

ANÉ OOSTHUYSEN – VANDERBIJLPARK, GAUTENG

Name: Ané Oosthuysen

Region: Vanderbijlpark, Gauteng

Age: 23 (September 19, 1997)

Occupation:

For the past few months, I have worked as an assistant teacher at a primary school while also being a full-time student studying for my PGCE teaching qualification which I will complete this year. I am also a third time graduate with a BA degree in Psychology and Sociology and Honours degrees in Psychology and Medical Sociology, all of which I completed at the North-West University. My aim is to use these qualifications to become a qualified educational psychologist.



Previous beauty competitions or pageants:

I was crowned Miss Vaal 2019/2020.

Why did you decide to enter Miss South Africa 2021 and why do you deserve to win this title?

From a very young age I have been inspired by the Miss South Africa platform and by women who are selfless, determined, ambitious, brave and driven to serve the people of this country. For that reason, I decided to enter Miss South Africa 2021. I believe that I deserve to win this title because I am a determined woman who is devoted to live a life that is focused on serving others and I believe that this is exactly what a Miss South Africa should be.

Tell us about your biggest disappointment and how you bounced back from it.

One of the biggest disappointments that I had to overcome was being rejected from studying towards my Masters in Clinical Psychology. Later I realised that this disappointment was really a blessing, because otherwise I would have never discovered my passion for teaching. I really believe that this experience showed me how resilient I am and that things will always work out the way they are supposed to.

What do you think is the biggest problem facing young people today?

Working with children on a daily basis has made it clear to me that bullying is a big problem. Young people are unaware of the physical, emotional and mental effects bullying behaviour can have on an individual.

Who are your role models?

One of my biggest role models is Rolene Strauss. She showed me that it is possible to achieve everything you set your mind to, all you need is the will to do so. I am also inspired by everyday heroes. I am a firm believer in the saying that no act of kindness is ever wasted and small acts of kindness from the people around me inspire me on a daily basis.

Tell us a bit more about your family?

I am lucky enough to be blessed with two very loving parents who have been married for 26 years. My father Dennis is a project manager who works in the demolition business, while my mother Annelise is a stay-at-home mom. I have a younger brother Westiaan (21).

What do you do in your spare time?

During the week I like playing netball whenever I find the time and over the weekends I love to braai and spend quality time with my family.

What - in your opinion - is your single biggest achievement?

Last year, during the pandemic, I collected food for the most vulnerable people in my community. On Mandela Day we managed to feed more than 100 people.

In what way do you think beauty pageants are still relevant today?

Beauty pageants are still relevant today because they are continuously evolving. Beauty, as we used to know it, now embodies so much more than just outer beauty, and pageantry enables women to be empowered and use all their qualities to lead and empower others.

What is your message to young girls and young women in South Africa?

You are enough. We are often so focused on being what the world tells us to be that we forget we already have everything within us to achieve greatness.

What do you love about South Africa?

I love the diversity of our country and that we have the opportunity to learn and be exposed to so many different views, values and beliefs.

What is one thing you would like to change about South Africa?

I would like to change the inequality in our country. By working towards creating more job opportunities, more individuals can work together to strengthen our country's economy and ultimately improve the lives of all.

2020 and 2021 have been extraordinary years and difficult for people around the globe. Do you see any positives in what has happened in the past 18 months?

I believe so many individuals began to realise the importance of time and how we should spend it with the ones that we love. We also came to realise the importance of our health and that we shouldn't take it for granted.

If you won the Miss South Africa crown and was able to meet one person, who would it be and why?

President Cyril Ramaphosa. I would like to discuss matters that I believe can have an influence on our youth and society.

What is the one thing people would be surprised to know about you?

I love all animals but I have the biggest fear of frogs!

What is the No 1 piece of advice that you would give to your younger self?

Life is not about finding yourself; it's about creating yourself.

QUICKFIRE QUESTIONS**Describe yourself in three words:**

Driven, kind, passionate.

What's the best advice you can give in exactly four words?

You are your choices.

Who's your favourite designer?

Mariska Pfhal - a local designer with the biggest talent and kindest heart.

You have to give up one of these? Handbags or shoes?

Definitely handbags. Even though I always have tons of things that I carry with me, I will never be able to go without a nice pair of shoes!

What is one thing that we would not know about you just by looking at you?

I had braces twice in my life and two years ago I underwent a major jaw operation.

What would be your dream holiday?

As I never been there before, my dream holiday would be to travel to Cape Town with my family and experience the beauty of our own country.

If you could have any superhuman power what would it be?

The ability to make time stand still. I often times find myself being so busy that I rarely find the time to enjoy and savour every moment.

What are you reading?

This is the Day by Tim Tebow.

What music are you listening to?

Pop music and I love anything from the '80s.

What are your favourite TV shows?

Modern Family, Glee.

What is your favourite meal?

Definitely braaivleis. Braaibroodjies and skaaptjoppies are my favourite!

Who is your local and international celeb crush?

Locally it has to be the rugby player, Damian de Allende. Internationally it is the actor, Robert Downey Jr.

What's your guilty pleasure?

I really enjoy watching *MasterChef Australia!*

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