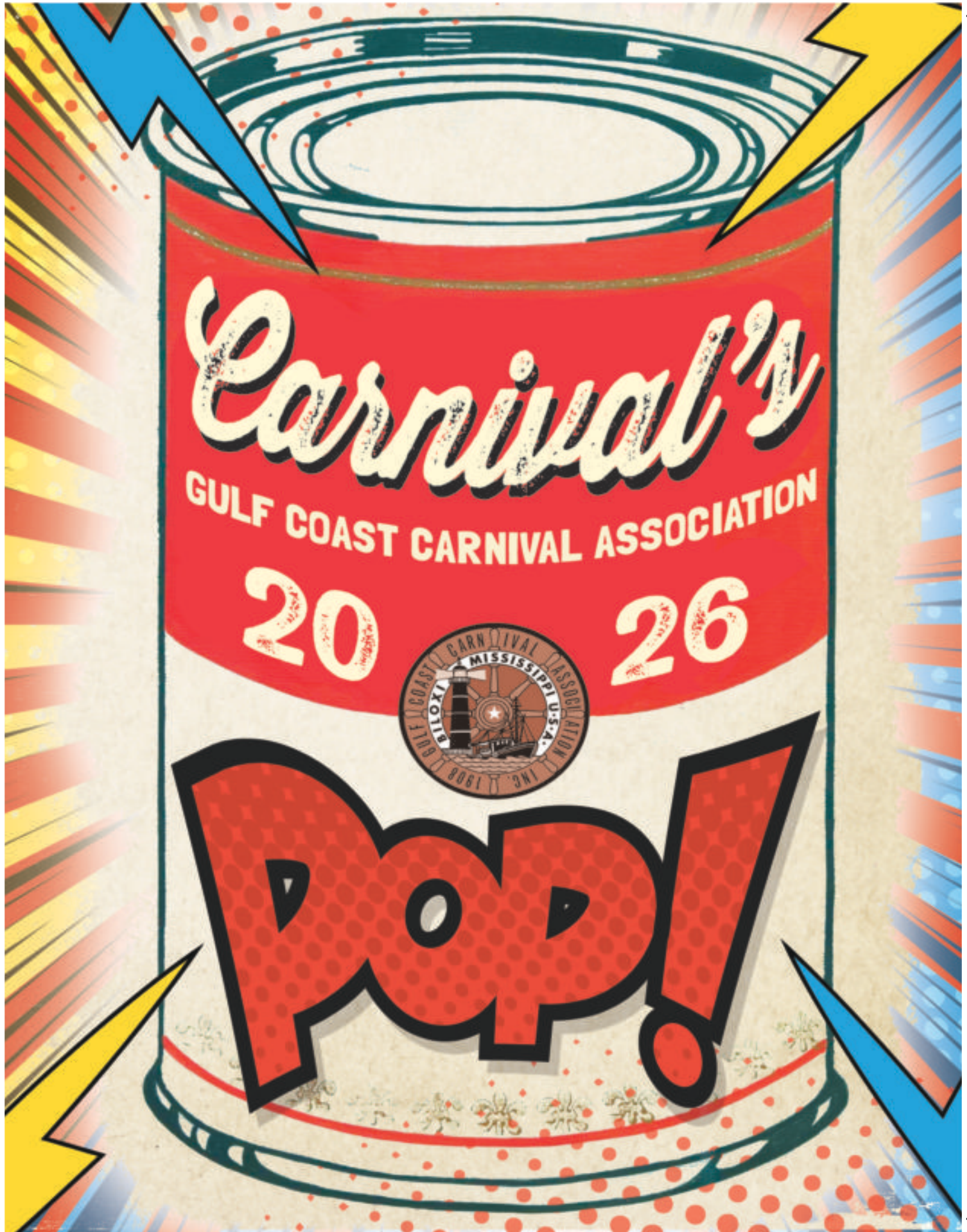
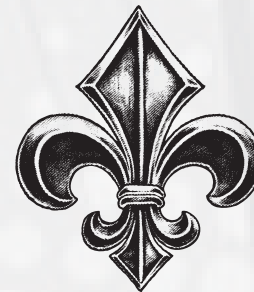






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FIFTY YEAR REIGN

Queen Ixolib 1976
Eileen Mahoney Ezell



KING BRIAN WALKER SANDERSON



Brian Walker Sanderson is the husband of Marie Sanderson and father of Thomas, Mary Victoria and George. His mother is Ms. Jane Walker Sanderson.

Brian is a graduate of Resurrection Catholic High School in Pascagoula. He attended the University of Mississippi where he received a Bachelor of Business Administration in 1995 and a Juris Doctor in 1998. Brian was inducted into the University Hall of Fame, served as President of the Law School Student Body, President of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, a member of the Mississippi Law Journal and named Greek Man of the Year.

He is the Founder and President of Three Oak Group, a public policy consulting firm. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the St. Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy and American Heart Association Gulf Coast Heart Walk Executive Leadership Team. He has served as policy director for the Republican Governors Association and as the President of Gulf Coast Business Council. He was a White House Fellowship National Finalist, named Ole Miss Young Alumni of the Year, served as President of the Mississippi Bar of Young Lawyers Division, the Kiwanis Club of Gulfport, and the Boys & Girls Club of the Gulf Coast. He has been a member of the Ocean Springs Planning Commission, Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and the Gulfport Gridiron Club. He previously served as chairman of the Jackson County Republican Executive Committee and was a gubernatorial appointee to the Mississippi Business Finance Corporation.

Brian and his family are parishioners at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church where he serves as President of the parish council, is a member of the St. Patrick Catholic High School Advisory Council, the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi School Advisory Council and the Knights of Columbus. He also is a member of The Revelers carnival organization and Treasure Oak Country Club.

Brian served as a Duke to King d'Iberville in 2025. His daughter Mary Vic is serving as one of his majesty's royal pages this year. His son Thomas is serving as a 2026 Flag Bearer.



