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Welcome

I want to officially welcome everyone to the annual Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania Crowning Event in Johnstown! I am excited to have the opportunity to invite these amazing advocates from all across our beautiful Commonwealth to this region to compete for the title of Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania 2022. I can hardly believe the last event was only two years ago! The support this region showed for the Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania Organization in 2019 when I just took on the role as State Coordinator, truly showcased the spirit of this region.

I want to personally thank everyone who has made this weekend possible. I want to thank this region for embracing and supporting the mission statement of the Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania Organization and our 2021 Titleholder, Jessica Gardner throughout her reign this last year. I want to thank my family for continuing to put up and support the Ms. Wheelchair life. I want to thank my best friend Chrissy for always being there from day one to help me, even if the pink everywhere makes you a little nauseated. I want to thank my wheel sisters from the Ms. Wheelchair America organization for continuing to support and mold me into a better advocate for our community. I want to thank everyone and anyone who has supported me from the beginning of this journey. I want to thank the sponsors for investing in this event and organization to make this a memorable experience. Without all of you, this event wouldn't be possible.

To the ladies who participated in this weekend long event, I hope that you will leave with memories and friendships that will last a lifetime. I hope that you learned more about yourself and you see things through the different perspectives of all the women you got to spend the weekend with. Together you are all stronger. Together you can create change one interaction, person, and place at a time. The ripples from the wheel sisterhood will create transformative advocacy across the keystone state for years to come.

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The History of Ms. Wheelchair America, Inc.



In 1972 Dr. Phillip K. Wood of Columbus, Ohio devoted his career to treating and rehabilitating people with physical disabilities. During his career he saw the talents, capabilities, determination, and courage of people with disabilities. As a result he was inspired to establish Ms. Wheelchair America as a forum to promote the achievements and accomplishments of women who use wheelchairs full time for all public mobility, as well as the needs of all people with apparent physical disabilities.

The mission of Ms. Wheelchair America is to provide an opportunity of achievement for women who use wheelchairs for 100% of public mobility to successfully educate and advocate for the more than 62 million Americans living with disabilities. The Ms. Wheelchair America organization is NOT a beauty pageant and is based solely on advocacy. The organization is a non-profit 501(c)(3) ran solely by volunteers and just celebrated it's 50th anniversary!

PURPOSE AND GOALS OF THE ORGANIZATION

The Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania Organization is an affiliate of the Ms. Wheelchair America Organization. Once a year, in October the Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania Organization holds a competition to select the next spokeswoman for people with disabilities who shows their passion, drive, motivation, and ability to articulate their platforms effectively. The titleholder must be able to communicate and educate the public, business community, lawmakers; regarding the dignity, productiveness, and value of people with disabilities. Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania continues to eliminate the architectural and attitudinal barriers that prevent people with disabilities from living in society equitably.

The Titleholder for Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania has several duties. During their reign they will have the opportunity to travel across the Keystone State, visit advocacy/civic groups, make public appearances, and conduct interviews. Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania will promote their chosen platform In various settings. They will serve as a positive authentic role model for the next generation of Americans with disabilities to know they are capable of leaving their own legacy. The Titleholder's commitment and personal examples serve to further the mission of Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania. They will also get to represent our Commonwealth at the National Competition happening in Grand Rapids, Michigan August 2022. There she will compete for the title of Ms. Wheelchair America 2023.

This competition is made up of a variety of activities. These activities allow the judging panel time with each contestant, while enabling the competitors an opportunity to share with each other and develop friendships. They become stronger advocates throughout the weekend while attending several workshops that help develop skills that heighten awareness on issues within the community. Workshops are designed to open a dialogue between the women about their thoughts, ideas, values, and experiences.

Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania is one of the only state organizations with a structured Ambassador program within the Ms. Wheelchair America Organization. The purpose of this program is to continue to provide opportunities of growth and connection with one another to become better advocates. This also will help them in the future if they choose to compete for the Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania title again. The biggest barrier our participants face is lack of funding to travel to events. We are continuously looking to expand and grow to offer more opportunities for women wheelchair users to be included in the sisterhood.

Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania is also a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization staffed and coordinated solely by volunteers from many different community organizations, businesses, private citizens, and previous Titleholders from across Pennsylvania. It is through monetary and in-kind support of many sponsors that this event is able to take place. Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania is actively seeking volunteers and sponsors; appreciating any kind of support that is offered.



