



**Lynn Hackerman Weidner  
Miss New Jersey 1972**

Lynn Hackerman Weidner grew up in southern New Jersey and graduated from Douglass College of Rutgers University.

In 1971 she won the title Miss New Jersey and competed in the 1972 Miss America.

Lynn's career has included host and producer for New Jersey Public Broadcasting, Executive with the New Jersey Division of Travel and Tourism, spokesperson for the New Jersey Tourism industry, and news and weather anchor/producer at a local, independent television station right here in Atlantic City.

Lynn spent many years as a popular pageant emcee and also judged numerous state pageants throughout the country.

In 1996 Lynn and her family relocated to Las Vegas, Nevada. Lynn has been on the Board of Directors of the Miss America Organization for over 10 years and this past February was named Chairman of the Board.

In addition to her work with the Miss America Organization, Lynn serves on numerous boards including the Classics for Kids Foundation and the Debbie Allen Dance Academy.

Lynn and her husband Bill have three grown children and three grandchildren.

**Miss America Impact Statement**

"As an 18-year-old Miss New Jersey, I was so transformed by the simple idea that I now had a platform from which to speak my mind on things that mattered to me and that people would actually pay attention! The many experiences and opportunities that came my way, truly expanded my horizons and changed the way I thought about myself and what I could achieve. I made it my goal to use that year of service to my best advantage in a way that would impact the rest of my life. And so it did."

"In addition to the scholarship money that helped me complete my education, my year of service had a positive impact on my career in television and public relations, my commitment to community service, gifted me with lifelong friendships and so much more. So many wonderful opportunities have come into my life over the past 44 years that can be traced back to my involvement with the Miss America program. Being a volunteer for this organization for many years in many ways and now as Chairman of the Board, is my way of paying it forward and I feel so fortunate to have that opportunity."

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