QUEEN SOPHIE JAY SCHLOEGEL



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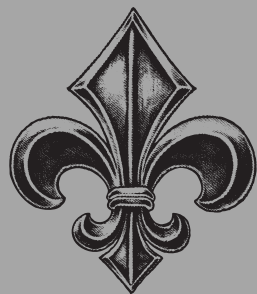
Sophie Jay Schloegel is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Schloegel of Gulfport, MS. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gary Dubuisson, the late Mr. Kevin Drown, Mrs. Peggy Schloegel and the late Mr. George A. Schloegel.

Sophie is a 2021 graduate of Gulfport High School where she graduated with distinction and was a member of the varsity cheer squad, earning cheer sweetheart her senior year. Sophie was a representative of Gulfport Mayor's Youth Council and Gabrielle's Trendsetters. She was a member of Cotillion Club of Gulfport where she served as 2021 Spring Ball Chair and a 2023 member of Gulf Coast Debutante Society.

Sophie earned a degree in Integrated Marketing Communications from the University of Mississippi in 2025 and is a member of Chi Omega-Tau Chapter. While at Ole Miss, Sophie was recognized as a member of Gamma Beta Phi National Honor Society, National Society of Leadership and Success, and Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society. She also spent two summers studying abroad in South Africa and Greece. Sophie is currently working in Washington D.C. as special assistant to the United States Senate Committee on Armed Services.

Sophie's family has long-standing ties to the Gulf Coast Carnival Association. She served as Maid to Queen Ixolib in 2025 and Royal Page to Queen Ixolib in 2016. Her grandmother, Peggy Schloegel, reigned as Queen Ixolib in 1959. Her grandfather, George A. Schloegel, reigned as King d'Iberville in 1988 and served as a Duke in 1980. Her father, Michael Schloegel, served as a Duke in 2018 and a Royal Page in 1983 and 1988. Her sister, Lily Schloegel, served as a Royal Page in 2017. Her aunt, Melissa Schloegel Marion, reigned as Queen Ixolib in 1983. In addition, Sophie has numerous extended family members who have served as GCCA Royalty throughout the years.





2026 ROYAL COURT MAIDS



CHANDLER GRACE WHEELER



Chandler Grace Wheeler is the daughter of Mrs. Jordyn Rosetti and Mr. Jered Wheeler, both of Gulfport, Mississippi. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. Jerry Rosetti, the late Ms. Cathy Godard of Gulfport, Mississippi, and Mr. Wayne Wheeler of Baton Rouge, Louisiana and Ms. Peggy Willoughby of Gulfport, Mississippi.

Chandler is a high honor graduate of St. Patrick Catholic High School where she was Captain of the Lady Irish Varsity Basketball and Softball teams. She was selected for Magnolia Girls State, named to the Sun Herald All-South Mississippi Softball Team, and played on the 2021 Gulf Coast All-Star Softball Team. She was a member of the National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, National

Science Honor Society, yearbook committee, and consistently earned a place on the Principal's Honor Roll. She was also a member of the Cotillion Club of Gulfport, served as a maid on the Spring Ball Court, and was presented as a Gulf Coast Debutante in 2023.

She is a 2025 Cum Laude graduate of the University of Mississippi, where she earned a degree in Allied Health Studies with a minor in Chemistry. During her time at Ole Miss, she was a member of Kappa Delta Sorority, Rho Lambda, Women in Dentistry, and the University of Mississippi Tooth Fairy Club. She also volunteered for the Ole Miss Big Event, North Mississippi Family Exchange Center, and the Bacot-McCarty Foundation. Chandler completed a medical internship with VA Corps in Cape Town, South Africa.

She is a member of St. James Catholic Church and plans to attend dental school in 2026.



LILY CAROLYN VAN SLYKE

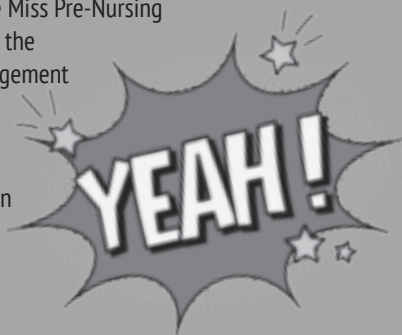


Lily Carolyn Van Slyke is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Van Slyke of Gulfport, Mississippi. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Winter of Pass Christian, Mississippi, and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Van Slyke, Jr. of Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Lily is a high honors graduate of Gulfport High School, where she earned an advanced diploma. While at Gulfport High, she was recognized as an All-American Varsity Cheerleader and was an active member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, Interact Club, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Her accomplishments include having an essay published in Write for MS, What Times Are These and earning the Certificate of Proficiency for the National Health Examination.

She is currently a Senior at the University of Mississippi, pursuing a degree in Allied Health Sciences with a minor in Psychology. At Ole Miss, Lily was honored as an Alpha Tau Omega Sweetheart in 2024 and received the Outstanding Student of Modern Languages Award. She is a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and the Ole Miss Pre-Nursing Society, where she has served on the Social Committee and Risk Management Committee.

Dedicated to service, Lily volunteers as a Caring Companion at Pinnacle, an assisted living facility. She is a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Gulfport, Mississippi.



KENNEDY CLAIRE EURE



Kennedy Claire Eure is the daughter of the Honorable John Casey Eure and the late Jill Gary Eure. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Gary, Ms. Ann Monahan Gary, Mr. John Eure, and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Pryor.

A 2022 graduate of St. Patrick Catholic High School, Kennedy distinguished herself through both academic achievement and extracurricular involvement. She was a member of the National Honor Society, selected as a Homecoming Maid, and a four-year member of the cheerleading squad, serving as captain her senior year. Kennedy was also active in Campus Ministry, demonstrating her faith and commitment to service, and served as treasurer of the Cotillion Club of Gulfport. She was further honored to represent her community as a Page to the Mississippi House of Representatives.

Kennedy is currently a senior at Mississippi State University and will graduate this spring with a degree in Accounting. She plans to continue her education at Mississippi State in the fall, pursuing a Master of Accountancy. During her time in college, Kennedy has remained deeply involved in both campus and community life. She is a dedicated member of Phi Mu Sorority, where she served as election chairman on the membership selection board. She is also active in Cowbell Catholic, Pro-Life at MSU, and the Accounting and Finance Student Society, reflecting her devotion to faith, leadership, and her chosen profession.

