

## **PRECIOUS MNDALAMA – SOSHANGUVE, PRETORIA, GAUTENG**

**Name:** Precious Mndalama

**Region:** Soshanguve, Pretoria, Gauteng

**Age:** 23 (May 19, 1998)

**Occupation:**

I am third year law student at University of South Africa. My goal in getting this qualification is to serve and protect society and to become a legal representative for models.



**Previous beauty competitions or pageants you have entered:**

Miss Swimsuit USA South Africa, finalist; Mr & Miss Pretoria, finalist; Mr & Miss Beach Bar, 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up; Miss Supranational South Africa, finalist; Miss Jozi, finalist.

**Why did you decide to enter Miss South Africa 2021 and why do you deserve to win this title?**

To empower, to face my power and my fears and to maximise my potential. I deserve to win this title because of the courage it took to enter and to enable me to inspire, motivate, and influence society to fight the key socioeconomic challenges we face.

**Tell us about your biggest disappointment and how you bounced back from it.**

Not doing well enough in matric to go on to study to become a surgeon. I bounced back by upgrading my academic results and opting for my second choice which was law.

**What do you think is the biggest problem facing young people today?**

The unemployment rate.

**Who are your role models?**

Naomi Campbell. A very successful international model and activist who contributes to, and participates in, social inequalities in her own country as well as others.

**Tell us a bit more about your family?**

I have two brothers, Pitso (27) a financial advisor and Mpumelelo (14), who is still in school. My father Ronnie is a private assessor and my mother Refilwe is a document controller.

**What do you do in your spare time?**

Read inspirational and motivational stories; cook and dance.

**What is your single biggest achievement?**

Being in the modelling industry.

**In what way do you think beauty pageants are still relevant today?**

Beauty pageants are an effective way to campaign for the awareness for different social issues and problems. It is also an avenue to develop and empower women to speak-up and be confident in their own bodies.

**What is your message to young girls and young women in South Africa?**

Maximise your potential as it gives you the key to having the authority to speak, face your powers and lead. Be able to look yourself beyond yourself, fulfil your dreams and discover the purpose or reason for your life and commit to its fulfilment at all costs.

**What do you love about South Africa?**

The cultural diversity and the beautiful natural landscapes.

**What is one thing you would like to change about South Africa?**

I would not change anything. It is a beautiful place where beautiful people can live at.

**2020 and 2021 have been extraordinary years and difficult for people around the globe. Do you see any positives in what has happened in the past 18 months?**

No, the Covid-19 pandemic has led to a dramatic loss of human life worldwide and presents an unprecedented challenge to public health, food systems and employment. The economic and social disruption caused by the pandemic is devastating, tens of millions of people are at risk falling into extreme poverty.

**If you won the Miss South Africa crown and was able to meet one person, who would it be and why?**

Naomi Campbell. Her influence extends beyond the runway. I am inspired and motivated by the charity organisations she founded.

**What is the one thing people would be surprised to know about you?**

That I know how to dance

**What is the No 1 piece of advice that you would give to your younger self?**

The journey begins at the other side of fear.

**QUICKFIRE QUESTIONS**

**Describe yourself in three words:**

Ambitious, passionate and fun.

**What's the best advice you can give in exactly four words?**

Give it a try.

**Who's your favourite designer and why?**

David Tlale. Not only he is a designer but also tries to create opportunities for models.

**You have to give up one of these? Handbags or shoes?**

Handbags.

**What is one thing that we would not know about you just by looking at you?**

That I am talkative.

**What would be your dream holiday?**

Paris, France.

**If you could have any superhuman power, what would it be?**

The power to control minds.

**What are you reading?**

Inspirational and motivational books.

**What music are you listening to?**

Amapiano.

**What are your favourite TV shows?**

*The Real.*

**Who is your local and international celeb crush?**

Riky Rick and Denzel Washington.

**What's your guilty pleasure?**

Mid- '70s disco music

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