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INTRODUCTION OF CONTESTANTS

TALENT COMPETITION

MINI PRINCESS CROWNING

INTRODUCTION OF FORMER FIESTA QUEENS

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EVENING GOWN COMPETITION

ON-STAGE QUESTION

FAREWELL OF 2025 FIESTA QUEEN SOFIA TERRAZAS

CROWNING OF 2026 FIESTA QUEEN





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Sofia Terrazas
Miss GC Fiesta 2025

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Miss GC Fiesta 2020

Sophia Hernandez
Miss GC Fiesta 2014

Adriana Mendoza
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KAREN CANALES-LOZANO

Karen Canales-Lozano is a lifelong Garden City community leader whose passion for service, culture, and advocacy has shaped her career and volunteer work for more than two decades. Both of her parents came from Mexico, she was born in Trinidad, Colorado and is the oldest of three. She is a proud daughter of migrant farmworker parents. Karen's life has been shaped by the resilience, determination, and sacrifices of those who came before her. Raised with the values of hard work, faith, family, and perseverance, she learned early that opportunity is earned through dedication and that success is most meaningful when it is used to serve others.

In 1994, Karen had the honor of being crowned Mexican Fiesta Queen, an experience that deepened her appreciation for the traditions, culture, and history celebrated through Mexican Fiesta. More than three decades later, returning as the Master of Ceremonies for the 100th Anniversary Mexican Fiesta Scholarship Pageant is a deeply meaningful full-circle moment. She is honored to celebrate not only a century of Mexican Fiesta, but also the generations of families whose hard work, unwavering faith, and cultural pride helped shape Garden City into the vibrant and diverse community it is today.



SOPHIA HERNANDEZ

Sophia Hernandez is a Garden City native and former Miss Garden City Fiesta, crowned in 2014. She was the second Miss Garden City Fiesta to compete at Miss Kansas, an experience that shaped her leadership, communication and public-speaking skills and sparked a lasting commitment to the Fiesta organization.

Sophia's connection to Garden City runs generations deep. Her great-grandparents, Manuel and Phyllis Garcia, immigrated from Mexico, met in Granada, Colorado, in 1931, and eventually made Garden City their home. Their contributions to the community were recognized when they were named Finney County Pioneers, and in 1967, their family established El Zarape. Sophia's father also immigrated to the United States as a teenager from Meoqui, Chihuahua, eventually making Garden City his home.

Sophia earned a bachelor's degree in Communication Studies from Fort Hays State University and a master's degree in Mass Communications from Kansas State University. Her career has focused on communications, community engagement and public service, including four years with the City of Garden City and work with Welcoming America, a national nonprofit focused on helping immigrant and refugee communities build connection and belonging. She currently works in communications and marketing for the City of Aurora, Colorado. She has continued to give back to the Fiesta organization as a mentor to new titleholders and through volunteer and marketing efforts. Sophia is honored to return as Master of Ceremonies for the Centennial Fiesta Celebration, celebrating the family, heritage, community and traditions that have connected generations of Garden City residents.

JUDGES



CELYN HURTADO

Celyn Hurtado has proudly served the Garden City community for more than two decades through her career in local government. She began working for the City of Garden City in 2000 and became City Clerk in 2012. Throughout her career, she has been recognized for her dedication to public service, including being named Clerk of the Year and earning the designation of Master Municipal Clerk.

Celyn's connection to Garden City runs especially deep through her family's Hispanic heritage. Her family was among the early Hispanic families to make Garden City home and became part of the community's business history through Villarreal's Carpet and Villarreal Liquor Store. Her family also has a special connection to Fiesta history, as her great-aunt, Phyllis Villarreal, was crowned Fiesta Queen in 1954. That legacy of culture, hard work, entrepreneurship, family, and community pride continues to be an important part of who Celyn is today.

Above all, Celyn is the proud mother of three and the very proud "Nanne/Cece" to eight grand kiddos. Family is at the heart of everything she does, and she treasures the opportunity to pass along the importance of heritage, community, and tradition to the next generation.

Outside of work, Celyn enjoys traveling, thrifting, spending time with her family, and supporting the people and traditions that make Garden City special. She is honored to serve as a Fiesta Pageant judge and to celebrate the culture, confidence, accomplishments, and bright futures of this year's participants.



DANA NANNINGA

Longtime resident of Garden City, Dana Nanninga served on the Friends of Lee Richardson Zoo board, the City's Environmental Issues Committee, GCCC's Endowment Association, and USD 457 School Board. Dana received her bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas and later received her master's degree from Denver University. She served as a Peace Corps Volunteer overseas for two years prior to receiving her master's degree.

Dana's career was influenced by her amazing parents. Her mother worked for Garden City Public Schools while her father farmed east of town. Dana is happily married to her husband, Troy. They have two daughters, Sydney and Quincy, who they absolutely adore. On her free time, Dana enjoys watching her alma mater's basketball team, traveling, and playing pickleball.

