

Name: Charity Danielle Hitt
Title: Miss Burleson
Hometown: Burleson, Texas

Date of Birth: September 20, 1987

Education: Stephen F. Austin State University- Radio/Television Major Fall 2006
Burleson High School- 2002-2006

Platform Issue: Changing The Channel: Counteracting Television's Harmful Influences

Scholastic/Career Ambition: Obtain a major in Communications with a focus in Radio/Television and secure a career in Educational Public Television

Talent: Opera Vocal – "Vissi d'arte, Vissi d'amore"

Scholastic Honors: Stephen F. Austin Academic Excellence Scholarship; Burleson Making It Happen Foundation Community Scholarship; Bobby Bragan Outstanding Youth Scholarship; Nominated 'Most Likely to Succeed' of the Burleson graduates; Published several articles regarding media violence and its influence on children in professional journals and community newspapers

Leadership Roles: The Jason Foundation Student Advisory Board Member; Student Body Vice President of Burleson High School; Huguley Nursing Center Outstanding Volunteer Award; Relay For Life Team Leader; "Charity Hitt Day" named throughout Burleson for leadership and service to the city

Accomplishments: Recognized this year on the Texas House of Representatives Floor for community service in the City of Burleson; Wrote and distributed an educational children's book to local schools; Selected to the 2006 Texas All State Choir; Stephen F. Austin Young Artist Scholarship winner; Winner of the 2007 'Burleson Community Innovations Award'; Winner of the 2007 'Burleson Extra Mile Award'

Interesting Facts: I was born at home with a midwife, rather than in a hospital; I love to write and sing my own music; I'm a toy poodle enthusiast- I love my poodle, Sir Elton John Snicker Doodle Hitt!

Employment: Stephen F. Austin Campus Recreation and Fitness Center- Facilities Staff
Burleson Chamber of Commerce- Director of Media Relations

Marketing Plan: As Miss Texas 2007, I would use my desire to affiliate with positive media influences for the promotion of my platform, in association with spreading a bright light on the Miss Texas Organization. Media is the most powerful network in our society today, and is without a doubt a paramount way to influence a vast number of people. As Miss Texas 2007, I would make it of equal priority throughout my year to promote the Miss Texas Organization as much as my platform. It is only with the continuation and growth of this organization that many talented and passionate women beyond this year will be able to make their voices heard while touching the lives of those around them.

Legacy: After every new Miss Texas walks the stage each year, she leaves with much more than scholarship money and a crown; she takes with her the power to change lives. If given the chance to serve as Miss Texas 2007, I would want to be remembered as a woman who represented the Miss Texas Organization with dignity, grace, and a true passion for her platform. I want to empower each and every person whom I encounter with the knowledge and ability to make healthy choices when it comes to television. It is only then that we will have the power to take control over television and the media, and no longer let it control us.

Why I should be Miss Texas this year: We live in a time and a place where television sets act as babysitters, and video games are our children's new best friends. What happened to playing in the tree house until Mom had to drag us down, or reading a book at night under the covers with a flashlight? These simple pleasures of childhood have not been lost; simply hidden. Each of them has been cleverly obscured by the attraction found in television today. Unfortunately this attraction depicts and often promotes violence, language, drugs, and other harmful elements for impressionable minds. The average 13 year old has been subjected to 8,000 depicted murders on television; an alarming number to say the least. Children are acting more aggressively at home and in the classroom, and to what do we owe this sudden increase? We owe it to our children's new favorite teacher- the television. I want to educate today's youth about the value of what they are feeding into their minds, and remind them of the important elements of childhood; school work, exercise, and just being a kid. This year, it's time for Texas to Change the Channel.