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KRUSH NEWS



Kandy Magazine's 2015 Krush of the Year Claudia Fijal recently greeted fans at an autograph signing session outside Chicago, Illinois. Among those attending were Kandy magazine's very own Deputy Editor Steve Scala and Health and Fitness columnist Dan Stevens. For details on how you too can receive an autographed 8 x 10 Claudia Fijal photograph, email to 2015koty@kandymag.com. Poster size copies of Claudia's 2015 Krush of the Year cover are available at www.shopkandy.com



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After competing for almost a week straight at the Tropic Beauty World Finals in Sin City, among 100 other hopeful contestants from all around the world, I was crowned as Miss Tropic Beauty 2014! My eyes filled up with tears and I remember covering my mouth in shock and disbelief. I was overcome with emotion. There were just so many gorgeous models with amazing personalities that I was in no circumstance to feel secure in winning the whole pageant so I never once felt entitled. It was one of the greatest moments of my life and has opened so many doors for me. ... I'm living the dream, getting to travel around the world ... hosting the best of VIP events ... shooting for well-known brands and even television shows, and hanging out with some of the coolest celebrities and most beautiful women in the world! – Elizabeth Smith, Miss Tropic Beauty 2014

Say hello to your August 2015 Kandy Magazine cover model Elizabeth Smith.

Elizabeth's 411

Where are you from originally?

I was born in San Diego then spent my first few years as a child

in Italy and eventually my family moved back to the states where I continued to grow up as a Floridian.

What is your family heritage?

I'm quite the mix ... as I have some Russian, Irish, Spanish, and Latino blood in me.

What's the greatest thing about your hometown?

The chill, calm lifestyle of the Florida locals. You get your awesome southern hospitality mixed with a cool vibe of fun, loving people.

<u>Guys</u>

What do you look for in a guy?

There are three things I look for in a man: he must have passion and motivation somewhere in his life, he has to be able to handle my sar-

"You will never get anywhere (great) if you allow fear to be the only reason you don't take chances."

casm as well as dish it back, AND he has to have a nice smile that makes me blush (which isn't easy to do).

Are there any traits that shoot a guy down before he utters a word?

Smoking and being rude. Both are my two biggest turn-off's when it comes to anyone.

Share with us a memorable date.

Well, the most memorable date I've had actually lasted a couple weeks, as it was very intricately planned out. I flew to visit someone that I had been dating long distance for some time and knew very little of his culture and hometown so I would randomly say little things that I'd like to do when I got there; not knowing that he was creating a list of all these wishes I had. When I finally arrived he had created an incredible "Elizabeth Smith S

> cavenger Hunt" where he'd take me to each activity location, handing me a little piece of paper that listed out one of the wishes I had mentioned until we completed all of them. It was so incredibly romantic, thoughtful and fed my desire for spontaneity.

Talking Tropic Beauty

Have you always entered swimsuit and beauty pageants or was this your irst competition?

Believe it or not, this was my first ever pageant! A great friend of mine had been convincing me for almost a year to compete in Tropic Beauty but my fear of failure always held me back from entering. On 5/14/2014, I had a little epiphany on the choices we make and what those choices do to shape our lives...

... So, I entered the next Tropic Beauty contest and look what happened, I won the whole thing! Funny how life works when we start living it.

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Were there talent as well as question and minterview segments?

It's definitely not like your typical Miss America pageant when it comes to talent and interview segments. Ladies don't have to have a talent (unless you consider looking good in a bikini a talent, which some do. I mean it's a talent if you can stay away from carbs

week's straight for ha-ha!). And, there is no specific interview segment for the competitors BUT ... everything these models say and do is under surveillance 24-7 for each competition, especially at World Finals. Tropic Beauty isn't just trying to find another beautiful face (if they were then it would be a tie among many) but they closely watch how these ladies interact with guests, clients, sponsors, and even each other. The Queen must be sociable, fun, appreciative and able to hold herself in busy situations, all while having a good attitude as some days can be very demanding with events and appearances, starting from early morning till late at night.

How many models did you compete against in the finals?

There were 100 total models in the World Finals. All completely different in height, looks, personality, and even culture.

What was the most memorable moment from your reign?

Winning! But that's an obvious answer. The best and most memorable experience from my reign was getting to ride the fin of a shark in Bora-Bora! It was a prize I had won during World Finals to be apart of the reality television show called "Bikini Destinations" where a team of top bikini models get to explore the most extravagant and breathtaking locations around the world. I've always had shark-diving on my bucket list but never imagined I'd be crossing off shark-riding first! It was a surreal moment in my life and one I'll

never forget.

By our recollection, you are the second or third Tropic Beauty model to appear in Kandy but the first on the cover. We may need to get all you ladies together for a special edition dedicated to the women of Tropic Beauty.

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What do you think of that idea? Uh...YEAH!!!! More girls the merrier!

In your opinion, what's the biggest misconception of swimsuit models? That we don't eat bad foods. If anything that's probably the least bit true, we get the munchies too! I mean we do need energy to squat, don't we?? Lol

What are your future modeling plans?

As of right now I feel very fortunate to be where I am; it didn't come without hard work and had you asked me 5 years ago what I'd be doing, I'd never imagine this would be it. So, to answer your question, I really have no idea what my plans are or what my future holds but I assure you I will continue to keep knocking walls down and pushing myself and my career forward without limitations.

