

2019 Miss FAACNJ AMBASSADOR



Calysta Quinn Laurente is 17 years old and was born on March 12, 2001 in Trenton, NJ. She is the oldest and only daughter of Romeo Laurente, Jr. and the late Christina Almanzor Laurente, Esq. Although her mother passed away in 2004 when she was just 3 years old, she's grown into a strong independent young adult and a steady influence for both her father and younger brother, Bryson, who is 15 years old and a high school sophomore. She is a part of a loving and involved Filipino family as she is 1 of 7 grandchildren on her mother's side and 1 of 4 grandchildren on her father's side. All of her grandparents, Drs. Romeo & Cristeta Laurente and Felix & Helen Almanzor have served as Officers/Advisers and her late mother served as the General Counsel of the FAACNJ. She has grown up attending all the wonderful annual FAACNJ events. In 2013 Calysta served as the Reyna del Cielo during the annual Santa Cruzan Festival held at St Raphael – Holy Angels Parish. Calysta attended elementary school at Our Lady of Sorrows in Hamilton, NJ where she served on the student council. She is currently a senior year at Notre Dame High School in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. It is a catholic school where she excels in her education, activities and athletics. Calysta is a Service Leader who is very involved with the service events that take place at her high school. She has been a part of the Special Olympics since her freshman year. Moreover, she has volunteered her time at various pre-schools. She is also a member of Catholic Athletes for Christ, a club that promotes student athletes and their faith. She is also affiliated with her school's Campus Ministry, as she has been on a number of religious retreats. Additionally, she is a member of the Spanish Club. Lastly, Calysta loves showing off her school spirit as one of the Hooligans at Notre Dame sporting events. Calysta has a passion and has been playing sports since she was 5 years old. She is a 3 year Varsity lettered athlete on the Notre Dame softball team that she has played since freshmen year. She is a 3 year member of the Notre Dame tennis team and served as JV co-captain this past season. She also played on the Notre Dame freshman soccer team as well as 2 years on the Notre Dame basketball team. This past fall she played on the NJ 9ers 18U softball travel team. Outside of school Calysta enjoys working with youth as evidenced by her various jobs. She has been a summer camp counselor at the Our Lady of Sorrows basketball camps since she was a freshman. She is currently employed and works during the school year as a camp counselor, party host and front desk at Team 85 Fitness and Wellness. Calysta will graduate from Notre Dame High School this coming June 2019 and has yet to determine which college she will attend. Although nothing is final, she will possibly pursue her studies in the field of Finance and Business Management. She is humbled to not only receive the distinction of the 2019 Miss FAACNJ Ambassador, but she is honored to represent the values and mission of the FAACNJ. Even more special that she's able to share this special day as her grandmother, Dr Cristeta Laurente, is awarded the FAACNJ 2019 Humanitarian Service and Lifetime Achievement Award. God Bless and Salamat to the Officers and everyone's support of the FAACNJ!

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