Her connection to the Gulf Coast Carnival Association is especially meaningful. Kennedy was honored to serve as a Flag Bearer in 2018, a tradition her brother, Gunner Eure, continued in 2020. The Eure family has long been proud to support GCCA and its traditions. Kennedy and her family are also active members of St. James Catholic Church in Gulfport.

KATHERINE JOY DESCHER



Katherine Joy Descher is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Descher of Ocean Springs. She is the granddaughter of the late Joy Barhanovich Tucei & Mr. Robert Tucei of Biloxi; Mr. & Mrs. Philip Cash of Delhi, Louisiana and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Descher of Ocean Springs.

Kate is a 2022 International Baccalaureate High Honors Graduate of Ocean Springs High School. During her years at Ocean Springs High School, she played on the Women's Varsity Volleyball Team, served as a Diamond Girl for the high school baseball team, was a member of the Principal's Advisory Council, served on the Student Council as a member and officer, was an anchor for the high school's GTV Broadcast Team, member and officer of numerous clubs and organizations, a member of the National Honor Society, was voted "Most School Spirited" by her peers and was inducted into the Hall of Fame her senior year.

Outside of high school, Kate served the city of Ocean Springs on the Mayor's Youth Council for two years, was a member and Vice President of the Cotillion Club and was also an active participant of her church, St. Paul Methodist's Youth Group.

Kate is a Dean's List and President's List senior at the University of Alabama and is pursuing a degree in Business Administration with a Pre-Law Concentration. Kate is a member of Kappa Delta Sorority where she served as Points Chair in 2023 and was a member of the Sigma Rho Chi Team for Alabama Panhellenic Recruitment in 2024. She is a member of the university's Student Government Association where she served as Director of Research and Policy in 2024. She is a member of Delta Sigma Pi Business Fraternity, Women in Pre-Law Society, Pre-Law Student Association, American Marketing Association and Professional Women in Communication and Business Organization. Kate is also affiliated with the carnival organization of Bon Vivants, Les Masquees, and The Order of Bilikins. She was presented as a Debutante in 2024 at the Gulf Coast Debutante Society Ball and had the honor to serve as a Congressional Intern for Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith in Washington, D.C. Summer, 2025. Upon graduation, Kate hopes to attend law school in the fall.

She served as Royal Page to King d'Iberville in 2013 and Flag Bearer in 2015. Her mom, Meredith Cash Descher served as Maid in 1997; her father, Gregg Descher was a Duke in 2012 and 2013. Her sister, Mary Carlton Descher served as Royal Page to Queen Ixolib in 2019 and a Flag Bearer in 2022. Her brother, Caffrey Descher served as Royal Page to King d'Iberville in 2025.



HANNAH NICOLE NECAISE



Hannah Nicole Necaise is the daughter of Mr. James Necaise and Ms. Ashley Necaise of Gulfport, Mississippi. She is the granddaughter of Mr. Joe Sam Owen, Sr. and Mrs. Sandy Owen Schmidt of Gulfport and Mr. Herman Necaise of Long Beach and Mrs. Linda Necaise of Gulfport.

Hannah is a graduate of Gulfport High School, where she was the recipient of the Gulfport High ACE Award and served as a Varsity Cheerleader. She



SYDNEY ELAINA RUBENSTEIN



Elaina is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Michael Rubenstein of Ocean Springs, MS. She is the granddaughter of Ms. Carlyn Eden Ziegler and the late Stanley Eugene Ziegler of Hattiesburg, Mississippi and Dr. and Mrs. Louis Rubenstein of Ocean Springs, Mississippi

Elaina is a graduate of Ocean Springs High School, where she earned a Distinguished Diploma and was celebrated as a member of the Hall of Fame, Class Favorite, and Sophomore Homecoming Court. Her leadership and service were evident through her involvement in Junior Civitan, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Beta Club, and the Mayor's Youth Council, where she served as Vice President. She was also a member of the Advisory Council to the State of Mississippi's Superintendent of Education. Elaina held roles in the Junior Auxiliary Biloxi-Ocean Springs Crown Club as Treasurer, and as President of the Ocean Springs Cotillion. A talented athlete, Elaina was a Competition Team and Varsity Cheerleader Captain during both her junior and senior years. She earned All-American Cheer honors and led the Sparkle Effect Cheer Program as Captain. She also competed in the Varsity Track and Tennis Teams and proudly holds the title of 2022 Mississippi 6A Girls Doubles State Champion.

Elaina is currently a senior at the University of Mississippi, majoring in Communication Sciences and Disorders with double minors in Elementary Education and American Sign Language. She has remained on the Ole Miss Chancellor's Honor Roll throughout her four years, has been named to the Ole Miss Hall of Fame and is a recipient of the Lucky Day and Mississippi Scholar Scholarships. Her academic excellence is reflected in her membership in Phi Kappa Phi, Gamma Beta Phi, and the National Honor Society of Leadership and Success, where she served as Community Service Chair. She is also a member of the Order of Omega Honor Society, serving as Social Media Chair. As an active member of Kappa Delta Sorority, Elaina has served as Legacy Chair, Set Leader, and on both the Membership and Recruitment Committees. As a member of the University's Hand Band Student Organization, she helps bring awareness and inclusion for the deaf and hard-of-hearing community by making American Sign Language both fun and impactful. The National Student Speech Language Hearing Association has guided her into the Research Team of the Communication Sciences and Disorders Department. She represented this team in Washington, D.C. where she spoke on behalf of the Clear Lab. Her service continues through Ole Miss Rotaract, Big Event, Rebelthon, Casa Encore, and Caring Companions.

Elaina is a member of Congregation Beth Israel, where she celebrated her Bat Mitzvah in 2017. She enjoyed spending her summers as a camp counselor at Strong River Camp, where she found joy in mentoring young campers and creating lifelong friendships. In 2022, she was inducted into the Gulf Coast Debutante Society, an esteemed organization that recognizes young women of exceptional character and social grace.