A Farewell from the 2020 Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania

When I was crowned Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania 2020, I had no idea what the world had in store. I dreamed of traveling the state from end to end to share my platform of “Inclusive Body Positivity for People with Disabilities,” something I am endlessly passionate about. As a new wheelchair user, achieving the title of Ms. Wheelchair PA 2020 was not something I had ever considered a possibility, I simply just wanted to find a community to help me relearn to navigate the world on wheels, and boy, did I achieve that goal! I gained not only a crown, but an instant support network full of wheelsisters who understood the intricacies of wheeling through life.

Before COVID-19 shut down the world, I appeared at Ms. Wheelchair NJ Competition and Crowning Event, had the chance to speak at JCCLV’s “Celebrating Our Differences” and Pittston Area School District’s “Love Your Neighbor” themed in-service/ teacher education conference, and volunteered at Disability Pride PA’s MLK Day of Service event. As restrictions tightened and events were canceled, I turned to social media and Zoom to find opportunities, and was able to host a Titleholder Q&A on Facebook, as well as participate in the Disability Pride PA Virtual events, including the Ms. Wheelchair PA roundtable “We are NOT a Pageant.” Additionally, in the tail end of 2020 and throughout 2020/21, I was able to appear at a wide variety of events as an “bonus titleholder” thanks to the generosity of Jessica (Ms. Wheelchair 2021), who graciously agreed to sharing her year due to our experiences with the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. This allowed me to continue to share my platform at the Miracle League of the Lehigh Valley’s Annual Trick or Treat for those with disabilities and their families/caregivers, partner with a local nonprofit to speak about my platform on Zoom and appear at the Lehigh Valley Pride Festival and Abilities Expo. MWPA opened many doors for professional development opportunities as well, such as the ability to participate in the TRAIL program, and through that, was able to speak at a Tele-Town Hall with Moms Rising and Congresspeople Susan Wild and Dwight Evans, and better my advocacy skills with the support of former Ms. Wheelchair America 2012, Dr. Josie Badger.

As for personal growth, I can only say that MWPA has allowed me to truly find my voice in leadership. I could not have succeeded in the program without the ongoing support of Barb Zabloutney and Kristin Rebstock, who continuously provided guidance and support during the highs and lows of virtual events and Zoom-induced burnout. I am so grateful for this opportunity and I wish all involved with this program continued success.

Karli Miller





A Farewell from the 2021 Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania



The past 12 months have been more fulfilling than I could ever imagine. It was an honor to represent our great state. With the pandemic I faced some obstacles, but at the same time, the pandemic has also brought more accessibility and opened so many doors. My goals this year were to raise awareness about the dangers of service dog fraud by educating the community. Showing people how vital service dogs are to our independence and freedom and to make a lasting impact on stopping service dog fraud. While I haven't achieved all my aspirations, let's face it, an advocate's work is never done. I believe I have succeeded in advocating for my cause and representing Pennsylvanians with disabilities.

Some of my most memorable appearances were being a keynote speaker for Disability Pride Pennsylvania (DPP) promoting Ms. wheelchair Pennsylvania with my fellow Wheelsisters for DPP, meeting with the canine companions' Step@Pitt puppy Raisers, being a guest on a local talk show Studio 814, connecting and collaborating with my State Representative, Jim Rigby, speaking to children about service dogs at the local library and being featured on Pittsburgh Today Live. I also enjoyed communicating with adults with disabilities about service dogs through Best Friends Inc.

What I learned from my mentors is Ms. wheelchair Pennsylvania's advocacy work doesn't end when the crown is passed on. The truth is it's just the beginning. My platform is not only an issue that I have chosen to promote. It's my passion and mission. I will continue to raise awareness about service dog fraud as long as it remains an issue and is detrimental to people's safety and Independence.

Advocacy isn't the only gift that this incredible and life-changing organization has given me. I also found a priceless sisterhood, my place in the disability community, and where I belong. This is why MWPA is so much more than a sparkly crown and title. Every woman, who is a wheelchair user, needs to experience this because advocacy builds community, and community builds advocacy.

As I pass on this crown, I'm so excited to embrace what I feel is my most important role, yet a mentor and leader. I'm truly delighted to give the next titleholder and beyond the lessons, skills, and strategies that I have learned. This will allow them to see their full potential as a person and advocate while encouraging them and watching them grow into the best version of themselves.

Advocacy is always about making a positive change and impact, creating a ripple effect for the next person and generations to come. Through God's strength and goodness, he has given me the amazing opportunity to make my impact and ripple effect. With this title, the next extraordinary woman will continue the ripple effect, while shining bright and making a difference, and I will be cheering her on every roll of the way.

