**Teen Judges**

**Katherine Thompson** is a Vice President at CBRE in Charlotte, NC where her primary focus is providing real estate services to family offices and high-net-worth individuals. She also specializes in land investment sales and retail. Over the years her clients have included national retailers, high net worth investors, private equity groups, home builders, and developers.

Katherine is the national spokesperson for the National Scoliosis Foundation and is an active member of the Junior League Charlotte.  Katherine was Miss North Carolina in 2009 where she also received preliminary talent and swimsuit awards.

**Alice Dack** is in her 22nd year of directing high school dance teams, and was a Kilgore College Rangerette and Head Swingster. She has choreographed Cotton Bowl Halftime shows, the Thanksgiving Parade in Chicago, and the Rangerette Revels.  Alice has mentored multiple students to dance at the college and professional level including 25 Kilgore College Rangerettes, a Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader, OU Pom, Aggie Dance Team, Apache Belles, Texas Tech Pom, LSU Tiger Girls, UT Dance Team, and more.

**Carmen DeVora Felder** is a professional ballet dancer who began her ballet training in Cary, North Carolina at Cary Ballet Conservatory. She spent summers training as a scholarship student at Houston Ballet Academy, Pacific Northwest Ballet School, and the Dance Theatre of Harlem before earning her BFA from the University of Oklahoma in Ballet Performance with a minor in German. Ms. Felder’s own work is featured in Live in America, A Contemporary Art Festival produced by Fusebox, and festival partner, The Momentary. In addition to dancing, Ms. Felder is a member of Pi Beta Phi Fraternity for Women and serves on the Alumni Advisory Committee, working with the North Carolina Beta Chapter of the fraternity.

**Cherry Hanes** earned a BS in Vocal and Piano Performance from Texas Woman’s University and a Master of Arts in Worship Leadership from Dallas Baptist University. She has concertized and sung with symphonies and orchestras, won state and national competitions, and was a finalist in the Metropolitan Opera auditions. Cherry is a member of the Dallas/Richardson Music Teachers Association, Texas Music Teachers Association, Music Teachers National Association, Sigma Alpha Iota, and National Association of Teachers of Singing and has served as an officer, vocal judge, and board member.

**Keith Smith** celebrating 30 years with Disney in Orlando, and recently was the SVP, HR/Chief Talent Officer for one of Disney’s businesses. Holding a BA in Theatre and Masters’s in HR, he is a certified Senior HR professional and Executive Coach. Keith has over 30 years of expertise in theatre and has received the Presidents Volunteer Service Award over 10 times recognizing his ongoing involvement in non-profit boards & leadership. Keith has volunteered with Miss America at the local and state level for over 20 years.