

MISS INDIAN WORLD 2015-16

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Hi everyone! Thank you for coming and spending your weekend with us, I hope you enjoy your time here at the Gathering of Nations!

My year as Miss Indian World has been a tremendous experience. I would first like to thank everyone who has made this past year possible: the creator, my family, my tribes, the GON and MIW committees, those who invited me into their communities, those who had kind and encouraging words to say to me throughout my year, those who said hello or took the time to give me a simple handshake, everyone. Thank You.

Since I was a young girl, sitting way up in the nose bleeds of the Pit, I always dreamed of becoming Miss Indian World. I never wanted to give up on that dream, and I didn't. It took two tries and hours of preparations, but with much help from others it happened. Today, I cannot be more grateful that I had the opportunity to represent all of our Indian/Native/First Nations/Indigenous people.

I wore the crown and banner with pride at every event I attended. Throughout my reign I attended 50 events, from Manitoba, Canada to southern Florida and from Oregon to Washington D.C. Among other things, I had the pleasure of visiting

different tribal nations, speaking to countless youth, attending pageants, conferences, an INFR tour rodeo and many powwows and celebrations. I had the honor of speaking at the National Museum of the American Indians and dancing at both the Chicago Field Museum and the Mall of America. I will never forget being at the first ever White House Tribal Youth Gathering (Gen -I) and meeting our First Lady Michelle Obama, I thanked her for the work the Obama Administration is doing for our youth.

Throughout my reign my platform has been focused on, but was not limited to, our youth. I believe in our youth and I want good things for them, and for all of our people. All year I promoted cultural pride, confidence and knowledge, education and healthy lifestyles. After my reign, I will continue to promote the things I am passionate about. I plan to use my cultural and contemporary education to make a positive impact on the lives of our people.

I wish you all the best in all that you do! Thank you again for being here.

Néa'ěše, Maacagiraac, Thank you,
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