

## Press Release

St. George Native to compete in the 2019  
Miss South Carolina Scholarship Competition!

Magdalena Willis, an 18-year-old native of St. George, South Carolina is the current Miss Garden City 2019. A sophomore at the College of Charleston majoring in Secondary Education, Magdalena is the daughter of Christina and Kirk Willis of St. George and Elgin, South Carolina. She is ecstatic for the opportunity to compete this June. "Through my opportunity to reign as Miss Garden City, I have the chance to spread awareness on issues and topics that I am passionate about. This year has allowed me to educate the people of Orangeburg County and other areas in South Carolina about the dangers, signs, and ways to stop sex trafficking." She has been an outspoken advocate for the Orangeburg community through her personal platform, "Not for Sale" sex trafficking awareness.



**Magdalena Willis**  
Miss Garden City 2019

"It has allowed me to speak out to my peers, becoming another social media advocate, as well as critical face to face conversations with friends and strangers that asked me about my competition journey and what I hope to accomplish as a candidate. I have been able to shift the mindset surrounding sex trafficking from a foreign issue, through those conversations to one affecting us all by bringing to light that it happens here at home as well." says Willis. "Bearing the title of Miss Garden City has been an incredible honor. I'm looking forward to what competition week holds for me and my fellow sister queens. I am excited to have the opportunity to share my life experiences on the Miss South Carolina stage, while also voicing my opinions on issues that I am passionate about. Even in the local level, the Miss America 2.0 and Miss South Carolina Scholarship Organization creates the opportunity for me to speak to others in a way that could take years. I have loved my time as Miss Garden City and I'm so thankful and grateful for all the people that I have met along the way.

The CROWN Group is the licensed sponsor of the Miss Orangeburg County/ Miss Garden City & Miss Orangeburg County Teen/ Miss Garden City Teen Scholarship Organization and is very proud to be a part of the Miss America Scholarship Organization. This organization awarded nearly \$10 million dollars to young women to pursue their educational dreams. Magdalena and her sister queens Zaria Sumpter, Miss Garden City Teen 2019; Addie Ledbetter, Miss Orangeburg County 2019 and Alea Hooper, Miss Orangeburg County Teen 2019 have only days left before the competition begins. For more information on how you can sponsor and support Magdalena, please visit The CROWN Group Orangeburg website online at: [www.thecrowngroup1.com](http://www.thecrowngroup1.com).