



Caitlin Brunell

Miss America's Outstanding Teen 2008

Growing up in the public eye, **Caitlin Brunell** realized at a young age that being a role model is a responsibility to be taken seriously. As the daughter of a professional NFL player, she learned from her parents the importance of setting a good example and the benefits of giving back to your community. As **Miss America's Outstanding Teen 2008**, Caitlin now has the opportunity and the national platform to make her own mark!

Representing the Commonwealth of Virginia, Caitlin Brunell won more than \$30,000 in college scholarships at the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Competition in August 2007. The "little sister" to the Miss America Scholarship Organization, this not-for-profit program has provided more than \$2 million in college scholarships nationally to young women from 13 to 17 years of age. The title has given Caitlin a nationwide vehicle to promote causes that are important to her.

Currently a 15-year-old sophomore at Trinity Christian High School in Fairfax, Virginia, Caitlin has long been involved with the family's Brunell Family Foundation, but is now branching out and making her own contributions. In 2006, she organized and founded "Caitlin's Closet" to help young women who wanted to participate in extracurricular school functions but couldn't afford appropriate attire. The charity collects and distributes party, homecoming and prom apparel to young women in need.

Partnering with Children's Services in Washington, D.C. and Old Dominion High School in Sterling, Virginia, Caitlin was able to give more than 80 girls the chance to attend their proms last spring feeling special and beautiful. So far, she's collected nearly 200 dresses.

As Miss America's Outstanding Teen 2008, Caitlin also has teamed up with the US Dream Academy, an organization that targets illiteracy in America's youth.

Caitlin loves spending time with friends and family, especially swimming, skiing, and shopping! She's been dancing since she was three years old and dreams of performing on Broadway and even winning a Tony Award. She's also an accomplished model who has appeared on the covers of *Pilates Magazine* and *fourpoints Magazine*.

Caitlin lives in Virginia with her family, which includes three younger brothers (Jake-12, Joseph-9, and Luke-6) and her parents, Mark (quarterback for the Washington Redskins) and Stacy.

You can learn more about Caitlin at www.maoteen.org or www.brunellfamilyfoundation.com.

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