



## PRESS RELEASE

### **America's Next Top Model 6: The Girls Go Bald Part 2** **TX: Monday 13 April at 9pm**

America's Next Top Model must be able to handle constant media scrutiny. To prepare the aspiring models for a life in the front of the camera, a press conference is arranged.

The challenge becomes even more competitive when only two microphones are placed on the table and the girls have to fight to get the journalists' attention. One model even goes as far as saying that she "is the undiscovered supermodel".

After being grilled by the press, the models unwind by going out to dinner and one contestant gets a bit wobbly after one too many glasses of champagne. In this week's photo shoot, the girls go bald posing with Swarovski crystals.

Who's prepared to let their hair down to impress the judges?

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### **America's Next Top Model Contestants Bio**

#### **Jade Cole**

Jade has an impressive résumé and has been beating down the door to the modelling industry for a few years. This aspiring top model has worked alongside supermodel Naomi Campbell in Hip Hop mogul Jay-Z's music video with Pharell Williams, called "Change Clothes".

She has also done fashion shows for Jay Z's Rocawear, Marc Ecko, Oleg Cassini and Xuly Bet. She has appeared in magazines such as Elle Girl, Intouch, Stuff, Fader, Trace and Brides Noir. In addition, Jade has modelled internationally, in both Paris and the Caribbean Islands.

This 26-year-old has a bohemian style of dressing and often wears head wraps and beads. Her nicknames are Ja'de and Queen and she loves writing poetry.

#### **Alejandra Mancía**

Leslie, as she is affectionately known, is openly bisexual but does not reveal this for fear of being stereotyped on the show. "...my sexuality is an important part of me ...but I wasn't trying to have a gimmick or anything", she reveals.

As one of the youngest contestants in the show's history, this 18-year-old student is pursuing a degree in criminal justice at Arizona State University.

Leslie has an Angelina-Jolie inspired tattoo on her tummy which states, "What nourishes me destroys me."

#### **Wendy Wiltz**

Wendy is a Hurricane Katrina victim who lost her entire family during the disaster. Since then, she has been shy, soft spoken and withdrawn.

This 22-year-old from New Orleans started her modelling career at high school and got recruited by a local modelling agency. She appeared in a Hot and Spicy Pringles commercial and has been a spokesmodel for hair shows of L'OREAL, Aguage and Sebastian.

Wendy has also modelled for Johnson Publishing Company's Ebony Fashion Fair Tour and appeared in several print ads and fashion shows for designer Harold Clarke. She majored in Interior Design at Louisiana State University.

### **Katherine Hoxit**

Kathy, as her friends call her, is a girl from the south and a self-confessed hillbilly. This North Carolina girl is a house painter who loves chicken salad for lunch.

She is 20 years old and passes time by reading Glamour and Vogue magazine. Her favourite movies are The Lord of the Rings Trilogy.

### **Mollie Sue Steenis-Gondi**

Mollie Sue is a 25-year-old waitress from Tampa, Florida. This fun loving red head's favourite movies are Lost in Translation, The Royal Tenenbaums and Little Miss Sunshine.

She describes herself as a "full-time bombshell" that enjoys eating Filet Mignon. Mollie has a tattoo of a heart on her right wrist and others on her side, hip, leg and foot.

### **Kari Schmidt**

Kari is one of the shortest contestants in this season of America's Next Top Model. This 18-year-old student dreams of modelling for Victoria's Secret.

Originally from Brookings, South Dakota, Kari's appearance – blonde, blue-eyed with full lips – have her likened to a Bratz doll. She enjoys listening to The Beatles, Led Zepplin, Red Hot Chilli Peppers, Bob Marley and The Rolling Stones. She loves reading Teen Vogue, Seventeen and People magazine.

### **Gina Choe**

Gina is the only Asian beauty in this season and hails from Tampa, Florida. This 21-year-old works as a Korean Translator and loves listening to rap music.

Her greatest fears are cockroaches, heights, dying young and public speaking. This dog lover enjoys eating pasta, going bowling and watching football.

Her favourite television show is Frasier and she prefers paging through Vogue and Vanity Fair.

### **Brooke Staricha**

Brooke is a 22-year-old student from Corpus Christi, Texas. She enjoys watching The Biggest Loser International and Scrubs when she is at home.

Her favourite meal is shrimp Alfredo and she dreams of one day gracing the covers of Vogue and Cosmopolitan magazines. Brooke's favourite movie of all time is The Boondock Saints.

### **Nnenna Agba**

Nnena was born in Nigeria and lived there until the age of 12 when her mother died during childbirth. Her father sent her to America so that she may have a better life. She majored in Chemistry at Texas A&M University and works as a chemist for an oil company called Champion Technologies.

She has three sisters who still live in Nigeria and she is extremely passionate about issues related to poverty, hunger and the health crisis in Africa.

### **Danielle Evans**

Down-to-earth Southern girl Dani is a 20-year-old babysitter from Little Rock, Arkansas. To relax she enjoys boxing or drinking a cup of tea.

True to her roots, Dani likes feasting on fried chicken for Sunday lunch while reading Elle magazine.

When watching television, she prefers MTV's *Newlyweds* and her favourite movie is *Love and Basketball*.

### **Sara Albert**

Sara wasn't even considering auditioning for America's Next Top Model until a scout for the show encouraged her. This long legged blonde is the tallest contestant in this season and graduated Cum Laude at Georgetown University majoring in Psychology.

Sara attended University on a volley ball scholarship and in her final year was voted Academic All American by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

This 22-year-old Californian native works as a Marketing assistant in Washington DC for the Advisory Board Company.

### **Furonda Brasfield**

Furonda is a former phone sex operator and was arrested in 2000 for using counterfeit money. She cleaned up her act and enrolled at the University of Arkansas and pursued a modelling career with a vengeance.

She is inspired by the following supermodels: Tyra Banks, Naomi Campbell, Heidi Klum and Gisele Bundchen. She fondly enjoys watching *The Colour Purple*, *Pretty Woman*, *Harlem Nights*, *King Kong* and *There's Something About Mary*.

### **Joanie Dodds**

Joanie's father is a minister at the Churches of God in Mansfield, Ohio. Rebellious against her strict upbringing, Joanie did amateur cage dancing at a night club.

She dropped out of University to pursue her passion of modelling and auditioned for America's Next Top Model three times, before finally making the cut on her third attempt.

Joanie can play the saxophone and piano and in her youth was often involved in concerts and Jazz bands.