To the Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania 2022 titleholder:

The year will fly by. Embrace every opportunity while making sure you take care of yourself. Sometimes you might feel overwhelmed. That's why it's vital that you write down your goals, big and small in order to stay focused. Every day, refill your passion, drive, and motivation. You never know who you will meet and what lasting impact you will have. Always be ready to promote your platform and the Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania organization. Make connections and cultivate relationships with leaders, changemakers, the community, and most of all, your wheelsisters.

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Amanda Urgolites



Amanda Urgolites is 25 and hails from Hastings. Her disability is Ehler-Danlos syndrome and had been using a wheelchair since 2017. Amanda is an artist who is passionate and driven to advocate for the disability community. Recently, she has decided to focus and speak on the mental health of disabled individuals, as it is something she has battles with frequently. In Amanda's free time she enjoys dedicating her time and talents to help others in need through several organizations and charities. This is Amanda's third year participating as an active Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania participant.



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Christine Vasui



Christine Vasui is 27 and hails from Erie. Her disability is cerebral palsy. Christine is newly engaged and lives with her fiancé after dating for 4 years. She graduated from Edinboro University in 2017 with a degree in social work. Her passion for helping others led her to her current job as an Independent Living Specialist at Voices For Independence. Her job allows her to help people with disabilities achieve their goals and live as independently as possible. In her free time she enjoys concerts, being active outdoors, and meeting new people.





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the contestants!!*

Caitlin Chaser



Caitlin is 30 and hails from North Wales. Her disability is spina bifida. Caitlin graduated from Edinboro University in 2017 with a Masters in Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling and is a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor. Caitlin has served as the Executive Director of Bucks County Center for Independent Living since 2019. Caitlin's passion is adaptive sports and has been involved in wheelchair sports since she was 10 and currently plays wheelchair basketball for the Magee Rehabilitation Philadelphia 76ers. She is a long time disability rights advocate. This is Caitlin's third year participating as an active Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania participant. In her free time, Caitlin loves to travel, play wheelchair basketball, kayak, and spending time with her family and friends.



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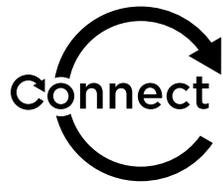


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Domonique Howell



Domonique Howell is 35 and hails from Philadelphia. Her disability is cerebral palsy. She is a mother and currently she works as an independent living specialist for Liberty Resources Inc., which is a center for independent living in Philadelphia. Her advocacy passions are homelessness, affordable accessible housing, and the rights of parents with disabilities. She also serves as a member of the grassroots activist group ADAPT and a co-chairs their housing work group.



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Laurah Zeek



Laurah is 35 and hails from Hollidaysburg. Her disability is spinal stenosis. Laurah lives with her mother after her father passed away suddenly in December 2020. Laurah has an associate degree from Penn State University. In her free time she loves to spend time with her three nephews who she loves very much, family, her dogs, watching sports, listening to music, and she loves God. Laurah is very active with her church. Laurah's passion is advocating for accessibility for small businesses within Hollidaysburg. This is Laurah's second year participating as an active Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania participant. She notes that she loves the sisterhood and support she has received this last year from the organization.

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Noemi Gonzalez



Noemi is 40 and hails from Reading. Her disability is an incomplete spinal cord injury as a result of an emergency surgery in October 2019. Noemi is a single mother of four amazing children between the ages of 5-15 and is currently pursuing a degree in addiction psychology. Her goal is to become an interventionist and psychologist working with individuals in need of recovery. This is Noemi's second year participating as an active Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania participant. She has partnered with several organizations across the state to help provide resources and support with those struggling with addiction and she also created the first public facebook group for people with disabilities that are in or want to be in recovery.



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Karen Roy sustained a T10 complete spinal cord injury in 1987, as the result of a gunshot wound to the back. She was the victim of an armed Robbery in a parking lot during her sophomore year at Louisiana State University.

After completing her rehabilitation at Methodist Rehabilitation Hospital in Jackson Mississippi, she went on to finish her BA in Psychology. Next, she obtained a Master's Degree in Social Work, also from Louisiana State University and became a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Most of her Social Work career was spent working with patients in physical

rehabilitation hospitals in Baton Rouge Louisiana. The past five years she has worked at Numotion, and is now the Numotion Brand Ambassador. Her proudest achievement is that she had three kids after sustaining her injury. Caroline, Austin and Joseph are all now young adults and they are the joy of her life.