Elaina's father, Jay Rubenstein, served as a 2023 GCCA Duke and her sister, Isabella Rubenstein, served as a 2022 GCCA Maid.

was a member of the Gulfport High Key Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She was elected as a Varsity Cheerleader Sweetheart and served as Queen for the Cotillion Club of Gulfport.

She is currently a Senior at the University of Southern Mississippi, where she is pursuing a degree in Elementary Education. She is a member of the Phi Mu Sorority and was the recipient of the Society for Collegiate Leadership & Achievement Award. She and her family are parishioners of St. James Catholic Church.

Her father, James Necaise, served as a royal duke in 2022.

SADIE NOBLE RIEMANN



Sadie Noble Riemann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Chadwick Riemann of Gulfport, MS. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Pete Donnelly and Ms. Linda Webb. Her paternal grandparents are Mrs. Diane Riemann and the late Mr. David Riemann, and Mr. and Mrs. Shaw Ott.

Sadie is a 2022 graduate of Gulfport High School where she graduated with high honors.

She was a member of the Gulfport High School Varsity Cheer Team and the National Honor Society, and she was selected to be on the Gulfport Mayor's Youth Council her Junior year. She was a member of the Kiwanis Key Club where she served as President and where she was voted Key Club sweetheart her Senior year. She was a member of the Cotillion Club of Gulfport, and in her Senior year she served as Ball Chair for Spring Ball. She is a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Gulfport.

Sadie is a Senior at Mississippi State University where she is pursuing a degree in Business Administration with a minor in Marketing, a minor in Supply Chain and a minor in Management. On campus, she is a member of Phi Mu Sorority where she served as Membership Director in 2024 and where she served the Panhellenic Council as a Gamma Chi in 2025. She is a part of Women in Business. Sadie was a 2024 member of the Gulf Coast Debutante Society and was elected the 2025-2026 Sigma Chi Sweetheart.

Sadie served as a Flag Bearer for Gulf Coast Carnival in 2016 and as a Page to Queen Ixolib 2017. Her grandfather, David Files Riemann served as a Duke in 2013 and served GCCA as King d'Iberville in 2015. Her father, Chad Riemann has served as Duke in 2015 and 2023. Her Brother, John David Riemann served as a Page to King D'Iberville in 2015 and as a Flag Bearer in 2018. Her sister Emma Riemann served as a Flag Bearer in 2017.



CHLOE ELIZABETH ASCHENBACH



Chloe is the daughter of Mr. Tommy Doucet and Mrs. Katie Acshenbach – Doucet of Gulfport, Mississippi and Mr. Ernest Aschenbach III of Potomac, Maryland. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Cummings, Jr. of Gulfport, Mississippi, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Aschenbach, Jr. of Potomac, Maryland.

She is a 2022 high honors graduate of St. Patrick Catholic High School. While there, Chloe was a member of the National Honor Society, National Science Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, and National Art Honor Society, where she served as President. She also participated in the Interact Club, Key Club, Yearbook Committee, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Athletically, she served as Captain of both the Diamond Girls and the Women's Golf Team, lettered in Women's Varsity Soccer, and was a member of the Homecoming Court. Additionally, she was a member of the Cotillion Club of Gulfport and served on the Spring Ball Court her senior year. In 2024 Chloe studied abroad as a culinary student at the Florence University of Arts in Florence, Italy.

Chloe is currently a Chancellor's Honor Senior at the University of Mississippi, where she is pursuing a degree in Accounting with a minor in Finance. She is the recipient of the Campbell Family Accountancy Scholarship and the Academic Merit Scholarship. At Ole Miss, she is a member of Delta Gamma Sorority, where she has served on the Strategic Planning Committee, and is also active in Beta Alpha Psi, the national honor organization for accounting, finance, and information systems students. In 2026, Chloe will serve as an audit intern with KPMG in Dallas, Texas.

She is a parishioner of St. James Catholic Church and volunteers with The Pantry of Oxford.



2026 KEY GIRL AVA ROSE EMERSON LESSO

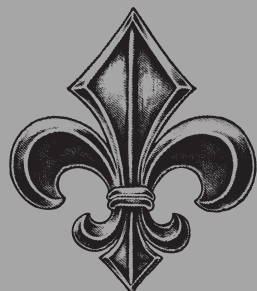


Ava Rose Emerson Lesso is the daughter of the late Mr. Rudy Lesso III, the late Ms. Terah Lesso, and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Mavar of Biloxi, Mississippi. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Lesso, Jr. of Biloxi, Mississippi.

Ava is a senior at St. Patrick Catholic High School, where she played varsity volleyball and served as co-captain of the varsity cheerleading squad. She is a member of the Student Council and serves as Vice President of the Cotillion Club of Gulfport.

In the fall, Ava will attend The University of Alabama, where she plans to major in political science on the pre-law track. She is a parishioner of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church.

Ava was a Gulf Coast Carnival Association Flag Bearer in 2022. Her brother, Jarrod, was a Flag Bearer in 2008. Her brother, Christopher, served as a Page to King d'Iberville in 2014 and was a Flag Bearer in 2018. Her brother, Ryan, served as a Page to King d'Iberville in 2018 and was a Flag Bearer in 2022. Her sister, Caty, was a Flag Bearer in 2010, a Maid in 2018, and Queen Ixolib in 2019. Her father, Mark, served as a Duke in 1999 and was crowned King d'Iberville in 2012.



2026 ROYAL COURT DUKES



JOHN VALLETTA



John Valletta of Ocean Springs is a devoted husband to Crystal Valletta and proud father of two daughters. Sophia is a freshman at Auburn University majoring in Graphic Design and Gabrielle is a freshman at St. Patrick Catholic High School in Biloxi, where she is a member of the Varsity Cheer Team. His parents, John and Michaela Valletta, reside in Bradenton, Florida.

