

ONEIDA ROYALTY - FAREWELLS



Miss Oneida

By Kahteli-yó Schuyler



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Hello Everyone, My name is Kahteli-yó it translates to good root. My English name is Kaylee Schuyler. I am Bear Clan and people of the Standing stone is the land or earth I come from or duck creek, the place of the big ducks. I am twenty-one years old, and I am currently a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. I am majoring in First Nation Studies. My mother is Trina Schuyler, my grandmother is the late Bernadine Schuyler, and my great grandparents were the late Audrey and Melvin Schuyler.

I am honored to have had the opportunity to represent

Oneida Royalty

Miss Oneida: Kahteli-yó Schuyler

Jr. Miss Oneida: Riley Aguirre

Little Miss Oneida: Milah John

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the Oneida Nation as Miss Oneida 2023-2024. This year was so much more than I expected, filled with love, laughter, and medicine. By starting off the summer with the annual Oneida powwow to then celebrating the 200-year Oneida bicentennial, and then the Great law of Peace kayanla?kó. While attending pow wows across the nation, I could not be more grateful to have had this experience traveling and meeting relatives across Indian country.

My Jr. Miss, Riley and Lil Miss, Milah and I had pleasure in participating in the annual Husking bee, Oneida Apple Orchard Family Day, and the International Community festival, to name a few. We always are mindful to be good representatives by helping with a good heart and mind whenever needed. While we connected with friends, family, and community, always trying to be the best ambassadors when called upon for leading our youth.

Some people know, two of my passions are dancing and singing. I love to dance, and this year I won the Iron Women Smoke Dance. I was also able to attend the fall sing held in Onondaga with our Talukowahne singing society. I want to continuously teach our

youth our Oneida earth songs. Finally, my experience and my growth by attending this year's Gathering of Nations pow wow as a contestant for Miss Indian World was unbelievable. I could not have done this without the community's support. This was a huge learning experience for me by connecting with relatives all over Indian country, and the relationships I created is indescribable, where I have found a family within a family. I had the opportunity to be amongst other young strong Indigenous women who are leaders and strive for the same future goals for Indigenous communities that I do. I am very appreciative to have had this opportunity and to one day hopefully see another young woman from our community have the same opportunity and experiences I did, to meet, teach and learn from other Indigenous communities. I am proud to be part of such a great village. Thank you all for your encouragement and support!

Yaw^ko
Kahteli-yó Schuyler

Jr. Miss Oneida

By Riley Aguirre



Shekoli swakwek! As I reflect on this past year as Jr. Miss Oneida, I was able to create memories that will last a lifetime. I am so incredibly grateful for this experience and all the new people I was able to meet along the way. I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who has ever helped me and for their guidance. I am grateful to have represented the Oneida Nation throughout Indian Country and to be a role model for the youth.

Some of my favorite experiences as Jr. Miss Oneida was the Oneida Pow Wow and my first grand entry as Jr. Miss, attending numerous pow wows including gather of Nations, and visiting Acoma (sky city) in New Mexico. Being able to travel to different parts of the country while representing our Nation has been an honor.

I will forever be thankful to all of those who have helped me become Jr. Miss by creating my regalia,

prepared me for the pageant process, and all the encouragement that I received.

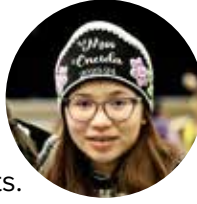
Creating bonds and new friendships while being Jr. Miss has helped me grow not only as a person but have also taught me many things about many different people. During my reign I have learned the importance of not being afraid to share who I am. Public speaking was a big part of my title and sharing about myself in the language was nerve racking at first, but with time and effort I was able to conquer that fear and become more comfortable talking to an audience. I am grateful for lessons that I have learned through this experience and hope others yearn for this title as well.

Yaw^ko
Riley Aguirre
Jr. Miss Oneida 2023-24

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Little Miss Oneida

By Milah John



Shekoli swakweku Kah^takta niyukyáts.
Wakeny^thaniwaki'talo•t^okhaleon^yote'a•ka
niwakuhw^tso•t^. Tékeni yaw^le na'tewakosliyaku.

Hello everyone, my Oneida name is Kah^takta which translates to "Edge of the Garden". My English name is Milah John. I am turtle clan and People of the Standing Stone is the land or earth I come from. I am 12 years old.

Being Lil Miss Oneida I have been able to experience being out in the community more and it has helped me gained more confidence in myself to speak up and meeting new people.

My favorite experience has been the Fall Family Festival at Botanical Gardens because we were able to be on tv to promote the festival and be around the gardens. I also was able to represent at my school for

Family Culture Night, which involved doing crafts, food, and a short telling of the Creation Story.

But by far the most impactful experience is the friendship and sisterhood I gained with Jr Miss Oneida Riley and Miss Oneida Kaylee. I would like to thank them for the everlasting memories and the fun we've made. As well as everything they have taught me and by being strong female role models for me to look up to.

Lastly, I would like to thank my parents and family for their encouragement, support and love they have given me during time. I couldn't have done it without you. Kunolukhwa.

I am your Little Miss Oneida 2023-2024,

Yaw^ko
Milah John