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**Miss Black U.S.A. Talented Teen Pageant Crowned First winner**  
**Jasmine Alexis- Miss Black Maryland U.S.A. Talented Teen 2009**  
**PLATFORM- JEWEL GIRLS- EMPOWERING YOUNG WOMEN THROUGH ART THERAPY**

Fort Washington – MD, August 2, 2009 – This evening The Miss Black USA Pageant and Scholarship crowned its first teen national titleholder Miss Black Maryland U.S.A., Jasmine Alexis, as Miss Black U.S.A. Talented Teen 2009. The pageant was held at the John Addison Concert Hall in Fort Washington, Maryland.

Miss Alexis is an exceptional ballroom dancer and recently graduated from Keystone National High School. She is headed to Concordia University in New York this fall to begin studies in Liberal Arts and Sciences. Alexis is also no stranger to pageants having already held the titles Miss Teen District of Columbia USA 2007 and Miss District of Columbia's Outstanding Teen 2008.

The four-hour event featured 15 contestants Rozan Latham –(Arizona), Brittney Williams –(California) Brianna Burnette –(District of Columbia), Alexis Edwards –(Iowa), Jasmine Alexis –(Maryland (Winner)), Andrea Pugh –(Michigan), Katarina Akridge –(Minnesota), Martina Evans –(North Carolina), Jazmin Tyson –(New Jersey), Cherelle Hines –(Ohio), Jasmine Flowers –(Oklahoma), Antwannette McKenzie –(Oregon), Aisha Bellinger –(South Carolina), Ramia O'DeNeal –(Tennessee), and Shanice Fuller –(Virginia).

All contestants competed in four areas of competition Fitness Attire, Talent, Evening Gown and Onstage Question and Answer.

The top five finalists were

Jasmine Alexis - Winner  
Katarina Akridge(Minnesota) 1<sup>st</sup> Runner up  
Jazmin Tyson(New Jersey) 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up  
Jasmine Flowers (Oklahoma) 3<sup>rd</sup> runner up  
Martina Evans (North Carolina) 4<sup>th</sup> Runner up

Special Award Winners Were

People's Choice – Brianna Burnette – District of Columbia  
Debra Carr Presidential Award – Rozan Latham – Arizona  
Academic Achievement- Rozan Latham - Arizona  
Community Service – Martina Evans – North Carolina

The Miss Black U.S.A. and Miss Black U.S.A. Talented Teen pageants were founded by Karen Arrington in 1986. The Miss Black U.S.A. Pageant and Scholarship Foundation is committed to increasing awareness of Heart Disease and Obesity. By forging relationships with organizations committed to research and education, such as The National Heart Lung and Blood Institute's "The Heart Truth," campaign the

“50 Million Pound Challenge.”

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Miss Black U.S.A. 2008 Kristen White Crowns Jasmine Alexis Miss Black U.S.A. Talented Teen 2009



Miss Black USA Talented Teen Top Five Finalists

Left to Right – Martina Evans 4<sup>th</sup> Runner up, Jazzmin Tyson 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up, Jasmine Alexis (Winner)  
Katarina Akridge 1<sup>st</sup> Runner up, Jasmine Flowers 3<sup>rd</sup> Runner up