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## Competition for Miss St. Aug title heavy

### Six contestants will try for Miss St. Augustine's College Crown

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One of the most competitive races this year within the Student Government Association (SGA) is for the title of Miss Saint Augustine's College.

The six contestants running for Miss St. Aug include: Florencia Hunt, a senior majoring in physical education; Shannon R. Jones, a junior majoring in pre-medicine; VaShawn Marshall, a junior majoring in broadcasting communications; Charisse S. Pinkett, a junior majoring in pre-law with a minor in political science; Rahmira Shimc Rufus, a junior majoring in computer science with a minor in music and Stephanie Nicole Taylor, a junior majoring in elementary education and with a minor in biblical studies.

This year, not only will the Miss St. Aug contestants have to give a speech on speech night, but they will also contend in a pageant. The Emery Gymnasium will play host to the event, where the young ladies will show their talents, speaking skills and critical thinking skills.

Each contestant has issues focusing on what they want to do as Miss St. Aug and their reason for wanting to become Miss St. Aug.

Pinkett's issues include networking with surrounding universities and colleges to improve our communities and establishing a mentor relationship with incoming freshman to help make the whole transition from high school to college easier.

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Taylor's issues include the concerns of the students, religious aspects of the campus and community service.

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Speech night will be held on April 22 on the second floor of the student union, at 7:00 PM. Elections will be held on April 23 on the first floor of the union.

"I believe the voting will be about what the candidates can do, because people are tired of the same old popularity standard," Ricardo Hamer, a freshman majoring in computer information systems said.

Christina Shamberger feels that people will vote for the people that are popular.

"It shouldn't be that way, but people are going to vote for who they know or who their friends know," Shamberger said.

Other positions that will be elected in the student government include SGA president, SGA vice-president, attorney general, chief justice and class officers.



**Name:** Charisse S. Pinkett  
**Age:** 20  
**Cumulative GPA:** 3.6  
**Major/Minor:** Pre-Law/Political Science

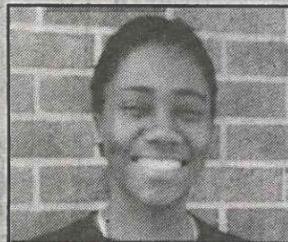
**Platform/Issues:**

- ◆ To create more faculty and student involvement, in order to help rise student moral.
- ◆ Networking with surrounding universities and colleges to improve our communities.
- ◆ Establishing a mentor relationship with incoming freshman to help make the whole transition from high school to college easier.

**Why do you want to become Miss Saint Augustine's College:**

Since my attendance at St. Aug., I have made it my duty to involve myself in campus activities. I have had experience in being the class queen for the last three years, and I feel I am ready to take on the major role as St. Aug.'s queen. I've been motivated to run for this divine position and I am fully prepared to take on the duties.

**Experience/Honors:** Class Queen (96-99); Queens Council; Pre-alumni member; Pre-law club member; NAACP member; Phi Eta Sigma (Honor Society); Deans List 96-99; Dean Scholarship recipient; UNCF Scholar; Presidential Scholar 97-99; Kappa Alpha Mu Society.



**Name:** Rahmira Shimc Rufus  
**Age:** 21  
**Cumulative GPA:** 3.7  
**Major/Minor:** Computer Science/Music

**Platform/Issues**

- ◆ I would like to deal with student morale and help the relationships amongst the student body as a whole.

**Why do you want to become Miss Saint Augustine's College:**

I believe that there is a lapse of communication between the students and administration. The students feel that they are not heard and the administration feels that it is not appreciated. I would like to be the mediator between the two, by easing tension on both parties.

Therefore, the administration will become cognizant of student necessities and issues and the students will comprehend the administration positions as situations arise and their resolution. I want to extinguish the fires, not start them.

**Activities/Honors:** Student mentor; Student advisory committee; Junior Class Vice-President; Saint Augustine's College Concert Ensemble; Saint Augustine's College Chapel Choir; Chapel Choir President; Presidential Scholar; Dean's List; Miss Homecoming 96-97; Miss Alpha Phi Alpha 96-99; Tri-M Music Honor's Society.



**Name:** VaShawn Traveea Marshall  
**Age:** 21  
**Cumulative GPA:** 3.0  
**Major/Minor:** Broadcasting Communications

**Platform/Issues:**

- ◆ I want to work on building more communication between the students and faculty.
- ◆ I wish to increase the school morale
- ◆ I want to promote more Christian-oriented activities.

**Why do you want to become Miss Saint Augustine's College:**

I believe the position creates opportunities to enhance positive visibility for the college and foster good community relations. I am seeking the position because I am able and willing to undertake all the responsibility that accompanies the honor, and I want to ensure that the person in the position values more than personal recognition. In addition, I think I have creative talents to offer the college community and the position of Miss St. Aug.'s would allow me greater influence on the college life. I am already invested in the college and wish to increase that investment.

**Experience/Honors:** Featured in PEN for fashion design; Choreographer for Nubiance Modeling Troupe; Miss Mystic 97-98.

### Stephanie Taylor

**Age:** 21  
**Cumulative GPA:** 3.42  
**Major/Minor:** Elementary Education/Biblical Studies

**Platform/Issues:** My issues include:

- ◆ The concerns of the students
- ◆ Religious aspects of the campus
- ◆ Community and campus service

**Why do you want to become Miss Saint Augustine's College:**

I am seeking this position so that I may represent St. Augustine's with the utmost respect and to be of service to all mankind.

**Activities and Honors:** Christian Fellowship Organization member; President of Elementary Education Club; Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; Member of Kappa Alpha Mu Honor's Society; Dean's and Honor's list 96-99.

### Shannon Jones

**Age:** 20  
**Cumulative GPA:** 3.24  
**Major:** Pre-Medicine  
**Classification:** Junior

**Platform/Issues:**

Information not available

**Why do you want to become Miss Saint Augustine's College:**

Information not available.

**Experience/Honors:**  
 Information not available.

### Florencia Hunt

**Age:** 20  
**Cumulative GPA:** 3.1  
**Major:** Physical Education  
**Classification:** Senior

**Platform/Issues:**

Information not available

**Why do you want to become Miss Saint Augustine's College:**

Information not available.

**Experience/Honors:**  
 Information not available.