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## Gabrielle Samiy is Surf City's 113th Queen!

Announcing the winner of the 2026 Miss Huntington Beach Scholarship Pageant

HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA – October 27, 2025 – On October 25, 2025, **Gabrielle Samiy** was crowned Surf City's 113th Queen during the Miss Huntington Beach Scholarship Pageant. Miss Huntington Beach 2026, Gabrielle Samiy, 25, will reign alongside her Royal Court Princesses, Annaleah LaParne, 17, and Lilliana Mindel, 19. The scholarship program, sponsored by the nonprofit Huntington Beach Sand Dollars, awards scholarships to support these young women in furthering their education after their 2026 reign.

This year's celebration took place at the Huntington Beach Central Library Theatre, where five esteemed judges—**Aron Harrington, Jill Hardy, Shawn Wood, Dr. Cynthia Anderson, and Zecheriah Jauregui**—evaluated candidates on their poise, grace, and public speaking abilities. Contestants showcased their commitment to community service by presenting their involvement with various causes. The event, with its red-carpet theme, was aptly titled "Lights! Camera! Crowns!" and hosted by the well-known **Matt Liffreing**. The afternoon featured the seven contestants in an opening number dance and three phases of competition. After the judges' deliberations, Miss Huntington Beach 2025, Nicole Allyson Vogt, handed the crown to the new queen, Gabrielle Samiy. A delightful reception followed the coronation, featuring live music by **Jacob Melvoin**.

**Queen Gabrielle Samiy** will be pursuing a degree in business finance at California State University, Fullerton. She aspires to teach business at the college level while also coaching and mentoring women in sports and entrepreneurship. Gabrielle has a rich athletic background, having played basketball at both the community college and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) levels, earning numerous accolades. A passionate advocate for civic engagement, she campaigned for the Huntington Beach City Council in 2022 and continues to encourage young people to volunteer and get involved in their communities.

**Princess Annaleah LaParne** is a senior at Huntington Beach High School, where she is a member of the Water Polo and Swim Team. An Eagle Scout and a Girl Scout Ambassador, she recently received the prestigious Gold Award for her water safety project aimed at keeping children safe around swimming pools.

**Princess Lilliana Mindel**, a sophomore at UCLA, is a proud Regents Scholar studying voice with the aspiration to be a full-time opera singer. She made headlines in 2024 as the 1st Place winner of the Schmidt Vocal Arts National High School Competition, representing California. Lilliana also earned recognition as a Grand Prize Finalist in The Music Center's 2023 Spotlight Competition.

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*Originally established as the "Women's Division of the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce," the "Sand Dollars of Huntington Beach Association" is a nonprofit establishment recognized as a 501(c)(3) organization. Its mission is to enhance civic improvement, support community cultural projects, and promote goodwill within the City of Huntington Beach. The Association's primary programs are the Miss Huntington Beach Scholarship Pageant and the Queens' Rose Garden at City Hall. Through donations and fundraising, the Huntington Beach Sand Dollars Pageant & Program provides scholarships to the Queen and her Royal Court to help cover tuition, books, and other educational expenses, as young women strive to achieve their academic goals.*