

Young Women's Christian Association



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PRESS RELEASE

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The Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) is thrilled to announce the winner of the 2025 Ms. YWCA Seenagers Pageant (Ms Y) - Ms. Virgin Mae Martinez - who was crowned queen at the end of a competitive contest on Friday, May 9, 2025, at the Bliss Centre for the Performing Arts in Belize City.

A beloved tradition now in its thirtieth year, the Ms. YWCA Seenagers Pageant defines aging with pride, dignity and purpose. The current year saw five remarkable women over the age of fifty-five (55) contend for the auspicious title, each sharing a distinctive story in her own inimitable way. They dazzled the audience throughout the evening with an entertaining talent demonstration, a conversational session, and a glamorous formal wear presentation.

In addition to being crowned Ms. Y, Ms. Martinez also won the Best Talent award for her expressive performance and graceful stature. As the Ms. YWCA 2025-2026, she will be serving the YWCA as a goodwill ambassador participating in different outreach activities in the community, including intergenerational learning workshops and speaking engagements to further the YWCA's mission to empower and motivate women, young women, and girls.

Rounding out the top three, the first runner up was Ms. Vernice Jex, and the second runner up was Ms. Veronica Warren. Each contestant brought something special to the stage, and the pageant was a demonstration of their resilience, confidence, and the ongoing contributions of older women in our community.

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The YWCA commends the efforts of all five contestants for their courage, creativity, and commitment. All the contestants received a batch of prizes that included cash awards, gift certificates, pampering baskets, and tokens of appreciation made possible through the generosity of numerous sponsors! We take this opportunity to extend our deepest gratitude to our sponsors, judges, volunteers, and supporters who made that special night a huge success.

Proceeds from the Ms. Y Pageant support two of our signature programmes, the Seniors Programme, which provides social and wellness support to senior women, and the Helping Early Leavers Programme (HELP) (coming back soon), a second chance education and work skills training program that empowers young women who have left school prematurely.

The YWCA remains committed to celebrating women of all ages and continues to work towards a more inclusive and empowered Belize.

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