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Miss Albany State University selected for Ebony magazine feature

Ali'Yah Arnold, Miss Albany State University 2010-11, was selected to be one of 10 campus queens to be featured in the September issue of Ebony magazine. Arnold, a senior mass communication major, was chosen from a field of 33 young ladies on the basis of votes received in an online competition.

"I'm very grateful for the support I received from the ASU family and all of the people who voted for me," Arnold said. "I thank everyone for making this experience possible. I especially thank Ebony magazine for this opportunity."

As part of being selected for the September feature, the 10 selected queens received round-trip transportation to Atlanta, Ga., for a professional photography session on July 6.

"The photo shoot was wonderful," Arnold said. "Experts were on hand to care for our makeup, hair, wardrobe, everything, and the photographer was very professional."

Since 1975 the magazine has showcased HBCU Campus Queens each year. This year, only the top 10 queens to receive the most votes in the online poll will be featured in the September issue.

Arnold, a native of Lithonia, Ga., is the daughter of Myra Brown, a former HBCU queen featured in Ebony. Brown was Miss Morris Brown College 1982-83.

"Not many people can say they come from a home with two HBCU campus queens," Arnold said. "It's also neat that the issue of Ebony that includes my mother as a campus queen features Miss Albany State on the cover."

Photo caption: Miss Albany State University 2010-2011, Ali'Yah Arnold (left), joins her mother, Myra Brown, shortly after winning the crown during the Miss Albany State University Pageant in the spring. Arnold is one of 10 HBCU campus queens selected to be featured in the September issue of Ebony magazine. Arnold isn't the first HBCU queen in her family. Her mother was Miss Morris Brown College 1982-83.