With more than two decades of experience in the automotive industry, John is a respected business leader on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. He graduated from the University of North Texas in 1998 with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing and began his career at Publicis, an international advertising agency in Dallas, Texas. In 2006, he joined BMW of North America, a global leader in luxury and performance vehicles. By 2013, he became Co-Owner of BMW of the Permian Basin in Midland, Texas and later expanded his co-ownership to include Galleria BMW and Mandal Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in D'Iberville, Mississippi.

Under John's leadership, Galleria BMW has consistently ranked among the best in the nation—earning the #1 BMW dealer ranking five times and receiving the prestigious BMW Center of Excellence Award for eight consecutive years. He currently serves on BMW's National Product Committee, where he plays a key role in shaping future product decisions for BMW of North America.

Deeply committed to his community, John was recently recognized as an Honorary Commander for the U.S. Air Force 81st Training Wing at Keesler Air Force Base, a distinction awarded by the U.S. Department of Defense for outstanding community involvement. Since its opening in 2017, Galleria BMW has contributed more than \$200,000 to Mississippi Gulf Coast organizations, including St. Alphonsus Catholic School, St. Patrick Catholic High School and Make-A-Wish Mississippi. John and his family attend First Presbyterian Church of Ocean Springs and in his free time, John enjoys fitness and fellowship as a member of Crooked Letter CrossFit in D'Iberville.

MATTHEW PAYNE GRICE



Matthew Payne Grice of Gulfport is the husband of Susan Keith Grice. They are the parents of Caroline Elizabeth, Andrew Graham and Bennett Payne Grice. His parents are Dr. and Mrs. Franklin Grice of Lake Junaluska, North Carolina.

Matthew is a graduate of East Forsyth High School in Kernersville, North Carolina. He attended the University of North Carolina, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. He graduated from the Kenan Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina in 2000, where he earned a Master of Accounting degree. He started his career in public accounting with KPMG and is

HOPPY ALLRED



Hoppy Allred of Ocean Springs, Mississippi is the husband of Ellen Maier Allred. His parents are Chet and Jeanne Allred of Pascagoula, and his in-laws are Dr. Alice Louise Maier and the late Dr. Findlay Maier also of Pascagoula.

Hoppy graduated from Resurrection Catholic High School where he was two-time State Tennis Champion in singles and also honored to be named to the All-State Cross-Country running team. Upon graduation, he went on to play tennis for Spring Hill College before earning a bachelor's degree in arts and sciences from the University of South Alabama and a bachelor's degree in architecture from Mississippi State University.

Hoppy is the President of Allred Architectural Group located in Ocean Springs, Mississippi where he has worked for the past 25 years. He is proud to help carry on the legacy of the firm that his father Chet joined in 1966. He is a Past-President of the American Institute of Architects, Mississippi Gulf Coast Chapter and a member of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards. Hoppy has also served on the Board of the Walter Anderson Museum of Art, the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi Building Committee, and participated on the Mississippi Governor's Commission on Recovery, Rebuilding and Renewal following Hurricane Katrina. He attends St. Alphonsus Catholic Church and is a member of the Ocean Springs Yacht Club.

In addition to traveling with his wife Ellen, Hoppy enjoys outdoor activities including long-distance running, cycling, and spending his down time on the water with family and friends.



a licensed Certified Public Accountant.

Matthew proudly works at Mississippi Power alongside many dedicated employees and he serves as Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer.

Matthew serves as a board member of the Mississippi Aquarium and the Gulf Coast Community Foundation and has previously served on the Vestry at St. Mark's Episcopal Church and as president of the boards of the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce and Lynn Meadows Discovery Center, and as a board member of Leadership Gulf Coast.

Matthew's wife Susan served as a Maid to Queen Ixolib in 2000.

DERREL THOMAS WILSON



Derrel Thomas Wilson is the husband of Mary Elizabeth Lanier Wilson of Gulfport, Mississippi. Together they are the proud parents of Addie Elizabeth, Derrel Thomas Jr., and Breton William Wilson. He is the son of James Derrel and Sally Francis Wilson of Gulfport, Mississippi.

Derrel is a graduate of Gulfport High School. He received a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from Mississippi State University's Bagley School of Engineering in 2002, a Master of Business Administration from William Carey University in 2012, and an Executive Leadership Certificate from Cornell University.

Derrel is a licensed Professional Engineer and currently serves as Senior Vice President of H2O Innovations Operations & Maintenance, LLC. He is also co-owner of Alpha-Lit Mississippi Gulf Coast, LLC, and holds a Class IV Wastewater Operator's License.

He is an active member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church of Gulfport, the Mississippi Rural Water Association, and the Mississippi Engineering Society. He also serves on the Gulfport School District's Career & Technical Advisory Board and is a member of The Revelers mardi gras organization.

Derrel's sister-in-law, Kimberly Nicole Rushton Wilson, reigned as Queen Ixolib in 2015.



JOSHUA C. RIMES



Joshua C. Rimes is the husband of Sarah Dees Rimes of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, and the proud father of their two children, Bennett and Lilly Chaffin Rimes. He is the son of Mr. Dwight Rimes and the late Mrs. Jerry Rimes, also of Ocean Springs.

Joshua is a graduate of Ocean Springs High School, where he was a member of the State Championship Tennis Teams in 1992 and 1994. He attended William Carey College, competing on its nationally ranked tennis team, and later earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from Millsaps College in 2000. While at Millsaps, Joshua was named All-Conference Tennis in the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference and was a member of the Kappa Alpha Order fraternity.

He is currently a Realtor with Rain Residential and Rain Travel Collection in Ocean Springs and serves as managing member of 1715 Vermont, LLC Real Estate Development. Joshua and his family are active members of First Presbyterian Church of Ocean Springs. He is also involved in the Biloxi-Ocean Springs Board of Realtors, National Association of Realtors, and the St. Patrick Catholic High School Gold Club.

His wife Sarah served as a flag bearer in 1992, a maid in 1999 and reigned as Queen Ixolib in 2002. His daughter Lilly Chaffin served as a flag bearer in 2024. His father-in-law, Dr. S. H. Dees, was a duke in 2001.

