

Her lifelong goal after the Miss USA pageant is to further her dance career by becoming a New York Radio City Rockette. Emily Anne has also been awarded a full scholarship to attend and study with the Gus Giordano Jazz Dance Company in Chicago after graduation.

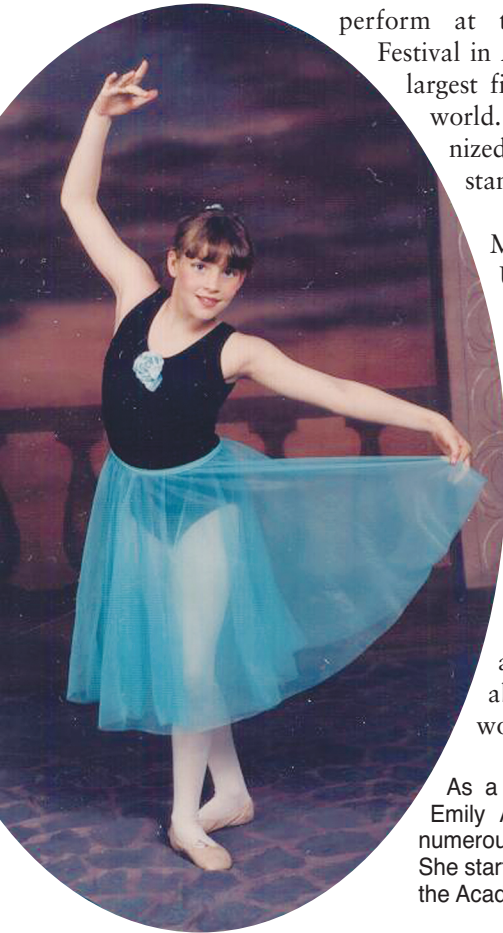
She has won numerous awards for dance. Emily Anne was selected by the UNLV Dance Department to dance and perform in Seoul, Korea, as an exchange program with the Korean University.

She was also one of four dancers chosen to perform at the Adelaide Fringe Festival in Australia, which is the largest fine arts festival in the world. There she was recognized as one of the best outstanding dance solos.

Emily Anne's time as Miss South Dakota USA has allowed her to meet with many different groups of people. She says that time spent with elementary-aged students is her favorite, calling them "some of my biggest fans."

"I go into schools to inspire children. I speak with them about my learning disability, and tell them to work hard, to go for it. I

As a dancer for 17 years, Emily Anne Miller has won numerous awards for dance. She started dancing at age 4 at the Academy of Dance.



You can watch Emily Anne compete in the Miss USA Pageant when it airs on NBC on Sunday night May 16th, 6pm

tell them to find something they love and do it to the fullest," she said.

Emily Anne says her upbringing has helped her be successful.

"It's a great honor to come from a small town. I've had so much support from the Irene community. My parents and grandparents have taught me to know who I am and know who I want to be. I have a strong moral base because of where I grew up."

Emily Anne explained that fame isn't important to her. And that the pageant industry has a stigma attached to it that is incorrect.

"I find smart, intelligent women at the pageants," she said, "They are a great inspiration when you meet them and get to know their personal stories."

The Miss USA experience is just one more adventure that Emily Anne is ready to pursue. Her parents own the Missouri River Rafting business, so she spends time on the water with the family business. And her original college experience included being a competitive college wake boarder for two years at the Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri before transferring to the University of Nevada.

by Julie Mooney

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