

Paige Ann Phillips

2009 Queen of Carnival

Her Majesty, Queen Paige Ann Phillips, comes by her reign naturally. Queen Paige's family has a long history of participation in Carnival Memphis that dates back over four decades. Her Grandfather, John Phillips III, served as King of Carnival in 1965. He also was Chairman of the Grand Krewe of Osiris in 1957 and served as their King in 1961. Queen Paige's father, John Phillips IV, has also been involved in Carnival for the majority of his life. In 1969 he served as a Royal Page (with this year's King Keith Barton). In 1977 he was an Escort in the Royal Court and, after college, he followed in his father's footsteps by becoming very involved in the Grand Krewe of Osiris. John Phillips IV served Osiris as General Chairman in 1989 and King in 1993. Queen Paige's mother, Paige, and her family have also been active in Carnival. Her mother was a member of the Royal Court, Paige's Grandmother, Ann Bailey, was a Duchess for the Grand Krewe of Sphinx in 1946, and her Grandfather, Edgar Bailey, was the Colonial Country Club Prince in 1948. Queen Paige's aunt, Josephine Schaeffer, and cousin, Ann Schaeffer Pringle, both represented Osiris as Queen while her Uncle, Fred Schaeffer, and cousin, Fred Schaeffer Jr., both served as Chairman and King of Osiris. Today, Queen Paige is proud and flattered to have the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of her family members and is honored to serve as the 2009 Queen of Carnival Memphis.

Queen Paige is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Phillips IV. Even as a youngster she was destined to become a part of Carnival Royalty. Our 2009 Queen started her Carnival Memphis participation at an early age. In 1999, Paige served as a Royal Page along side John Barton, son of this year's King. She served as a Princess in the 2008 Royal Court and enjoyed her daytime experiences greatly. Queen Paige graduated from the Hutchison School and is a rising junior in the Honors College at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. Paige was involved in numerous organizations at Hutchison including the Quill and Scroll Society, where she was President, L'Alliance de Francais, Mu Alpha Theta and the Sara Frey History Society to name just a few. Our Queen was a true leader at Hutchison where she served on the Judiciary Council, the Honor Council and was class President her freshman year. She received several honors including High Honor Roll for three years, National Honor Society for two years,



The Phillips Family: Bailey, Queen Paige, John V, John IV and Paige

and the Green Honor Society Award. During her senior year, Paige received Hutchison's highest honor when she was named Ideal Hutchison Girl.

At SMU Paige is majoring in Biology with a Pre-Med emphasis and will minor in French. She is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority where she serves as Recording Secretary. Paige is involved in many campus organizations including Alpha Lambda Delta, the French Club, SMU Chemistry Society, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Med Society. Even with her busy school schedule, Paige spends much of her free time in community service including tutoring at the West Dallas Community School, working with Reading Is Fundamental, and visiting patients at Parkland Hospital. Paige would like to pursue a career in pediatrics.

Queen Paige had this to say regarding her reign: "As a child, I remember my parent's involvement in Cotton Carnival and getting to go downtown to decorate the floats and seeing what I called the "green weevils". When I was a royal page, I thought it was the greatest thing ever and even then recognized how it brought people and the community together.

While on the court last year, one of my favorite memories was serving hot meals to children at the Carnival Memphis Kids Café and then packing boxes with other court members at the Food Bank. These opportunities truly showed me the broad impact of Carnival Memphis and awakened a part of me that wants to give back to our community. I believe in our City and realize that our efforts can make a difference. Carnival Memphis provides a backdrop for festive Krewe and Court Celebration, but more importantly, the chance to reach out into the community and share goodwill and enthusiasm for the city. The traditions of Carnival have been enhanced through the years to include recognition of industries and fundraising for children's charities, and I am humbled by the hard work of the Carnival Organization and Krewes that make this all happen.

With the economic downturn across the country this year, it is both unique and appropriate that we are recognizing the non-profit industry and their hard work. I am honored to be Queen of Carnival Memphis 2009 and will always look back on the many friendships and fantastic memories and adventures that we have already experienced as well as those to come during Carnival week."