JOHN M. BOOTHBY



John M. Boothby is the husband of Adrienne Boothby of Biloxi, Mississippi. He is the proud father of Johnathan, Alex, and Blake, and the beloved son of Anna Boothby of New York. His greatest joy is being the grandfather of his two granddaughters, Avery Marie and Ella Grace.

John graduated with a Regents Diploma of Advanced Designation from East Meadow High School in Long Island, New York. He went on to attend Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Perkinston Campus, and later earned his Ph.D. in BS from HKU. While at Perkinston, John led the golf team to its first-ever State Championship, beginning a dynasty of national titles.

In 2001, John turned a lifelong passion into reality by acquiring Southwind Golf Course, a venture that reflected both his dedication to golf and his desire to contribute meaningfully to the sport's community.

Professionally, John is the President of Apple Construction in Gulfport, Mississippi, and the owner of Southern Civil Infrastructure. He has also served as the Keesler Honorary Training Wing Commander for six different leaders and continues to act as a legislative conduit to both federal and state legislators.

John is a member of the Associated General Contractors, the Knights of the Vine, and is also an ordained minister. His wide-ranging accomplishments in business, community service, and leadership are rivaled only by the pride he takes in his family.

RICHARD E. MATTIACE, JR.



Richard E. Mattiace, Jr. of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, is the devoted husband of Lauren Ferguson Mattiace and the proud father of Anne Britton and William Mattiace. He is the son of Mr. Rickey Mattiace and Ms. Dianne Mattiace, both of Ocean Springs.

Richard is a graduate of Ocean Springs High School. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Insurance, Risk Management, and Financial Planning from Mississippi State University in 2009. During his time at Mississippi State, he was a member of the Kappa Alpha Order fraternity.

He is currently a producer and partner with The Insurance Center in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. Actively engaged in his profession, Richard is a member of the Independent Agents of Mississippi, where he served as Young Agent Chair in 2014, at large board member from 2016-2022 and since 2024 has served on the executive committee of the board. In 2017 and 2018, he was the Mississippi representative for the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America's "Trusted Choice Big I National Championship", a national youth golf tournament. In 2018, he was presented with the Chairman's Award for his involvement in Mississippi hosting the 2017 tournament.

Dedicated to his community, Richard is involved in several local organizations. He is a member and board member of Treasure Oaks Country Club, as well as a member of the Ocean Springs Yacht Club, the Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce, and the Home Builders Association of South Mississippi. He is a member of The Revelers.

He and his family are parishioners of St. Alphonsus Catholic Church. Richard has served as a GCCA court volunteer.

CHARLES ROBERT RIDGWAY V



Charles Robert Ridgway V of Ocean Springs is the husband of Brittany Carr Ridgway and the father of Catherine and Caroline Ridgway. His parents are Charles Robert Ridgway IV and Naomi Ridgway of Jackson, Mississippi.

Robert is a 2000 graduate of Jackson Academy, and he earned a Bachelor of Business in Management of Construction and Land Development from Mississippi State University in 2004. Following college at MSU, Robert began work at Yates Construction, where he has enjoyed his entire career and currently serves as the Vice President of Business Development, overseeing the company's work acquisition efforts across the United States. He is a recipient of the "One Coast Top 10 Under 40" award, was named to Mississippi Business Journal's "Top 50 Under 40" and is a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow.

Robert is a graduate of Leadership Gulf Coast, Leadership Mississippi, and the Gulf Coast Business Council's Master's Program. He is the current chair of the 2026 American Heart Association Gulf Coast Heart Walk, past chair of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Heart Gala, and has served on the Heart Walk Executive Leadership Team. He is a former "Ambassador Family Honoree" for the Mississippi Gulf Coast March of Dimes and has served on the board of Leadership Gulf Coast, Pathways 2 Possibilities, and the United Way of South Mississippi.

Robert and his wife Brittany are also affiliated with The Revelers, Order of Mithras, and Les Masquees Mardi Gras organizations. He and his family are members of First Presbyterian Church of Ocean Springs and the Ocean Springs Yacht Club, and they reside in Ocean Springs.



PAGES TO KING D'IBERVILLE



**JOHN
THOMAS
MASON**

John Thomas Mason is the son of Greg and Christina Mason of Biloxi, Mississippi. He is the grandson of Dr. Thomas and Cynthia Mason of Biloxi, and Steve and Debbie Pitzer of D'Iberville, Mississippi.

John Thomas is an honor student at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School, where he has earned both Citizenship and Kiwanis Terrific Kid awards. He plays flag football, basketball, and runs track. He is also a member of the Biloxi Bombers baseball team and plays soccer for the Biloxi Soccer Organization. John Thomas and his family are members of Nativity Catholic Church.

John Thomas's mother, Christina, was a maid to Queen Ixolib in 2008, and his father, Greg, served as a duke to King d'Iberville in 2023. His uncle, Dr. John Mallett, served as a duke to King d'Iberville in 1997 and again in 2019. His uncle, Dr. Presley Mallett, was a duke to King d'Iberville in 2015, and his uncle, Patrick Mason, was a duke to King d'Iberville in 2022. His aunt, Dewey Brashier Mason, was a maid to Queen Ixolib in 2008 and reigned as Queen Ixolib in 2009. John Thomas has had many other cousins and family members who have also served as royalty with the Gulf Coast Carnival Association.



**MARY
VICTORIA
SANDERSON**

Mary Victoria Sanderson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Sanderson of Ocean Springs, Mississippi. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Thomas of Jackson, Mississippi, and Ms. Jane Walker Sanderson of Ocean Springs, Mississippi.

Mary Victoria attends St. Alphonsus Catholic Elementary School. She plays tennis for Treasure Oak Country Club and basketball for St. Alphonsus Elementary School. Mary Victoria also was selected as a St. Alphonsus Ambassador, and she is a member of the gifted program. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her dogs, Lucky and Lucy, and reading books. She and her family attend St. Alphonsus Catholic Church where she is an altar server.

Mary Victoria joins her father and her brother this year in celebrating Mardi Gras. Her father, Brian is King d'Iberville, and her brother, Thomas, is a flag bearer. Her father also served as a Duke in 2024.