Karen's passion is advocacy for the people with disabilities. This includes over a decade of being on the board for the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Association of Louisiana, which is also the Louisiana Chapter of United Spinal Association. Karen is also the State Coordinator for Ms. Wheelchair Louisiana and an active peer mentor for the United Spinal Association.

She is the former **Ms. Wheelchair Louisiana 2018** and went on to win the title of **Ms. Wheelchair America 2019**. The Ms. Wheelchair America organization's competition is completely based on the woman's history of advocacy and the ability to articulate her platform. Karen's platform was "Stand for Life", which refers to the positive impact she has experienced utilizing standing technologies for the last 33 years. Karen's passion is for the health and wellness of people with disabilities and advocates for the rights of people with disabilities to have access to the complex rehabilitation and standing technologies that they need and deserve.



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Kala Penrose is a 2005 graduate from Slippery Rock University with a Bachelor of Science in Community Programming for Individuals with Disabilities and a minor in Adaptive Physical Activity. She is employed by our Emerald Sponsors at Alleghenies United Cerebral Palsy. Kala has been volunteering for Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania since the first year it was hosted in Johnstown in 2019.



relationships. Luticha served as **Ms. Wheelchair New York 2011**.

Luticha lives as a free black person in Rochester, NY with two cats. Luticha is a graduate of the LEND Fellowship program, an AUCD Emerging Leader, an inductee into the Susan M. Daniels Disability Mentoring Hall of Fame and the 2020 – 2021 Distinguished Alumni Awardee from the Rochester Institute of Technology. Luticha's writing has been featured in various publications such as Insect Molecular Biology, Toxicon, The New York Times, and Yes! Magazine. She is the owner of Catalyst Consulting, which helps organizations, leaders, and advocates examine equity across race, gender identity, and disability in policies, practices, procedures, and





Shannon Renade Minnick was born and raised in Washington DC. As a young energetic mother Shannon moved to Maryland to start a family. Shortly after moving from DC to Maryland in 1991, Shannon was in a car accident that dramatically changed her life. Shannon is a mother of two fabulous young ladies, Akia 34 and Erika 23. Shannon is the former **Ms. Wheelchair Maryland 2010** and the assistant coordinator of the Ms. Wheelchair Maryland organization, the coordinator for Ms. Wheelchair District of Columbia and hosts the United Spinal DC Chapter Support Group. While serving as Ms. Wheelchair Maryland 2010 she founded and organized the Disabilities Awareness

Experience to educate individuals with and without disabilities, Cofounded Women on Wheels Support Group to empower women with disabilities and started an Annual Holiday Party for teens living with disabilities. Shannon has dedicated her life to advocating for the disability community. She is currently the Deputy Director of Independent Living Services at Independence Now, one of Maryland's Center for Independent Living. She serves on the Interagency Transition Council for Youth with Disabilities, Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute Committee, Spinal Cord Injury Consortium Board and Governor's Advisory Board for Telecommunications Relay.

During Shannon spare time she enjoys: snow skiing, water skiing, dancing, movies, planning events, but most of all helping others live to their fullest potential.



Claire Senita is the former **Ms Wheelchair Pennsylvania 2017**. In 2006, she acquired a spinal cord injury which left her paralyzed. She has since been a strong advocate for improving the quality of lives for those with disabilities. She lives in Pittsburgh and enjoys singing, painting, and playing quad rugby.



Ashley Cabrita is the former **Ms. Wheelchair Rhode Island 2019** and former Vice President for Ms. Wheelchair America. Ashley resides in Rhode Island and is 28 years old. Ashley was born with spinal muscular atrophy, type II. Ashley's sister, Faith, has the same disability. Being a very family oriented individual, the Cabrita's are always cooking up a feast (Sunday dinners) or out enjoying the accessibility the ocean state has to offer and traveling together. Mama Cabrita has always taught Ashley to be independent and never say 'you can't, you can in your own adaptive way.' She has a passion for baking and turned that into her full time career.

Self taught Ashley is the sugar cookie queen and cake decorator for Gingersnaps Bakery. Community is huge for Ashley, she volunteers when she can, a big advocate for the LGBTQIA+ community as well as educating all about disability. Ashley has become an influence in the food scene of Rhode Island, posting about accessible restaurants wherever she goes, Foodie in a Chair (instagram). Numerous restaurant owners have adapted and renovated to be more accessible for the disability community. Ashley is currently working with a restaurant group to have braille added to their menus! Ashley lives by her own beat of the drum and enjoys all the adventures life has to offer and always empower, be unique, and educate everywhere she goes!



