



Newly Crowned Miss Universe Bahamas 2016, Cherell Williamson.

Bahamas, Nassau - After much anticipation surrounding the franchise holder, Ivy Lane Ltd., and the seaside venue of Miss Universe Bahamas, the organization crowned their first Queen, Cherell Williamson, on September 17th at the stunning Albany Resort. The pageant featured ten of the country's most beautiful and poised ladies as they entertained and excited the crowd of over 400 during each stage of the competition.

The Miss Universe Bahamas pageant opened with the delegates showcasing the most elaborate and detailed national costumes ever created for a pageant in The Bahamas. Bahamian designers left nothing to want as the ladies modeled designs varying from Straw Doll perfection to the amazing interpretation of Eleuthera's Glass Window Bridge. In the end it was the mythical Chickcharney bird that was awarded the Best Costume.

Tebby Burrows, Nassau's exciting new female artist performed her hit song "Settle Down" during the swimsuit competition, and upcoming artist Tai McCartney performed Beyoncé's *Sandcastles* before the evening gown competition. The delegates thrilled the crowd with designer gowns in bold and beautiful colors that sparkled on stage. After the deliberations by a celebrity panel of judges that included Kedar Clarke and Eldece Clarke, the top 5 semifinalists were announced: Miss Erika Adderley; Miss Rokara Hepburn; Miss Chivvaun Smith; Miss Crystal Stubbs; and Miss Cherell Williamson. Each of the ladies answered a question from one of the judges before the top three finalists were selected.

Cherell Williamson was crowned Miss Universe Bahamas 2016 by outgoing Queen Toria Penn. Chivvaun Smith was 1st runner up, and Erika Adderley was 2nd runner up.

Celebrations and photo opportunities continued through the night at the VIP Moet sponsored after party at Vesper Lounge, Albany.

Miss Universe Bahamas invites you follow Cherell's journey to the Miss Universe Pageant as our National Beauty Queen by visiting our Facebook page, Miss Universe Bahamas www.facebook.com/MUB242 or website at www.missuniverse-bahamas.com.

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