss Lakes Region, I have traveled to Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts, New York and of course to New Jersey, to observe my first Miss America Program in Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City.



Not only have I spent time serving as Miss Lakes Region, but also preparing for Miss New Hampshire. With the help of my director, Wayne Sevin, I have developed a strong platform, acquired a sharp wardrobe, and polished my interview skills. All of which was necessary for the Miss New Hampshire experience. All of my hard work paid off. I competed in the Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program on April 27th, and was awarded third runner up. I was the youngest out of the top five, and the only newcomer to break into the top five at the Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program this year. I was extremely pleased with my outcome, especially since it awarded me with a \$4,000.00 scholarship for my education. As a footnote, I did this all while being a full time student at the University of New Hampshire at Durham; working; and being involved in two large organizations at school. One of which is called "Circle K International", a Kir sponsored organization, of e office of president. Also which I currently he adding to my busy screause I continuously volunteered and made appearances in the Lakes Region, and in our lovely state of New Hampshire.

I will be giving up my title of Miss Lakes Region to a new young woman on August 10, 2002 at Laconia High School. The program, "A Night of Divas", will be held at 7:00 pm, and will be a very upbeat and fun show. Tickets will be available at the door. If you have any questions please feel free to contact my director, Wayne Sevin at 528-8431. I encourage everyone to attend the program, regardless if you are familiar with the Miss America Program or not. If you attend, you would be supporting a program that is the largest supplier of scholarships for women in the world, and a fabulous program overall! Many have asked me what I am going to do when my reign as Miss Lakes Region comes to an end. After relinquishing my title, I hope to compete in the Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program again, but first, I must capture another local title in order to have this opportunity. This fall I am off to my sophomore year at the University of New Hampshire where I will continue pursuing a major in English Teaching, and a minor in Spanish.

Considering that I am from the area, the Miss Lakes Region title will always have a special significance to me. I truly appreciate those that have followed my accomplishments through television and newspapers. As I will continue my involvement in the Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program, I encourage all of you to keep checking our website: www.misslakesregion.com, and the

Miss New Hampshire at www.missnh.com. This will keep you updated on the program, and my continued efforts for the Miss New Hampshire crown. I want to thank my community and the Lakes Region area for their support.



Emily Hughes, Miss Lakes Region 2001 with Gilmanton's Katie Gorman.

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by Wayne A. Sevin, Executive Director

How can you tap into over \$40 Million in cash and tuition-based scholarships? We'll show you how! Begin



entering the 2002 Miss Lakes Region Scholarship Program, a sanctioned Miss America Preliminary Program. The Miss America Organization offers millions of dollars in scholarships young women nationwide to fulfill their dreams personally, pro-

fessionally and educationally. In 2000, at the local, state, and national Miss America competitions more than \$40 million in cash and tuition-based scholarships were

made available. Also, state and local contestants collectively participated in 12,384 community-service projects, dedicating a total of 571,177 hours and raising millions of dollars for worthy causes. The program will be held at Laconia High School on Saturday, August 10th at 7:00 PM. The Miss Lakes Region Scholarship Program is a preliminary program in the Miss New Hampshire System.

Some of the requirements to enter are that you must be between the ages of 17 to 24, single and having never been married, a resident or full time college student in the state of New Hampshire, of good moral character, and a citizen of the United States.

Scholarship funds will be awarded to the new Miss Lakes Region and three runners up. As Miss Lakes Region 2002, you will have the opportunity to represent one of the busiest and most beautiful areas in our great state of New Hampshire. Miss Lakes Region 2002 will also gain entry in the 2003 Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program. The Miss America Organization is one of the nation's leading achievement programs and the world's largest provider of scholarship assistance for young women. A starting point on the road to the Miss

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