JUDGES



RODRIGO RUVALCABA

I was born in Houston, Texas, but raised in Garden City, where I have lived for most of my life. My family has proudly called Garden City home since approximately 1990, and I am grateful to be part of this community.

I am a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps. During my military career, I served honorably in Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom and was awarded a medal in recognition of my service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. I also spent two years stationed in Okinawa, Japan, where I provided logistical support.

I am the owner of Ruvalcaba Agency, LLC and have represented Farmers Insurance since 2011. During my career, I have received several professional honors, including being named to the Farmers Insurance President's Council for three consecutive years—2023, 2024, and 2025. I was one of only three agents in Kansas selected for this prestigious recognition, which represents the top 1% of Farmers Insurance agency owners nationwide. I have also earned Toppers Club honors in 13 of my 14 years with Farmers Insurance.

A central part of my professional mission is to educate and empower members of our Hispanic community by helping individuals and families better understand their insurance options and secure the protection they need for everything they have worked so hard to build.

It is an honor to serve as a judge for the local Fiesta Queen Pageant and to support the talented young women who represent and celebrate our community.



ROBERT GONZALEZ

Born and raised in Garden City, he graduated from Garden City Senior High School in 1988 before moving to Minneapolis, Minnesota, to pursue his goal of becoming a radio host at the Brown Institute Campus.

After graduating, he spent more than 32 years in radio across the Midwest, hosting night and midday shows, and ultimately serving as a morning show host.

In March 2025, he transitioned to join the Finney County Convention and Visitors Bureau as the Sales and Recruitment Director. In this role, he leads efforts to attract sports tournaments, conventions, meetings, and group travel to Garden City and Finney County. Through strategic partnerships, marketing, and industry outreach, he promotes our community's venues, events, and cultural amenities to generate overnight stays, strengthen tourism, and enhance the economic vitality and quality of life across Southwest Kansas.

JUDGES



ADEL PARR

Adelita Parr is a lifelong resident of Garden City, Kansas, with deep roots in Southwest Kansas. Family and community have always been at the heart of Adel's life. She is married to Evan Parr, and together they have four children and seven grandchildren. Adel loves traveling to spend time with her children and grandchildren and especially enjoys relaxing, making memories, and spending time with family and friends.

Adel dedicated 35 years to education, including 15 years with Garden City Community College and 20 years at Garden City High School, where she served on many athletic parent groups and groups that focused on giving back to students. During her years in education, she developed a deep appreciation for the students, families, educators, and community members she had the opportunity to work alongside. For 13 years, Adel proudly led and organized Project Graduation at Garden City High School, working alongside an amazing group of volunteers.

Adel continues to be actively involved in her community. She is a licensed insurance agent and a member of the KHPAR Association. She enjoys attending community celebrations and Business Expos supporting local schools and takes pride in staying connected to the people and organizations that make Southwest Kansas such a special place to call home.

Today, Adel is proud to be part of the Calzonetti Group family, where she continues her passion for serving others and building relationships, as a licensed insurance agent. Her faith and family remain steadfast in her life. Adel attends New Day Church and her roots are in Southwest Kansas, her heart is in her family and community, and she is proud to continue serving the people she has called neighbors and friends throughout her life.



DANIELA ORTIZ-PEREZ

Daniela Ortiz-Perez is currently a Design Associate at The Architect LLC. She graduated in May 2026 with a Bachelor of Architecture from Oklahoma State University. During her time at Oklahoma State, she was involved with many student organizations and with the student organization of NOMAS (National Organization of Minority Architecture Students) she served as secretary. After spending time away, she decided to move back home to Garden City to be with family and is wanting to be more involved with her community to help see Garden City grow.

JUDGES



JENNIFER CUNNINGHAM

Jennifer has been with Morris Laing since 2026 and before that was with Doering, Grisell & Cunningham from 2022-2026. Jennifer was with the City of Garden City from 2012 through the end of 2021, holding the title of Deputy City Manager upon her departure. In that capacity, Jennifer led the public safety team including all fire and police personnel and served as the acting Fire Chief for a year. At times during her tenure with the City, she also led Municipal Court, Prosecution and Information Technologies & Communications. Prior to joining the City of Garden City team, she worked for the Finney County Attorney as an Assistant County Attorney prosecuting Child in Need of Care cases and criminal cases. Jennifer's primary practice is in Municipal and School Law, but she also does employment law, work for non-profits, family law, prosecution, and takes on other cases in gap areas as needed for the firm.

Jennifer is a native of Lamar, Colorado. She received her Bachelor's degree from Colorado State University in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance and Real Estate and her Juris Doctor from Washburn University. Jennifer's time in municipal management brings a unique perspective to clients. Jennifer is an innovative leader who has an established record of taking on complicated projects and delivering outstanding results.

CONTESTANTS



MELANNIE RAMIREZ

Melannie is the daughter of Javier & Rosa Ramirez
She is a graduate of Garden City High School in Garden City, Kansas.

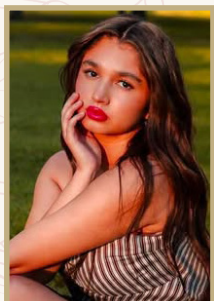
Fun Fact About Melannie:
She's played the clarinet for 11 years!