**OLIVIA
LEIGH
BERTUCCI**

Olivia Leigh Bertucci is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Ward Bertucci, Sr. of Gulfport, Mississippi. She is the granddaughter of Colonel and Mrs. Steven Wayne Farragut and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eugene Bertucci, also of Gulfport.

Olivia is an honor-roll student at Bayou View Elementary School, where she is the recipient of the Good Citizen Award and a member of the school's flag detail. She is a Bayou View Cheerleader, a member of the Gulfport All-Star Softball Team, and a member of the Jess Dance Company Competition Team. She and her family are members of Trinity Methodist Church in Gulfport.

Olivia's great-grandfather, Frank Bertucci, reigned as King d'Iberville in 1961. Her grandfather, Frank E. Bertucci, served as a Duke in 1986, Lieutenant of Carnival in 1991-1992, and reigned as King d'Iberville in 1994. Her father, Jeffrey Ward Bertucci, Sr., served as a Royal Page to King d'Iberville in 1994, a Duke in 2019, Duke Liaison in 2023, and currently serves as an elected board member of GCCA. Her brother, Jeffrey Ward Bertucci, Jr., served as a Royal Page to King d'Iberville in 2023. Olivia has a long list of additional family members that have reigned as royalty.

PAGES TO QUEEN IXOLIB



**BRIGGS
HOWARD
NAULT**

Briggs Howard Nault is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Nault of Gulfport, Mississippi. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Howard Haynes of Gulfport, Mississippi, and Mr. Gary Nault and the late Mrs. Cheryl Nault, and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Schneider, all of Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin.

Briggs is an honor roll student at Bayou View Elementary School, where he is a member of the National Elementary Honor Society and Student Council. He has been recognized as a recipient of the Good Citizen Award and as a Kiwanis Terrific Kid. Briggs plays baseball for the SBG Sox-Harris Team and is also a member of the Gulfport Admirals Bass Fishing Team. He and his family are members of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Briggs' mother, Denise Haynes Nault, served as Page to Queen Ixolib in 1991, as a Maid in 1999, and as Queen Ixolib in 2001. His grandmother, Dona Harry Haynes, was a Maid in 1959, and his grandfather, James Howard Haynes, was a Duke in 1994 and King d'Iberville in 2007. His aunt, Donna Haynes Feeney, served as a Maid in 1988 and as Queen Ixolib in 1991, and his uncle, James H. Haynes Jr., was a Duke in 2007. His great-aunt, Peggy Harry Schloegel, was Queen Ixolib in 1959, and his great-uncle, George Schloegel, was King d'Iberville in 1988. He has had many other cousins and family members who have also served as royalty with the Gulf Coast Carnival Association.

Briggs is proud to serve as a 2026 Queen Ixolib Royal Page to his cousin, Sophie Jay Schloegel.



**MARY
ELIZABETH
DENNIS**

Mary Elizabeth "Mae" Dennis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Padrick Dennis of Gulfport, Mississippi. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Maxwell of New Albany, Mississippi, and Mr. Dave Dennis and the late Mrs. Jane Dennis of Pass Christian, Mississippi.

Mae is an honor student at St. James Catholic Elementary School, where she is a member of the girls' basketball team. She has received numerous honors, including the Young Christian Award, Kind Kid Award, Kiwanis Terrific Kid Award, Handwriting Award, and the Accelerated Reader Award. Mae enjoys art, reading, riding horses at Fisher Ranch, and playing tennis. She and her family are members of Trinity Methodist Church.

Mae's grandfather, Dave Dennis, served the Gulf Coast Carnival Association as a Duke in 1987, Lieutenant of Carnival in 1989 and 1990, Captain of Carnival in 1991 and 1992, and reigned as King d'Iberville in 1995. Her father, Padrick Dennis, was a Royal Page to King d'Iberville in 1995 and a Flag Bearer in 1997. Her aunt, Kate Dennis Spear, was a Page in 1992 and reigned as Queen Ixolib in 2005. Mae is proud to continue her family's long tradition of service within the royal courts of the Gulf Coast Carnival Association.



**CALLAN
CHARLIE
CARLISLE**

Callan Charlie Carlisle is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Carlisle of Biloxi, Mississippi. He is the grandson of Ms. Eileen Mahoney Ezell and Mr. Danny Pitalo of Biloxi, MS and Mr. and Mrs. Hollie Carlisle of Gautier, Ms.

Callan is an honor student at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School. He enjoys playing CYO football and basketball for OLF as well as soccer and baseball for Biloxi city league.

Callan's mother Nicole Pitalo Carlisle was a page in 1992, a maid in 2002 and reigned as Queen Ixolib 2004. His great-grandmother, Sarah Tremmel Pitalo reigned as Queen Ixolib in 1954. His grandmother, Eileen Mahoney Ezell, reigned as Queen Ixolib 1976. His Uncle, Josh Pitalo served as a Duke in 2024. Callan has a long list of additional family members that have reigned as royalty which includes a total of 5 queens, 9 Dukes, 6 maids, and 5 pages. He is proud to continue his family's long tradition of service within the royal courts of the Gulf Coast Carnival Association.



