Louise Robertson Steffner

er Majesty, Queen Louise Robertson Steffner, comes by her reign naturally. Her family has been involved in Carnival Memphis for many years. Queen Weezie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Steffner. Her father, Joe Steffner, has been very involved in Carnival leadership, as a Board Member, President of Carnival in 1998 and Chairman of the Board in 1999. Her uncle, Stuart Collier, was President in 1987. Weezie's mother, Margaret Collier Steffner was the Carnival Princess in the 1980 Royal Court. Our 82nd Anniversary Carnival Queen has done a fantastic job of continuing her family's Carnival tradition. In 2012, Queen Weezie participated in the Royal Court as the President's Princess to John Phillips and as a Royal Page in 2003 of King Ralph Horn and Queen Lee Sturdivant. Her sister Ellie was also a Royal Page in 2005 and her brother Jack in 1998. Her brother also served as an Escort in 2011 and a Scarab in 2012 and 2013.



The Steffner family - Jack, Margaret, Queen Weezie, Ellie and Joe

The Queen has just completed her sophomore year at The University of Tennessee Knoxville where she is majoring in Business Marketing with a minor in Theatre. Weezie is a very active and involved member of the Delta Delta Delta Sorority's Delta Sigma chapter and serves as the Music Chair. She enjoys participating in fundraising activities for the Tri-Delt's national philanthropy, Memphis' own St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and also their chapter's regional philanthropy, East Tennessee Children's Hospital. In Knoxville, our Queen also participates in Relay for Life and has earned membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. She is also very involved in the Cross Student Ministries - a Greek based youth group on the University of Tennessee's campus. She spent her 2012 fall break on The Cross Student Ministries' Mission Trip in Pineville, Kentucky building a handicap ramp for a home-bound woman.

Weezie is well prepared for her role in the spotlight as Queen of Carnival Memphis as she has played the lead as well as supporting roles in several plays while at The Hutchison School. Some of her favorites include "Oliver", "Godspell", "Our Town", "Steel Magnolias", as well as "The Sound of Music", "The Wizard of Oz", "Thoroughly Modern Millie" and "Grease" - to name a few. Queen Weezie also traveled to Edinburgh, Scotland to perform in "Memphis Women and Fried Chicken" at the International Fringe Theater Festival. While at the University of Tennessee, Queen Weezie still keeps performing in her life by taking theatre classes as well as participating in All Campus Event's "All Sing" competition where each chapter performs as a choir. Her sorority has placed both years she has participated.

With all her thespian achievements, somehow Queen Weezie found time to be involved in many other organizations at Hutchison. Never one to shy away from leadership roles,

Weezie was a member of Student Council and served as President of her Senior Class. She was inducted into the International Thespian Society as a freshman, voted Student Life Secretary as a sophomore, and inducted into the Ascensus society as a junior for her community service involvement. She was a three year member of the Crest Society where she was selected to represent her school as a student ambassador. She received the Loyalty Scholarship Award and a Congress Merit award. She was also a member of the National Honor Society. A three year member of the Fine Arts Council and four year member of the high school choral group, *Vocal* Point, our Queen's love for theatre and song helped her receive the Theatre Academic Award for Acting.

Queen Weezie is a member of Second Presbyterian Church where she was very involved in their youth group throughout high school. She also participated in the Memphis Chrysalis flight #34 as well as served as apart of the Chrysalis Flight #35 Volunteer Team.

An avid volunteer, Queen Weezie has been involved with many area non-profit organizations including Bridge Builders, Promise Academy and MIFA.

The Queen said, "Growing up with Carnival in my life, being Queen has always been a dream of mine. Never did I think it would actually come true! Now that this dream is a reality, I am just so humbled, thankful, and excited to be given this amazing opportunity to serve as the Queen of Carnival Memphis 2013. I look so forward to not only giving back to the city I truly love but also shedding light on all the good already done in Memphis. I look forward to a fun filled week of 'serving Memphis by day and celebrating it by night.'"