

Name: Natalie Davis
Title: Miss Mankato
Hometown: Dassel, MN

Date of Birth: January 3, 1990

Education: St. Olaf College – Bachelor of Arts Chemistry, 2012
Dassel-Cokato High School - 2008

Platform Issue: Autism Awareness: The Missing Piece

Scholastic/Career Ambition: Bachelor of Arts Chemistry; Medical Doctorate
Become a pediatrician

Talent: Vocal performance - “Nessun Dorma”

Scholastic Honors: St. Olaf Presidential Scholar; St. Olaf Community Scholar; Dean’s List; Honor Roll; High School Salutatorian, 2008; Miss America’s Outstanding Teen Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, 2007

Leadership Roles: Founder/Program Director of Awesome Club, a social skills program for students with ASD; Skillshop Presenter, Autism Society of MN, 2011; Special Projects Coordinator, St. Olaf Volunteer Network, 2010-11; Secretary, St. Olaf Chapel Choir, 2010-11; Manager, St. Olaf Manitou Singers, 2008-09; Secretary/Treasurer, National Honors Society, 2007-08; Captain, Speech Team, 2007-08; Miss Minnesota’s Outstanding Teen 2006

Accomplishments: Spoke to over 5,000 people about autism in the past 3 years at schools, civic organizations, and community events; Nominee for the St. Olaf Established Leader Award, 2011; Nominee for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship for Public Service, 2011; Inducted member of Blue Key Honor Society, 2010; Volunteer Network Program of the Year Award for Awesome Club, 2010; Quality of Life Award finalist, 2009; Wright County Conference Drama Champion, 2007, 2008; AA One Act Play State Champion, 2008

Interesting Facts: Loves speaking in different accents; Implemented “Let them Bloom” project for CMN; Played a man and learned stage combat in state-winning One Act Play; Created demo CD and music videos with L.A. agency

Employment: Peer Advisor - St. Olaf Center for Experiential Learning; Swim Instructor - Dassel-Cokato HS Pool

Marketing Plan: The Miss America Organization (MAO) exists to foster the growth and development of young women to promote their voices in community affairs. As the world’s largest scholarship program for women, it distributes over \$45 million in scholarship money each year. MAO’s success depends on the vitality of state organizations such as the Miss Minnesota Education Foundation. My excellent communication skills and my passion for helping people will make my year of service as Miss Minnesota successful. I plan to foster sustainable relationships with organizations across the state and the nation to promote not only my platform, but also the importance of the Miss Minnesota program. My experience will help me dispel the stereotypes related to “pageantry” and voice the Miss Minnesota program’s mission in order to build sustainable partnerships and gain sponsors so we may continue to empower young women to pursue their educational and career goals.

Legacy: During my year of service as Miss Minnesota, I hope to make a lasting impact on society’s perception of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). By increasing awareness, I aspire to create a culture of understanding and acceptance. As Miss Minnesota and as an official spokesperson for the Autism Society of Minnesota, I will facilitate the growth of programs across the state that benefit thousands of individuals affected by ASD. I look forward to sharing my story and my mission with an even wider audience as the new Miss Minnesota.

Why I should be Miss Minnesota this year: It is crucial that the growing incidence of Autism Spectrum Disorder be addressed. Over 1.5 million Americans are diagnosed with some form of autism; this does not include the number of family members, school systems and work places that are also touched by the disorder. As I share my brother’s story across the state, I am a strong voice for all individuals impacted by autism. I have a passion for the Miss America Organization and what it has offered thousands of young women like myself: education, career opportunity, and personal growth and development. The Miss America Organization has opened my eyes to the fact that one person can impact many. I welcome the opportunity to promote both the Miss Minnesota Education Foundation and my platform during my year of service as Miss Minnesota.