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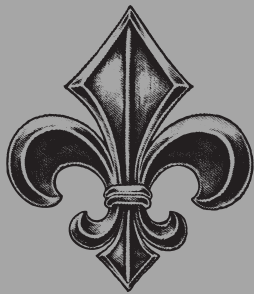
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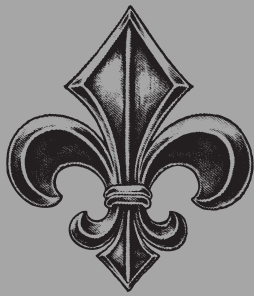
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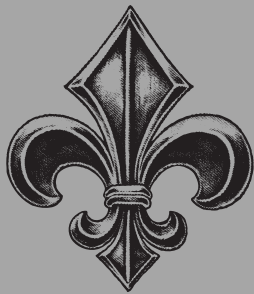


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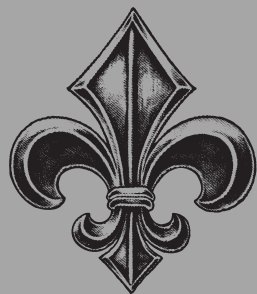
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DATE	KING	QUEEN
1908	John Carraway	Blanche Picard
1912	Jules D'Aquin	Ellen Joullian
1913	T.K. Devitt	Irma Dukate
1914	E.L. Dukate	Norita Lopez
1915	U.S. Desporte	Katherine Henley
1916	A.P. Linfield	Mamye Lewis
1917	George Quint	Mary Chinn
1918	W.P. Kennedy	Blanche Davis
1920	J.J. Kennedy	Augusta Coulter
1925	Albert Brown Russ, D.D.	Josephine Folkes
1926	Louis Braun	Evelyn Desporte
1927	Colonel J.W. Apperson	Mildred Eley
1928	Mark Miller	Mercedes Wilkes
1929	A.J. Catchot	Pearl Lee Atkinson
1930	Walter E. White	Martha Guice
1931	J.W. Milner	Ella Edmonds
1932	Hermes Gautier	Virginia Theobold
1933	Bidwell Adam	Marjorie Dukate
1934	John J. McDonald	Evelyn Ramsey
1935	Clark Griffith	Katherine Weeks
1936	John Swansy	Josephine Gorenflo
1946	James Love, Jr.	Jane Matthes
1947	Jesse Smith	Natalie Thiac
1948	Leon Hall	Esther Coulson
1949	Howard McDonnell	Mary Rose Venus
1950	Dr. Harry Schmidt	Ella Mae Barq
1953	Ed Barq, Jr.	Bessie Mae Corso
1954	Dr. Joseph Kuljis	Sarah Roberts Tremmel
1955	Dave Rosenblum	Mary Jo Sternberg
1956	Frank P. Corso	Helen Elizabeth Henley
1957	Roy P. Bellande	Carolyn Bolton
1958	Dewey Lawrence	Johnette Walker
1959	John P. Gimma	Peggy Jay Harry
1960	Merle F. Palmer	Elizabeth Ann Corso
1961	Frank Bertucci	Natalie Easterly
1962	Vernon Pringle	Tommye Switzer
1963	E.W. Blossman	Alice Calmes Talbot
1964	Alphonse Babin	Betty Peruse
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1967	Dr. Cecil Guyton	Lydia Mary Salloum
1968	Donald Cumbest	Sandra Hatten
1969	Glenn L. Swetman	Susan Eugenia Courson
1970	Joseph Creel	Clare Sekul Hornsby, Jr.
1971	Sam Allman III	Christa Dunn
1972	Thomas Kennedy, Sr.	Vita Margaret Canizaro
1973	James Goodwin, Jr.	Gayden Green
1974	John Blossman	Laurie Turnbough
1975	Frank Schenck	Linda Kennedy
1976	Gerald Piltz	Eileen Mahoney
1977	Roland Weeks, Jr.	Deveaux Munro
1978	John Thompson	Sharon Neirynck
1979	Sherwood Bailey	Rebecca Claire Breeland
1980	James Corso	Lisa Ann Lewis
1981	Boyce Holleman	Motsie Jo Creel
1982	Jerry O'Keefe, Sr.	Jata Munro
1983	Harroll Castle	Melissa Jaynell Schloegel
1984	Dr. Magruder S. Corban	Lauren Leigh Gutierrez
1985	Ernest C. Melvin	Stella Patricia Pierce
1986	Chevis C. Swetman	Constance McKellar Bolton

DATE	KING	QUEEN
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1989	Tommy Munro	Helen Catherine Werby
1990	Sherwood R. Bailey, Jr.	Elisa Corso Joachim
1991	Joseph C. Wink, Jr.	Donna Michelle Haynes
1992	Dr. Douglas C. Lanier, Jr.	Stacy Leigh Mahoney
1993	Lyle M. Page	Elizabeth Olivia Mavar
1994	Frank Eugene Bertucci	Lorie Catherine Blossman
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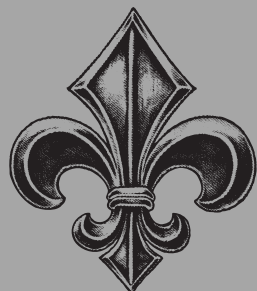
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To our community and new associate sponsors, we continue to improve our format of activities to provide you with greater enjoyment. The sponsors program has given interested persons an opportunity to be involved with "Carnival," while also making the Mardi Gras celebration possible. Thank you for getting into the "Carnival Spirit" and doing your part to ensure that our 117 year legacy continues on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

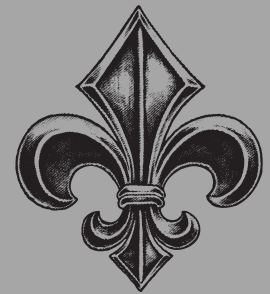
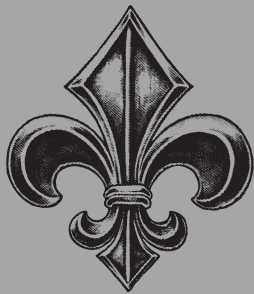
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A MESSAGE FROM THE CAPTAIN

For 118 years, the Gulf Coast Carnival Association has proudly celebrated our cherished carnival traditions. Mardi Gras unites our community through the vibrant sights and sounds of balls and parades, creating lasting memories and lifelong friendships throughout the season.

Serving as Captain of Carnival has been an honor of a lifetime. I am deeply indebted to my wife, Anna, and our daughter, Mary Swinton, whose unwavering love, encouragement, and support have made my service possible. I love you both beyond measure. Thank You.

The continued success of the Gulf Coast Carnival Association would not be possible without the steadfast support of our community sponsors. I extend my sincere appreciation to each sponsor for your generosity and commitment to ensuring that Mardi Gras remains a vibrant and enduring tradition on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to the GCCA Executive Board and Board of Directors for their leadership and dedication.

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