Has winning the title

opened up new doors for me in the industry be it for other modeling opportunities, tv/film, etc...?

Absolutely! I have met and created such great business connections through Tropic Beauty. Everything from modeling multi-million dollar jewelry in Beverly Hills to celebrating birthdays with world famous DJ's on Vegas rooftops to even making native flower headbands in Tahiti with local islanders! It's been nothing but non-stop opportunities and I'm so grateful for each and every one of them. ... incredibly romantic, thoughtful and fed my desire for spontaneity KANDY COVER MODEL

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Q&A with August Krush of the Month

What would you say was your secret to claiming the crown of Hooter's 2014 Girl of the Year?

Hard work. It's not easy to be camera ready every single day or to travel to all of my stores to check on the trainers every single month. (Some of my stores are 4 hours away) You really have to the love concept and know the brand. I truly bleed orange and it shines.

You also were 2013's Miss Illinois US. What was the biggest challenge in winning the crown?

I really believe in pageants that interview is one of the most important aspects. The winner represents an entire state (or company- depending on which pageant it is) and the judges, sponsors and pageant directors need to feel confident that the have a positive representative. A winner needs to be able to conduct herself in an appropriate manner especially because they do become a role model to many young girls and the face of a brand.

What crown do you have your eyes set on next?

That's a secret... I haven't quite decided, but I'm not retiring from my sash wearing days just yet.

What is your favorite part of competing in pageants?

I love to be on stage- it is the biggest rush... I think it was born into me. My mom would lose me in department stores when I was little- only later to find me posing by the mannequins.

What do you enjoy most about modeling?

I love that it's always different- it could be a photoshoot one day, pageant the next, commercial shoot the day after. It never gets boring or repetitive.

Besides modeling, what other talent of yours places you in the front of the camera?

Hosting is a treat... I've gotten to meet some of the most awesome people. Models, designers, magazine companies, and athletes are just a few of the interviews I've been lucky to snag. Mercedes-Benz swim week was probably one of my favorite events. It's just fun because nothing is scripted- it's all live and impromptu.

Off the Cuff

What are your car's backseat contents? I don't have a car right now! It just got totaled by a drunk driver but if I did, it would be a water bottle, snuggie, and a window ice scraper.

What is one of the goofiest things your friends would say about you?

They always tease me about my obsession with frequent flier miles. I need to make gold status so I always try and get as many segments and miles as possible. It really does consume an inappropriate portion of my thoughts. Lol

What cracks you up?

It's terrible to say, but I love when people fall. It's hilarious. I just don't want them to get hurt.

Last 5 songs you listened to on iTunes

Britney spears -Work B

J. Dash- Wop

Salt-N-Pepa - Push it

Ciara- I bet

And Kenny Chesney - The Good Stuff

Where do you see your career in the next 5 years?

I'm back in school now, finishing up my bachelor's degree and eventually would like to have my own show on either the travel channel or HGTV.





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Kandy Krush Ingredients

Name: Tyler Suess Hometown: Freeport, Illinois Birthday: November 12th Measurements: 32–24–35 Height: 5'9" Weight: 118 lbs Hair: Blonde Eyes: Honey Brown

Social Media: Instagram @tylersuess

Facebook.com/tylersuess

What do you love most about your hometown?

I love that my whole family still lives there or nearby. I love the gorgeous parks, small town restaurants and the old-fashioned ice cream parlor. I like that it's still a relatively safe community. I really am I small town girl.

3 items you never leave home without: Cellphone charger, id & credit card.

3 favorite apps: Instagram, Kayak, United Airlines

First 3 items you see in your purse: Lip gloss, receipts, wallet.

First thing you do each morning: Read my text messages ... Contemplate going back to sleep, and head to the gym.

Random fun fact about yourself: I can touch my tongue to my nose.

Favorite vacation spot: I loved Barbados, but I enjoy traveling to new places!

Favorite type of ride: Hahaha ... Not sure how to take this one ... carnival - any rollercoaster; car - something safe but sexy, a Mercedes.

Your favorite feature on yourself: I'm very proud of my fit figure.

Your favorite feature on a guy: He has to be tall and have great teeth.

Favorite actor/actress: Morgan Freeman/ Kate Hudson

Favorite movie: A Night at the Roxbury

Favorite singer: Ciara

All-Time best first date: I'd love to do something active - go to shed aquarium and swim with dolphins and then grab a nice Italian dinner.



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You may recall April from our July 2014 issue where she was our Krush of the Month. It has been way too long between issues for fans of April. And, we are making it up to you with publishing April in back to back issues. Look for April again next month in Kandy's 4-Year Anniversary Issue. In the meantime, enjoy these tropical photos of April taken in the Caribbean.



Photography by Studio977 Shot on Location in Negril, Jamaica



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CATHERINE ELIZABETH

Hometown: London, England Measurments: 32B-25-36 Height: 5'7" Weight: 125 lbs.

Britain's Catherine made her Kandy magazine debut in the November 2014 issue. She's back this month to heat up your summer nights. You may recall she loves travelling, hiking, animals and food, not necessarily in that order. Enjoy these photos of Catherine taken in Spain.



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JENI SUMMERS

Hometown: Ellenton, FL Measurments: 34C-24-34 Height: 5'7" Weight: 112 lbs.

Jeni's Fun Fact: She is a former Tampa Bay Buccaneers cheerleader squad team captain.

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