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CRIT's Mitchell named Miss Indian Arizona for 2019-20

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Audriana Mitchell, a member of the Colorado River Indian Tribes, was named Miss Indian Arizona 2019-20 on Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Chandler Center for the Performing Arts.

Photo courtesy Valerie Welsh-Tahbo

The Colorado River Indian Tribes were well-represented at this year's Miss Indian Arizona pageant, with one of their own Navajo members taking home the crown.

Audriana Mitchell, 21, earned the title of Miss Indian Arizona 2019-2020 on Saturday at the Chandler Center for the Arts during the 58th Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program.

The theme of this year's program was "Guardians of Our Traditions In A Changing World." In her introduction, Mitchell pledged to be just that if she took home the crown by helping native youth get involved in their communities and preserving traditional tribal teachings.



Mitchell currently studies at Mesa Community College and is working on a communications major. She also serves as MCC's Intertribal Student Organization president.

According to her pageant introduction, she enjoys being involved in community events and "working with native youth." She also likes to travel to other tribal nations to "experience their cultures."

With a passion for music, she has started to sing songs in Navajo, further preserving her culture. Mitchell also "received recognition from the office of juvenile justice and delinquency prevention for her work with the Today's Native Leaders program," according to her biography.

The CRIT Royalty Pageant posted on Facebook that they "know she will be an outstanding ambassador for tribal Arizonans." Mariah Sharpe was Miss Indian Arizona in 2017, also representing CRIT.

Mitchell was Miss Colorado River Indian Tribes for 2018-19.

In an Instagram post about her big win, Mitchell wrote, "I am filled with such joy and pride in being able to represent myself as a Diné Adzaan... I'm very thankful for the honor of being chosen to represent all 22 of my beautiful tribes of Arizona alongside my sisters," adding that she will do her best to represent as Miss Indian Arizona 2019-2020.



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