**Name:** Grace Gebara

**Title:** Miss Fulton

**Hometown:** Roswell, Georgia

**Date of Birth:** October 30, 2001

**Education:** Roswell High School, Fulton County, GA

**Platform Issue:** Kids Who Code

**Scholastic/Career Ambition:** Earn a BFA in Musical Theater with a minor in Computer Science

Become a Broadway Performer

**Talent:** Broadway Vocal - “I Could Have Danced All Night”

**Scholastic Honors:** National Honors Society; Principal’s Honor Roll; Currently enrolled in 4 Advanced Placement classes and all other Honors Classes; National Society of High School Scholars

**Leadership Roles:** Hour of Code Committee;Skills USA Computer Science Representative; Student Council Member; Interact Club; Key Club; Club Will to Live; Vacation Bible School Counselor; Choral Council President

**Accomplishments:** Created the Girls Who Code club at my high school; Girl Scouts Bronze and Silver Award recipient; Fiona in “Shrek” JTF/From the Top Theatrics; Ariel in “The Little Mermaid” From the Top Theatrics; Working with a non-profit foundation called “The Princess Project” for children's pediatric cancer; Orbit Arts Academy Company member; classically trained vocalist

**Interesting Facts:**  Trained balloon zoologist; Fluent in Java Code; Soloist in Kristin Chenoweth live concert; Half Lebanese; Broadway enthusiast; Hip hop and tap are my best dance styles; Private training with multiple Broadway legends; Avid video gamer

**Employment:** Full time student and freelance baby sitter

**How has the world you come from shaped your dreams and aspirations?** My mother is a strong woman who has taught me that anything is possible if I put in the time or effort. I have also been performing from a young age, so being on a stage has taught me to have confidence, even in front of the largest crowds. I have fallen in love with theater, and it is my goal to become a professional performer and eventually make it to Broadway.

**Of all the ways you could succeed in your life, why have you chosen to succeed in the Miss America Competition?** The Miss America Competition has given me a platform to further utilize my voice and speak out for what I believe in. In this competition, I’m not underestimated because of how I look or because of my gender. I’m seen as a role model for younger girls and it has shown me that what I do matters. I’ve learned to have confidence in both my body and my brain, and how to be a strong woman. I have chosen to succeed in the Miss America Competition because being a part of a sisterhood so great is an opportunity that I would not trade for the world.

**What social issue, other than your platform, will have the greatest impact on your generation and why?**

Body image is an important issue that affects everyone from my generation, regardless of gender. It is important to teach everyone that they are wonderful the way they are, and that their bodies should be celebrated. Growing up with social media has provided my generation with an unrealistic standard of beauty for both men and women that aids in creating the harmful mindset that many people have towards their bodies. We should be teaching confidence and self-love, and show that true beauty comes from within. We only have one body, and while it is important to take care of ourselves physically, it is so important to take care of ourselves mentally and remind ourselves that we are beautiful the way we are.