



**Becki Ronen, Miss Kansas 2009**

**Hometown:** Hutchinson

**Education:** Kansas State University, Senior  
Bachelor of Music, Trumpet Performance  
Buhler High School

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**Scholastic/Career Ambition:** Obtain a Doctorate of Music and play professionally.

**Scholastic Honors:** Mortar Board Senior Honorary Society member; KSU Trumpet Scholarship; KSU Symphony Band Scholarship, KSU Leadership Scholarship; KSU Academic Achievement Scholarship; State KMEA Tri-M Honorary Music Scholarship Winner; Buhler High School Student of the Year Award.

**Leadership Roles:** Founder and Coordinator of the Heart for Art Walk Run; KSU Student Brass Quintet Principal Trumpet; KSU Symphony Band Principal Trumpet; Section leader of the KSU Trumpet Ensemble; KSU Bands Ambassador; KSU Recruitment Board; Friends of McCain Board Student Representative; Captain of Buhler High School Dance Team.

**Accomplishments:** Guest speaker for the KSU Deans and Department chairs as well as the KSU President, Jon Wefald; Guest soloist with the KSU University Band; State KMEA Band first chair trumpet player; State KMEA Instrumentalist 3 years; Received #1 ratings at Regional and State music festivals; Silver Key award for 30D Art Sculpture; Named "Best Leader" on the Buhler High School Dance Team.

**Interesting Facts:** Traveled to Kalavrita and Athens, Greece with the Select Brass Ensemble; Traveled to Paris, France with the Select Trumpet Ensemble; Performed the world premiere "Klezmarab" with Ibrahim Maalouf at the L'Oratoire Du Louvre Cathedral in Paris, France; Traveled to London, England with the Select Trumpet Ensemble; Performed the world premiere "Infinite Ascent" at St Anne's Cathedral in the heart of London, England; Great aunt, mother and sister have all been Miss Kansas contestants.

**Advocacy:** During Becki's state speaking tour, she addresses the following topics: The Miss Kansas Programs, The Miss America Program; the largest scholarship program in the world for women, The Children's Miracle Network, and her personal platform issue.

✍️ **Miss Kansas Program:** A state preliminary to Miss America, Miss Kansas is operated by the Miss Kansas Pageant, Inc, a 501-C4 not-for-profit organization. The program sponsors the Miss Kansas, Miss Kansas' Outstanding Teen and Sunflower Princess programs and is operated exclusively by volunteers. The Sunflower Princess program is a non-competition mentoring program for girls ages 5 to 12. The teen program is a "little sister" to Miss Kansas for girls ages 13 to 16. The Miss Kansas Scholarship Foundation, Inc. is a 501-C3 not-for-profit organization and administers scholarship awards to Miss Kansas contestants. Annually, scholarship awards of over \$50,000 are made available at the state and local level. In 2009, over \$2,750,000 in-kind scholarship awards were made available to contestants. The state competitions are held annually each June in Pratt.

✍️ **Miss America Program:** As a state ambassador for the state and national programs, Becki speaks to why the Miss America program is more than a beauty pageant. The Miss America Organization is one of the nation's leading achievement programs and the world's largest provider of scholarship assistance for young women. Last year, the Miss America Organization and its state and local organizations made available more than \$45 million in cash and scholarship assistance. The Miss America Organization is a not-for-profit organization that has maintained a tradition for many decades of empowering young women to achieve their personal and professional goals, while providing a forum in which to express their opinions, talent and intelligence. Scholarships have been the cornerstone of the Miss America program since 1945 when Bess Myerson was the first Miss America to receive a scholarship from the Organization. Becki shares what the fourpoints of the crown - Scholarship, Style, Service and Success mean to her.

✍️ **The Children's Miracle Network:** CMN is a non-profit organization dedicated to saving and improving the lives of children by raising funds for children's hospitals across North America. Each year the 170 CMN hospitals provide the finest medical care, life-saving research, and preventative education to help millions of kids overcome diseases and injuries of every kind. CMN is the national platform for Miss America.

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