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Thank you to the Board of Directors listed above for continuing to believe in the mission statement of Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania. Despite the rollercoaster of events during the pandemic, you all continued to pour your heart, time, talents, and energy for the ladies involved with the organization to help them navigate life with this new normal. I can't wait to see the ripple effects we continue to help create throughout this next year take hold. When you should be spending quality time with your family, you all show up for monthly board meetings to assure we are consistently working in the forward direction as we grow.

- Barb



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Spirit Award

Overseen by board member, Marty Dombrowski, The Spirit Program is a unique opportunity offered to the volunteers of Ms Wheelchair Pennsylvania that help the organization throughout the year. The program promotes volunteerism as a way of "giving back" to the community. Volunteering offers vital help to people in need, worthwhile causes, and the community, but the benefits can be even greater for the volunteer. The right match can help one to find friends, connect with the community, learn new skills, and even advance career options. Giving to others can also help protect one's mental and physical health. It can reduce stress, combat depression, keep one mentally stimulated, and provide a sense of purpose.

Participants are invited to keep personalized records in an online application to record activities, contacts, and hours. Marty verifies and reports these hours monthly to Americorps.

In 2003, the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation founded the President's Volunteer Service Award to recognize the important role of volunteers in America's strength and national identity. This award is reserved for those whose services positively impact communities in every corner of the nation and inspires those around them to take action, too.

This is the first year the Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania Organization is able to recognize our volunteers for the contributions they make toward their communities and the mission of Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania. We will be officially recognizing these nine individuals during this event.

Jessica Gardner - Gold Award

Barb Zabloney - Silver Award

Noemi Gonzalez - Silver Award

Laurah Zeek - Bronze Award

Morgan Rapsky - Bronze Award

Kyra Allison - Bronze Award

Kristin Rebstock - Bronze Award

Amanda Urgolites - Bronze Award

Caitlin Chasar - Bronze Award

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Photographer



Elizabeth Rajchart is a disability rights and accessibility advocate, performance photographer, and disability portraiture photographer from St. Louis, Missouri. Elizabeth has been an educator on disability rights since childhood, first leading lessons on disability etiquette in elementary school, later giving school-wide lectures to her middle school teachers, and eventually becoming a Crisis Intervention Team speaker and trainer for the St. Louis City and County police. Her experience with having to advocate for herself and her mental and physical illnesses since childhood have given

her decades of experience and a unique perspective on the importance of self advocacy. As a disabled photographer, Elizabeth's passion of art accessibility and arts representation led her to her latest specialization of disability portraiture, her goal to reach other people in her community and capture their inner beauty, strength, and uniqueness. Elizabeth has covered a range of productions, including local bands, pole dancing showcases, professional dance teams, major stadium tours, and local and international drag shows. Most recently, Elizabeth's work was featured in an anthology of art and writing about disability and love.

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To anyone else that has stepped in at the last minute to help and didn't make this list, THANK YOU!

Emcee



Rebecca Petner is originally from Cherry Hill, NJ, with a degree in communication from La Salle University. She worked behind the scenes in Philadelphia for over 7-years, until she followed her passion to share her bubbly personality in front of the camera instead of behind. She now lives in Altoona, and is the producer and co-host for Studio 814 on WTAJ-TV. She loves sharing people's stories, and has had the honor of interviewing two former Ms. Wheelchair PA winners: Barb Zablotney about her plus size model campaign with Torrid and Jessica Gardner about preventing service dog fraud. Rebecca

enjoys traveling and trying new restaurants throughout Central PA. She loves supporting local businesses!

National Anthem



Kimberly Jordan was born and raised in the Washington DC Metropolitan area and attended the Duke Ellington School of the Performing Arts under the vocal instruction of Ms. Monica Otal and the late Mr. Edward Jackson. Continuing her vocal training, Kimberly attended Kent State University in Ohio majoring in Vocal Music Performance. Shortly after her first year of college, Kimberly was involved in an automobile accident that left her paralyzed, however determined to overcome the challenges of limited mobility, Kimberly endeavors to pursue her career

as a soloist.

As an advocate for the many people living with a disability Kimberly performs and speaks throughout the Washington DC Metropolitan area for many different social events leaving crowds in awe.

Kimberly has become well known for her immense rendition and performance of "The National Anthem" in which she has had the opportunity to deliver on many different occasions. Kimberly's strapping yet illuminating sound captivates and commands her audience's attention.

Kimberly is the former **Ms. Wheelchair Maryland 2015** and placed 3rd runner up as Ms. Wheelchair America 2016.



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- **Kimberly Jordan for performing our National Anthem**
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