

**Ms Arizona United States
Gina DeSimone won the title of Ms Arizona United States 2007.**

Gina DeSimone graduated from Arizona State University with a B.S. in psychology and earned her Masters at Argosy University/Phoenix.

But her biggest accomplishment to date is receiving her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology. Gina is a high achiever who has always kept her heart set on the next goal. She completed high school in just three years, began college courses at the age of 16 and was accepted into the doctoral program at Argosy University at the age of 21, immediately following the completion of her undergraduate program.

A truly self-motivated individual, DeSimone lives by the best advice she ever received, "The more we know, the more we realize what we do not know." She feels this is a genuinely humbling statement that allows her to keep striving for more.

DeSimone has worked as a volunteer helping with social skills groups for children in the Autism Spectrum and is now currently employed as a fulltime child therapist as she works toward state licensure. Her previous work experience includes assessment and therapy in schools, as well as working with trauma victims and political refugees. On a day-to-day basis, Gina provides individual therapy, group therapy, and psychological and psycho-educational assessment for children ages three and up.

In addition to her work as a child therapist, she plans to continue her journey of helping and advocating for children and families coping with autism during her year as Ms. Arizona. She feels this is a population often ignored, which she has seen firsthand with the loved ones in her life. She has spent time volunteering and raising funds for the Children's Center for Neurodevelopmental studies, and she has also helped raise money for autism research by securing \$1,100 in funds at the 2006 Walk Now for Autism and \$1,400 at the 2007 Walk.

