TESS O’rIORDAN

Miss Massachusetts’ Outstanding Teen

**Education:** Canton High School; Canton, MA; Class of 2022

**Social Impact Initiative:** Essentials for Success: Helping Students in Need

**Scholastic Ambition:** Bachelor of Arts Fine Arts degree in Dance

**Career Ambition:** To perform professionally

**Talent Presentation:** Jazz Dance to “Feeling Good”

SUMMARY I have the skills and experience to represent the Miss America’s Outstanding Teen organization. Driven and confident as well as personable and approachable, I am dedicated to my education, the performing arts, and my community. As someone who has benefited from involvement in this program for the past three years, I will remain a strong role model and unconditional advocate for both my social impact initiative and this organization for years to come.

SCHOLASTIC HONORS National Honor Society; National English Honor Society; Canton High Century

Club (top ranked students); 4.79 GPA; High Honor Roll every semester since 6th grade; enrolled in all Advanced Placement and Honors classes; President’s Award for Educational Excellence; two-time National Spanish Language award winner; Perfect Attendance Award

LEADERSHIP ROLES Catie’s Closet Ambassador; currently spearheading resource initiative with Canton High’s Homeless Liaison; organized school and community donation drive for Karson and Kennedy’s 10,000 Toys for Girls and Boys, collecting over 300 toys in two weeks for Toys for Tots; led donation drive for Animal Rescue League of Boston; editor for online school newspaper; dance class assistant teacher for two years.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS Miss Boston’s Outstanding Teen 2019; coordinated multiple donation drives for Catie’s Closet, collecting clothing and funds, despite COVID; performed soloist roles in two Nutcracker productions; recipient of numerous dance scholarships, including two summer ballet intensives; dance training six days per week for the last seven years; solo and group award winner at regional and national dance competitions, including Best Teen Dancer at Access Broadway; Dansco costume catalog model.

FUN FACTS I attended Miss America’s Outstanding Teen 2019 “Teens in Training;" my family has had over 20 pets, including 11 rescue dogs; I have been vegetarian for almost four years; I live down the road from Paul Revere’s mill in a house built in1865; a childhood hobby of mine was letterboxing, and I still love hiking Blue Hills with my sisters; when I was three, I wore an Ariel crown everywhere I went.