

The Crowning Moment: Fort Valley State University's New Mister and Miss Take the Throne

(FVSU) — From October 6th to October 12th, the Fort Valley State University Wildcats held their highly anticipated homecoming. This university tradition allowed students, faculty, staff, and alumni to unite, reunite at their beloved institution, showcase their wildcat pride, and participate in various events during the week. With the theme for the 2024 homecoming being “There’s No Place Like the Valley,” it certainly was a magical week for the wildcats.

Amongst those events was the royal coronation of the 17th Mister and 87th Miss Fort Valley State University, which took place on Thursday, October 10th at 6 pm in the Health and Physical Education Complex (HPE).

The evening began with welcoming remarks along with the entrance of the following:

- Royal Guests
- FVSU 10th President Dr. Paul Jones and First Lady Sylvia Jones
- Student Government Association (SGA)
- Former FVSU Kings and Queens
- The 16th Mister Fort Valley State University, Ahmad Harden
- The 86th Miss Fort Valley State University, Anaya Arnold
- Organizational Kings and Queens
- Timeless Royalty Royal Court

Later in the evening the organizational kings and queens blessed the audience with a dance to salute the new royalty at Fort Valley State University and finally ended the evening with the crowning of the 17th Mister and 87th Miss Fort Valley State University and royal dance.

The 17th Mister Fort Valley State University, Alexis Strozier Jr., is a 22-year-old senior media studies scholar from Atlanta, GA (Georgia).

The 87th Miss Fort Valley State University, Nya Aaliyah Floyd, is a 21-year-old Senior animal science scholar from Lithonia, GA. Along with the title of the 87th Miss FVSU, Nya is also the newly crowned 39th Miss National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame.

Lead News Editor, Shemari Salkey, had the chance to interview the 87th Miss Fort Valley State University.

Q: What has your riegth as the 87th Miss FVSU taught you thus far?

Floyd: My reign as the 87th Miss FVSU has taught me that this isn't about me, it's about those who come after me. This position and this title allows me to serve as positive representation for the younger generation to show them that we are beautiful in our natural states and that we are more than capable of serving in roles such as this one.

Q: What do you wish to achieve as the 87th Miss FVSU?

Floyd: My biggest wish that I wanted to achieve as Miss FVSU was to win the NBCAHOFF pageant and thankfully I was able to accomplish this dream of mine with the help of FVSU Alumni and most importantly, my pageant coach Mr. Rodney Johnson.

Q: If you could give your fellow Wildcats a piece of advice, what would it be?

Floyd: A piece of advice I would give to my fellow wildcats would be to remain true to who you are and always show up authentically you, because you are inspiring and empowering others to do the same!