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**Local Miss America Scholarship Pageant Crowns Crystal Munoz National Orange Show Queen 2010**

**San Bernardino, Calif., March 10, 2010-** Nineteen-year-old Crystal Munoz showed up at the National Orange Show Events Center at 5 a.m. Saturday morning, March 6<sup>th</sup>, with her eyes on a crown. Along with nine of her peers, Crystal came to compete in talent, swimwear, evening gown, and interview competitions for the Orange Show Queen Title and educational scholarship in a pageant hosted by an official local division of the Miss America organization.

After the interview and swimwear competitions, the time came for the talent portion of the competition. Crystal played a classical piano piece, accompanied by an orchestra track playing over the sound system. Then, a few seconds into the song the sound system started skipping, causing Crystal to lose her timing with the accompaniment. She stopped playing and asked to start the song over again, but track skipped a second time. She started a third time, this time without accompaniment.

Crystal walked off stage devastated. "I felt like it was the worst performance I'd ever done," she said. While Crystal tried to compose herself backstage, her mother talked with her with on a cell phone from the audience. "I knew I had to keep my head up and keep trying," she commented.

Regaining her composure, Crystal emerged on stage again for the evening gown competition and waited for the pageant results to be announced. When she was announced as the new queen, her family and friends burst into a frenzy of jumping and yelling. "When they announced my name I was so shocked I was selected after all that happened," Crystal said. "I felt so honored."

Crystal will reign over the National Orange Show Festival later this year in May, as well as participate in various events with the National Orange Show Events Center

throughout the year. She will also go on to compete for Miss California later on this year.

The event was well attended by pageant queens from other areas, as well as the CEO of the Miss California Pageant, Bob Arnhym. In his comments during the event, Arnhym said, "We hope we can provide a program that helps young ladies become more articulate communicators who are concerned about personal appearance and physical fitness."

### **About the National Orange Show Events Center**

The National Orange Show Events Center is the Inland Empire's premier source of entertainment and all-inclusive event solutions. The center's multi-use, 120 acre facility offers 150,000 square feet of indoor space and has hosted concerts, banquets, and prestigious events such as the Wine and Food Under the Stars, The Pacific Rim International Wine Competition, and The Assistance League of San Bernardino's Headdress Ball. With the historic tradition of the annual citrus fair at the heart of the organization, the National Orange Show Events Center is at the forefront of the events industry while working to maintain strong community connections. For more information, visit [www.nosevents.com](http://www.nosevents.com).

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Pictured: Crystal Munoz, National Orange Show Queen 2010

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