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Las Doñas de la Corte Announces 2020 Duchesses

Mrs. Ward McCampbell, president of Las Doñas de la Corte, announces that 24 duchesses will be presented at the 67th annual Buccaneer Days Coronation. The pageant, "The Court of Imagination in Bloom," will be Thursday, April 30, 2020 at the American Bank Center's Selena Auditorium.

In-town Duchesses

Miss Samantha Sarah Babbili is the daughter of Dr. Anantha Babbili and Ms. Mary Babbili. Her paternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Prabhudass Babbili and her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gollapalle. Miss Babbili is a graduate of W. B. Ray High School and is attending the University of Texas at Dallas where she is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. Miss Babbili is a volunteer for CASA and with Girls Hostels in India teaching English.

Miss Dominique Isabella Benamu is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jose Eduardo Benamu. Her paternal grandparents are the late Mr. Jose Francisco Benamu and Mrs. Jose Francisco Benamu of Lima, Peru. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jorge Mena of Corpus Christi. Miss Benamu is a graduate of W. B. Ray High School and is attending the University of Texas at Austin where she is a member of Delta Gamma sorority. She volunteers with Triumph Over Kid Cancer and Asbury United Methodist Church.

Miss Elle Marie Boyd is the daughter of Ms. Jenny Cron and Mr. Eric Boyd. Her paternal grandparents are the late Mr. Ron Boyd and Mrs. Kathy Wemer of Corpus Christi. Her maternal grandparents are Dr. Cyril Thomas Cron and the late Mrs. Sue Ellen Cron of Corpus Christi. Miss Boyd is a graduate of Richard King High School and is attending Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Virginia where she is a Johnson Scholar. Miss Boyd is the Treasurer of the Delegation of the 2020 Mock Convention and mentors elementary students as a member of both Women in Technology and Science and Happy Kids Healthy Kids. She also volunteers with the university's Rotaract Club and coaches the local USA swim team in Lexington.

Miss Emily Blair Clower is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Mason Clower. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Frederick Dorsey of Corpus Christi. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Richard Godbout of Corpus Christi. Miss Clower attends Texas A&M University College Station where she is a member of the Chi Omega sorority and volunteers with the Make-A-Wish Foundation. She will be presented in December by the Order of de Pineda in Corpus Christi.

Miss Anna Elizabeth Cooper is the daughter of Ms. Renee Whitehurst Cooper and Mr. Gordon Simpson Cooper. Her paternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. John Charles Cooper of Dallas. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Robert Whitehurst of Corpus Christi. Miss Cooper attends Texas A&M University College Station where she is a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She is a volunteer for CASA and the Humane Society. Miss Cooper will be presented in December by the Order of de Pineda in Corpus Christi.

Miss Allison Camille Dibble is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dibble. Her paternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dibble of Corpus Christi. Her maternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Henry Casillas of Corpus Christi. Miss Dibble graduated from Veterans Memorial High School and is attending the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas where she is a member of Kappa Delta Sorority. She is a volunteer with Triumph Over Kid Cancer and Girl Scouts of America.

Miss Jayna Rae Grove is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony D. Williams and Mr. Gene Robert Grove Jr. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. Jimmy Ray Stover of Corpus Christi and Mrs. Lahoma Jean Cantrell of Lawton, Oklahoma. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. Gene R. Grove of Bartlesville, Oklahoma and Mrs. Jennifer Nash of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Miss Grove is a graduate of London High School and is attending Texas Tech University in Lubbock where she is a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority. She volunteers with Habitat For Humanity, the Women's Shelter of Lubbock and Future Farmers of America.

Miss Monique Nicole Martinez is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Martinez Jr. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Martinez Sr. of Corpus Christi. Her maternal grandparents are the late Mr. Armando Arevalo and Mrs. Armando Arevalo of Corpus Christi and Mr. Jose A. Mondragon of San Antonio. Miss Martinez graduated from Home School Academy of Corpus Christi and is attending Del Mar College in Corpus Christi where she is involved with the Harbor Playhouse and sings at St. Phillips Catholic Church. She will be transferring to Texas A&M University Corpus Christi in the Spring of 2020.

Miss Samantha Robin Mayo is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Curtis Mayo. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Ray Mayo of Fredericksburg. Her maternal grandparents are Dr. Lou Anton Carter and Mr. and Mrs. John Blain Kennedy of Corpus Christi and the late James Milam Pettus, II of Goliad. Miss Mayo is a graduate of St. Andrew's School at Middletown, Delaware and is attending Scripps College in Claremont, California. She is a volunteer at the Claremont Rescue Shelter as well as a member of the club basketball team. Miss Mayo will be presented in December by the Order of de Pineda in Corpus Christi.

Miss Eleanor Lipscomb McClanahan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Christopher McClanahan. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. Jack McClanahan of New Orleans, Louisiana and Mrs. Tom McKinney of New Orleans, Louisiana Her maternal

grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Douglas Johnson Jr. of New Orleans, Louisiana. Miss McClanahan graduated from Incarnate Word Academy and is attending the University of Mississippi where she is a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority and a volunteer for St. Jude's. She will be presented in December by the Order of de Pineda in Corpus Christi.

Miss Lauren Brynn Peterson is the daughter of Ms. Lisa Kennedy and Mr. John Kelley Allen of Corpus Christi and Mr. Doug Peterson of Corpus Christi. Her maternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Paul Alexander Kennedy, Jr. of Corpus Christi, Her paternal grandparents are the late Mr. Soren Peterson and Mrs. Soren Peterson of Corpus Christi. Miss Peterson graduated from Veterans Memorial High School and is attending Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi where she is a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Miss Abigail Catherine Sheets is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kim R. Sheets. Her paternal grandparents are the late Mr. Whilman G. Sheets from Baton Rouge, Louisiana and the late Ms. Molly M. Sheets from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Her maternal grandparents are Lieutenant Commander and Mrs. John A. Douglass of Meridian, Mississippi. Miss Sheets graduated from Incarnate Word Academy and is attending Texas Christian University in Fort Worth where she is a member of Delta Gamma sorority. She is a volunteer with Kinder Frogs, Braille Bibles and Active Minds.