RUBY RUIZ-CONTRERAS

Ruby is the daughter of Carlos Ruiz & Claudia Contreras.
She is currently attending Garden City Community College
in Garden City, Kansas.

Fun Fact About Ruby:
She has been dancing Folklorico dance for 11 years!

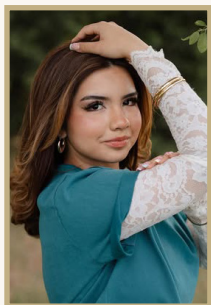


MILA SEDGWICK

Mila is the daughter of Brandon & Nydia Sedgwick
She is currently attending Garden City High School
in Garden City, Kansas.

Fun Fact About Mila:
Her favorite food is spaghetti because it is sooooo saucy!

CONTESTANTS



KAILEE URIBE

Kailee is the daughter of Simon Uribe and Yolanda Olivares. She is currently attending Garden City High School in Garden City, Kansas.

Fun Fact About Kailee:
She loves taking photos!



RIAN RODRIGUEZ

Rian is the daughter of Joey & Kelly Rodriguez. She attended Holcomb High School in Holcomb, Kansas, and is currently attending Fort Hays State University.

Fun Fact About Rian:
Her favorite animal is a rhino!

QUEEN HONOR ROLL

1929	Delores Avila	1990	Monica Pena
1947	Consuelo Sanchez	1991	Holly DeLaRosa
1948	Sarah Maldonado	1992	Lorraine Martinez
1949	Casemera Andrada	1993	Maria Correa
1950	Virginia Ramirez	1994	Karen Fierro (Canales Lozano)
1952	Delores Mesa	1995	Maria J. Banda
1953	Esperanza Valenzuela & Rosita Martinez	1996	Maria Garcia
1954	Felicitas Villarreal	1997	Liz Beth Vasquez
1955	Sue Espinosa	1998	Yesenia Diaz
1956	Adeline Catherine Hernandez	1999	Claudia Montanez
1957	Oleta Delgado	2000	Erica Picazo
1958	Delores Hermocillo	2001	Veronica Rodriguez
1959	Jane Mata	2002	Crystal Viurquez
1961	Lucy Avila	2003	Crystal Martinez
1962	Gloria Bribiesca	2004	Elizabeth Perkins
1963	Jacy Mesa	2005	Dalia Deloera
1964	Martha Ortiz	2006	Carmen Baeza
1965	Eva Grizelda Gonzalez	2007	Andrea Lira
1966	Mary Ann Ornelas	2008	Dora Herrera (Ellis)
1967	Sandra Martinez	2009	Bianca Martinez
1968	Silvia Orosco	2010	Christian Figueroa
1969	Yvonne Ortiz	2011	Gabriela Armendariz
1970	Diane Ortiz	2012	Klarissa Calvillo
1971	Victoria Gonzalez	2013	Madison Miller
1972	Bertha Zavala	2014	Sophia Hernandez
1973	Nida Otero	2015	Breyanna Avila
1974	Eva Otero	2016	Sydney Rodriguez
1975	Eva Martinez	2017	Alondra Jurado
1976	Mary Sandoval	2018	Marissa Hernandez
1977	Donna Stevenson	2019	Alexis McGee
1978	Racheal Munoz	2020	Monica Aguilar
1979	Marlyne Perez	2021	Adriana Mendoza
1980	Ana Galindo	2022	Heidy Aguilar
1981	Cruz Elia Corpus	2023	Hailey Loya
1982	Jacie Guerra	2024	Baylee Hutcheson
1983	Melissa Cruz	2025	Sofia Terrazas
1984	Vanessa Cruz King: Cory Davila		
1985	Elvira Gonzalez		
1986	Martha Ruvalcaba		
1987	Maria Martinez		
1988	Lindsay Arteaga		
1989	Sondra Castillo		





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MISS GARDEN CITY FIESTA BRANDING ARTWORK BY SOPHIA HERNANDEZ

This design is a contemporary collage, a style that uses different images and graphic elements to tell a story rather than relying on a single photo. Every piece was intentionally chosen to represent an important part of the Miss Garden City Fiesta Scholarship Pageant and the legacy it celebrates.

The crown is the main focus of the design and is being presented in an open hand to symbolize the opportunity being offered to the next Miss Garden City Fiesta. The stack of books represents the scholarship aspect of the program, while the Garden City water tower represents the community contestants serve. The folklórico dancer celebrates the culture and traditions of Fiesta, and the historic queen and vintage Fiesta poster recognize the women and history that came before us. Even the red floral background and gold accents were chosen to bring in traditional Mexican-inspired design elements while giving the piece a fresh, modern feel.

My goal was to create something that tells a story instead of simply advertising a pageant. The design represents the idea that becoming Miss Garden City Fiesta is about much more than wearing a crown. It's about scholarship, leadership, service, culture, community, and becoming part of a tradition that has connected generations of young women for nearly 100 years.

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