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BEING MISS INDIAN WORLD HAS GIVEN ME MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET NEW PEOPLE AND LEARN ABOUT DIFFERENT PARTS OF NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE. IT HAS BEEN AMAZING TO SEE SO MANY PEOPLE PARTICIPATE IN THEIR CULTURAL ACTIVITIES ESPECIALLY THE YOUNGER GENERATION. MY FIRST POWWOW I WENT TO AS MISS INDIAN WORLD IN SASKATOON SASKATCHEWAN, I WAS SO HONORED TO BE A PART OF IT. ALL OF THE PEOPLE, DANCING, REGALIA, AND CEREMONIES THAT OCCURRED WERE TRULY POWERFUL AND BREATHTAKING. ALL OF THE ENERGY FROM THE DANCERS WAS FELT THROUGHOUT THE ARENA. IT WAS AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE AND I MET SOME GREAT PEOPLE WHILE I STAYED OVER THERE.

I did a lot of traveling around my home state of Alaska. My favorite thing to do as Miss Indian World was to visit high schools and elementary schools and talk with the younger kids. They were always a joy to be around. Every time I visited I would teach them a traditional game and they always had fun and were learning about culture at the same time. I usually talked about where I was from and what Miss Indian World did as an ambassador for all the Indigenous tribes of North America.

As my year as Miss Indian World comes to an end I would like to thank my family for being such strong supporters and all of my mentors for guiding me to be a better person and a better ambassador for all the Indigenous tribes. And of course I have to thank my community for supporting me before and after being names Miss Indian World 2011-2012. Miss Indian World has brought me to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Denver, Colorado, Las Vegas, Nevada, Norman, Oklahoma, and in Alaska I have been to Nome, Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Klawock.

This has been an amazing experience and I hope the next Miss Indian World will take advantage of the opportunities that come with being Miss Indian World. My message would be to always encourage the younger generation to learn their culture, I found that saying hello to them in my language brightened their faces and you could tell that they were inspired. Just the simplest things can inspire a person to learn their culture and become a better person.



Marjorie with friends in traditional Alaskan dress.



Relaxing by the shore, Marjorie takes a break from her duties.



Marjorie enjoyed sharing her culture and experiences with the children.



Marjorie visits with family and friends.