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### *Christina Millar Crowned International Junior Miss 2025-2026*

Christina Millar, representing Kazakhstan, has been crowned the International Junior Miss (IJM) Miss International Queen, earning one of the highest honors within the globally celebrated IJM system. Born in Kazakhstan and adopted as a child, Christina proudly carries her heritage into this role, making her title deeply meaningful as she represents both her story and her country on the international stage.

Christina is a student at the University of Alabama, where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. Passionate about leadership, advocacy, and personal growth, she balances academics with a significant commitment to community service. Her platform, Because We Belong, focuses on supporting children in need and foster youth. Over the past year, she has partnered with more than 17 different organizations, raising funds, donating clothing and essential hygiene items, and giving her time through hands-on volunteer work.

As a newly crowned international titleholder, Christina plans to fully embrace the "International" aspect of her role. She hopes to travel to IJM competitions worldwide to represent her platform, make appearances, and amplify her mission of belonging and compassion. With speaking engagements already lined up for the year, she is eager to continue telling her adoption story - one that IJM has given a home and a voice - and inspire others to embrace their identities and backgrounds.

Christina chose International Junior Miss because it offered a space where she could represent her heritage authentically while being part of a supportive sisterhood. Through IJM, she has gained friendships, skills, confidence, and life-changing opportunities. Her advice to future contestants: Just do it. She believes that every opportunity is a chance to grow, connect, and shine and that "you miss all the shots you don't take."

#### ***About International Junior Miss (IJM)***

International Junior Miss is a premier global pageant organization proudly celebrating 18 years of empowering young women worldwide. IJM is known for its fashion-forward approach, emphasis on leadership, and a truly international sisterhood that spans countries, cultures, and continents. Each division winner receives up to \$10,000 in cash scholarships, and every international titleholder earns an expense-paid international trip, making IJM one of the most rewarding programs in pageantry. Now accepting at-large contestants representing their state, country, or heritage, IJM continues to expand its global footprint while welcoming diverse voices from across the world.

**Additional photos and headshots available upon request.**

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