



ent in Aberdeen, and then won it — Emily Anne was crowned Miss Pre-Teen South Dakota — she realized that she had a special talent.

“I remember that I didn’t expect much. Mom told me ‘Be yourself’ — and that’s something that I’ve kept in my heart all these years. I was so nervous speaking in front of people, and now that’s second-nature to me.”

Emily Anne tells a humorous story about that first interview at that first pageant. She was asked what the state’s bird was. Emily Anne, every insistently explained that South Dakota’s state bird was “the turkey” instead of the Chinese Ring-neck Pheasant.

Each pageant that Emily Anne has competed in has allowed her to highlight her dancing talent. In the early years she used to do tap. Now she competes using classical or contemporary Pointe ballet.

Emily Anne has been dancing for 17 years, having begun at age 4 at the Academy of Dance in Yankton. Owner Dorota Dannenbring is still a “great inspiration, an amazing role model” to Emily Anne, and she spends her summers taking and teaching classes there.



Emily Anne is currently pursuing a Dance Performance/Choreography major and a double minor in Entertainment Management and Accounting at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Emily Anne will graduate in December Summa Cum Laude.

“My parents and grandparents have taught me to know who I am and know who I want to be.”

~ Emily Anne Miller

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“Dying is one of the events in life certain to occur, yet one we are not likely to plan for.” We spend more time getting ready for two weeks away from work than we do for our last time on Earth” (*Time Magazine*)



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