

# Queen Catherine Tabor Owen

Queen Catherine Tabor Owen ascends the Carnival Memphis throne with esteem for this extraordinary organization and the people who have celebrated its traditions for 88 years. As the season unfolds, she is devoted to being a resilient leader as Carnival 2019 expands on past achievements to make a lasting impact on the future.

Catherine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Davis Owen and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Penn Owen Jr., and Dr. and Mrs. James Carter Tabor. She follows a noble line of queens and princesses in her family who have set a precedent of dignity and grace as participants in the Royal Court of Carnival, the Mystic Society of the Memphi, the Grand Krewe of Osiris, and the Memphis Hunt and Polo Club. Among those, her aunt Meredith Owen Holbrook was the 51st Queen of Carnival, and her cousin Elizabeth Graham Parrish was the 81st Queen of Carnival. In 2018, the Memphis Hunt and Polo Club commissioned Catherine to be their Festival Princess, and her brothers, Norman Davis Owen Jr. (Davis) and James McGehee Owen (Mac), have also performed in pivotal roles. Davis was a member of The Loyal Order of Scarabs in 2018, and Mac was a three-term page – twice for Osiris and once in attendance to the Royal Court.

At Sewanee: The University of the South, Catherine received the Quintard Scholarship for her academic performance in high school and, at the close of her freshman year, was inducted into Sewanee's prestigious Order of the Gown and the National Society of Leadership and Honor. She is majoring in Environment and Sustainability. Within her major, her passion is human and ecosystem health. She will learn more about this topic while studying abroad in Scandinavia this summer. Catherine was recently elected to serve as the Assistant Social Chairman for Theta Kappa Phi sorority during her upcoming junior year.

As a member of the Sewanee Tigers tennis team, Catherine was named the Southern Athletic Association Player of the Year in 2019. She was also recognized by her university with the Female Outstanding Season Award among all sports in 2019. Currently ranked fourth in the Atlantic South region, Catherine is representing Sewanee at the NCAA Division III singles championship tournament in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Catherine and her brothers enrolled in Memphis schools an hour away from their hometown of Tunica, Mississippi,



*The Owen Family*

*Left to right: Davis Jr., Christian, Catherine, Davis Sr., and Mac*

beginning when she was in middle school. At Hutchison, she was a member of the National Honor Society, president of the Student Council Athletic Board, and the recipient of Hutchison's Jack Stanford Sportsmanship Award. Throughout high school, she was dedicated to Helping Hands, a Wilson Society program for special needs children formed by Catherine and two of her classmates. She attends Epiphany Episcopal Church in Tunica and has enjoyed working as a counselor for Camp Bear Track in the summers.

Queen Catherine introduced Carnival 2019 with the mantra of T.E.A.M. – "Together, Everyone Achieves More." With King Robert Berry, Catherine encourages everyone to find their place in Carnival in the spirit of comradery and compassion alongside the missions of this year's Children's Charities.

"Carnival 2019 will come to life with a spectacular series of destinations and challenging fundraising goals," Queen Catherine proclaims. "As we hurry to arrive on time and cross the finish line with record-breaking numbers for the Carnival Memphis Children's Charity Initiative, we must also embrace the many relationships built along the way as an even greater testimony to a Carnival adventure well-lived. Hip, Hip, Hooray for the winning team of 2019!"