

The Majestic Models weekly officer meeting was reaching its conclusion when current Vice President Stephanie Michelle got the news. Before everyone left for the day, current President Latrice Harris voiced that she would be announcing the results of the Spring 2025 officer elections. Having only been in the organization for one semester, Michelle had no expectations.

"I joined late last school year and became an officer this year," she says. When her name was called to announce that she was officially appointed as Majestic Models' new Vice President, Michelle found herself speechless. Since she had her first experience walking that same semester, her goal to become vice president came closer than she had anticipated.

"Becoming vice president was definitely a shock for me and not what I expected," she says.

Along with gaining this new responsibility, Michelle was also balancing the feeling of being on stage and modeling in front of a live audience.

"My first time walking in a show was very nerve wracking," she says. "I was pretty nervous because it was a new experience."

Even though her responsibilities as vice president and a recent member of the organization are heavy, Michelle was constantly reminded that she was not alone in her journey and mentions how told herself that everything happens for a reason.

"I found out about the club because I was friends with the president at the time," she says. She mentions how the founder of Majestic Models, Caromis Ferrer, suggested the organization to her as something that will give her modeling experience.

Former President Caromis Ferrer was someone who gave Michelle guidance. Michelle mentions how they would have long talks about each other's struggles and leaned on each other when dealing with club and academic problems. Ferrer continues to be a support system to Michelle even after having parted ways with the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

"She is always there to offer advice and support," Michelle says. "I truly appreciate her willingness to help even though she has graduated."

Michelle mentions how becoming vice president gave her opportunities to not only meet new people but to also test her skills and improve in areas she otherwise would have ignored.

"I have loved this role and all of Majestic Models' members," she says. "Being a part of this community has provided me with unforgettable experiences."

With the Spring 2025 semester coming closer to an end, Majestic Models hosts their last event of the semester: The Spring Tea Party in the Gardens. Having been a member for 2 semesters and an officer for one, Michelle's worries become lighter on her shoulders.

“For this event, it was our first time doing a pre-show event, which took some extra coordination,” she says, “but it was something that I think we could do again in a different location.”

Prior to the event, discussions of who will become the next president start to arise. With current president Latrice Harris approaching graduation, someone will be next in line.

“The position of president had been lightly discussed before the show,” says Michelle.

When discussing the matter with Harris, she mentions how everyone in the organization knew that Michelle would be the best candidate for president.

“Even if she hadn’t already been vice president, Stephanie had always contributed to the club in a way that I found respectable,” Harris says. “She is very hardworking and a great person to work with.”

When the Spring Tea Party in the Gardens show had concluded, Michelle took the stage along with Harris and current Majestic Models Secretary Jordan Green. The mood of the show has calmed, and the audience have seen all the colorful and lively looks provided to them via Majestic Model members.

While on stage, Michelle nods as Harris voices out the lines practiced during the multiple rehearsals leading up to the event. She freezes when Harris mentions the president position, realizing she is going off script.

“We had talked about it here and there,” Michelle says. “But hearing it on stage was the first time it had been made official.”

Michelle mentions how she was feeling emotional prior to the announcement, as the event was the last time Harris would be walking for Majestic Models. She had a professional look on stage, but internally, she found herself near tears.

“I am really excited,” she says. “I have so many ideas that I can’t wait to implement next school year.”

We can’t wait to see the visions Michelle had for Majestic Models come to life in the upcoming Fall semester. UNCC will get to see her ideas take center stage as she continues to grow as both an artist and student.