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Six Black Women Will Try For "Miss America" Title

On September 15, Black Americans can watch with pride the greatest number of black candidates vying for the Miss America title in the history of the pageant. The show will be telecast on NBC at 10 p.m., EDT.

Suzette Charles, the reigning Miss America, may bring her crown to Maryline Blackburn, Miss Alaska; Desiree Keating, Miss District of Columbia; Ruth Booker, Miss Illinois; Anita Whitaker, Miss Louisiana; Lauren Green, Miss Minnesota; or Renee Bagley, Miss Oregon.

The young women have many common traits - beauty, talent and ambition - but each brings to the pageant her own unique personality and background. After all, before a young woman becomes a "Miss" she attends school, is someone's daughter and works at a summer job.

Here's a look at these special contestants:

Maryline Blackburn, Miss Alaska, was born in Frankfurt, Germany. Her father is a career soldier and she lived in 10 different states while her dad was in the service. Her father also received an award for outstanding service during the Vietnam War. A graduate of Evergreen State College, Maryline has studied piano for 13 years and has more than a nodding acquaintance with dance, voice, clarinet and drum lessons over the years. She will be singing in the Miss America Pageant and has performed with Chuck Berry, Chris Calloway and Sister Sledge. Maryline hopes to become a buyer for a department store after studying with a couture house in France.

Desiree Keating is the first Miss District of Columbia in 20 years. She is a student at George Washington University majoring in Dance Therapy. Desiree has studied dance for 14



years and will perform a modern dance routine in the Miss America Pageant. She also studied piano and participated in the AFTRA Children's Television Project and the Duke Ellington School of the Arts. She wants to perform as a dancer and eventually use dance therapy as a way to help others, particularly children.

Beautiful Ruth Booker, Miss Illinois, is one of 15 children and a self-taught singer. Ruth is a junior at DePaul University in Chicago, majoring in accounting. She has served as an accounting intern for Time-Life, Inc., and been involved with Inroads, Inc., an internship or-

ganization for minority students in business and engineering. Ruth also served as honorary co-chairman of the Sickle Cell Anemia Bike-A-Thon.

Anita Whitaker, Miss Louisiana, is a 24 year old registered nurse, who has already cut her first gospel album. In 1982 Anita was selected as one of the "Outstanding Young women in America." Among her hobbies are songwriting, cross stitching and playing the piano and violin. Her professional singing experience includes two years of performing with the Las Vegas Sahara Showcase. Anita is a graduate of Northeast Louisiana University

where she was a Dean's List student.

Tall (5'10") Lauren Green is the first black Miss Minnesota. A graduate of the University of Minnesota where she majored in Piano Performance, music has always been a big part of her life. She received an academic scholarship to college based on her piano talent, and studied with the late Ered Waring and Carnegie Hall pianist Bernhard Weiser. Lauren currently works for the Human Resources Department at Twin City Federal. One of five children, Lauren indicates her family has a number of diverse interests and includes musi-

cians, artists and politicians. She hopes to pursue classical theatre training at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London.

Renee Bagley, Miss Oregon, lives on 13 of the original 40 acres her grandfather bought in 1939. Majoring in health and physical education at Portland State University, Renee has long been involved in sports. She is an ice skater of merit, and was ranked as one of the top three skaters in the Northwest Figure Skating Championships for four years. She is also quite proud of her brother who as a collegiate wrestler won the Big Sky Conference

wrestling championship four years in a row. Renee will sing in the Miss America Pageant and hopes eventually to start her own business, with an emphasis on health for all her employees.

What does it mean to be a part of the Pageant? Ruth Booker says of her new responsibility, "It's important for all young women to have role models. It's a role that I do not mind playing--all of us need to look up to someone who inspires us to greater heights, and I hope by my accomplishments other young women will realize that they, too, can work to achieve their dreams."

Cablevision Of Charlotte To Cover Prep Football

Cablevision of Charlotte's Community Programming Department will produce Southwestern Conference 4A high school football as a part of their weekly programming on Community Television Channel 3 (CTV-3). The first game will air Saturday, September 8, at 4 p.m. and will pit the Olympic High School against West Mecklenburg. Cablevision plans to cover each local team twice during the season. Game time will be Saturdays at 4 p.m.

"High school sports possess an energy and excitement unlike any other sporting event," says Rick Jackson, Cablevision's program director. "The coverage of local school sports and other special events will truly enrich our program offering." Additionally, the coverage will be a learning experience for local student volunteers who will join the Cablevision staff in producing the local games.

For game listing, CTV-3's schedule is published daily in the Charlotte Observer, weekly in TV Week, and in the Cable Guide.

Cablevision To Present Stumptown Revue

Cablevision of Charlotte's Community Programming Department will present a Stumptown Festival Revue on Thursday, September 6, from 6-9 p.m. on Community Television Channel 3 (CTV-3).

It will be an entire evening of fun, wholesome

family entertainment. Repeats of the individual events will occur during the month of September on CTV-3. Additionally, Cablevision will supply Vision Cable with video tape coverage so that county residents can share in the extravaganza.