Miss Natalie Marie Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Kyle Smith. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward William Smith of Corpus Christi. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Guiberson Rhodes of Corpus Christi. Miss Smith graduated from Incarnate Word Academy and is attending Texas A & M University College Station where she is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She is a volunteer camp counselor at the Corpus Christi Yacht Club. Miss Smith will be presented in December by the Order of de Pineda in Corpus Christi.

Miss Eloise Juliet Urban is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lawrence Urban. Her paternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Aloysius Urban of Dayton, Texas. Her maternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. James Posey Alford of Gonzales, Texas. Miss Urban graduated from W. B. Ray High School and is attending Texas A & M University College Station where she is a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority and involved with The Big Event College Station and Champions are Readers. She was presented in August by The Admirals Club of Austin in Austin, Texas.

Miss Laura Marie Winston is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lindsey Winston. Her paternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Winston of Corpus Christi. Her maternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Gene Deadman of Corpus Christi. Miss Winston graduated from Flour Bluff High School and is attending Baylor University in Waco where she is member of Kappa Kappa Gamma

sorority and volunteers at Parkdale Elementary.

Visiting Duchesses

Miss Montgomery Jett Angel is the daughter of Mrs. Lori Johns Angel and the late Mr. Billy Glenn Angel of Houston, Texas. Her paternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bailey Angel of Baytown, Texas. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Terry Lane Johns of Corpus Christi. Miss Angel graduated from Memorial High School in Houston, Texas and is attending Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana where she is a member of Phi Mu sorority.

Miss Alice Anne-Marie Appling is the daughter of Ms. Elizabeth Ann Schumate-Appling of Port Aransas, Texas and Mr. William Hefner Appling Jr. of El Campo, Texas. Her paternal grandparents are Mrs. William Hefner Appling Sr. and the late Mr. William Hefner Appling Sr. of El Campo, Texas. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jay Mosser Jr. of Corpus Christi and Mr. Frank Thomas Shumate Sr. of Rockport, Texas. Miss Appling graduated from Port Aransas High School in Port Aransas, Texas and is attending Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas where she is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

Miss Sarah Carrington Bass is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Croley Bass of Houston, Texas. Her paternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Harris Hutcheson Bass of Fort Worth, Texas. Her maternal grandparents are the late Mr. Robert Howard Gardner of Rockport, Texas and the late Mrs. Carol Howard Gardner of Plainview, Texas. Miss Bass graduated from The Kinkaid School in Houston, Texas and is attending the University of Texas in Austin where she is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. Miss Bass was presented at the Admirals Club of Austin and will be presented at Allegro and the Houston Country Club.

Miss Katherine Anne Berman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Alan Berman of Houston, Texas. Her paternal grandparents are the late Mr. Morton Leon Berman and Mrs. Morton Leon Berman of Houston, Texas. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Thorne Templin of Houston, Texas. Miss Berman graduated from The Kinkaid School in Houston, Texas and is attending Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Virginia where she is a member of Phi Beta Phi sorority and serves as Vice President of Community Relations. She is a Varsity Field Hockey Scholar Athlete and a Resident Reporter of the 2020 Mock Convention. Miss Berman was presented in October at the Texas Rose Festival in Tyler, Texas and the Neches River Festival in Beaumont, Texas.

Miss Elizabeth Blakemore Binger is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Allen Binger of Kemah, Texas. Her paternal grandparents are Mrs. John Allen Binger of Peachtree City, Georgia and the late Mr. John Allen Binger of Vandalia, Ohio. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. Harry Charles Morton of Lewes, Delaware and Mrs. Janet Frances Morton of League City, Texas. Miss Binger graduated from Clear Falls High School in League City, Texas and is attending Texas A&M University in College

Station where she is a member of Chi Omega sorority. She was presented at the Lunar Rendezvous of Clear Lake.

Miss Jordan Field Carson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Fowler Carson III of Mountain Home, Texas. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. George Fowler Carson Jr. and the late Mrs. George Fowler Carson Jr. of Mountain Home, Texas. Miss Carson graduated from Our Lady of the Hills in Kerrville, Texas and is attending Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas where is a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Miss Paityn Renee Havelka is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Keith Havelka of Robstown, Texas. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Havelka of Robstown, Texas. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gary Vaughn of Corpus Christi. Miss Havelka graduated from Tuloso Midway High School in Corpus Christi and is attending Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas where she is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Miss Sarah Elise McLean is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Clifford McLean of Helotes, Texas. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Hugo McLean of Bandera, Texas. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Allen Jackson of Houston, Texas. Miss McLean graduated from John Jay Science and Engineering Academy in San Antonio, Texas and is attending the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, New Mexico where she is a Regents Scholar.

Miss Amber Nicole Alexandra Zivley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Perry Zivley, Jr of Houston, Texas. Her paternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Walter Perry Zivley Sr. of Houston, Texas. Her maternal grandparents are Mrs. Charles R. Weichert of Corpus Christi and the late Dr. William C. Triplett of Corpus Christi. Miss Zivley graduated from Memorial High School in Houston, Texas and is attending Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama where she is a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. She was presented in October at the Texas Rose Festival in Tyler, Texas and will be presented at the Houston Country Club and Bolero Club.