



**A2Z: You began modeling at the early age of fourteen. What inspired you to begin?**

DD: I actually kind of fell into the modeling world. I had a photographer approach me when I was in Junior High School and she set up an appointment for me with the FORD Robert Black Agency in Scottsdale, who offered me a contract. It was a perfect way to make great money and still have flexibility in my schedule to concentrate on school and other activities. I still work with the FORD Robert Black Agency and I'm now with LA Models in Los Angeles.

**A2Z: Did you know that you wanted to make it a career or did it just start out as a pastime?**

DD: Modeling has always been just one facet of my career. Working in the entertainment industry, it's just another piece of who I am. I've been lucky enough to work with some great clients such as Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom, Michael Casey, Nike and many more. But my main focus has always been on television hosting and acting.

**A2Z: What was your major at ASU? How has this helped to jumpstart your career?**

DD: I got my degree from Arizona State University in Broadcast Journalism with a minor in Theater. So my emphasis in college has definitely helped me, since these are the areas that I work in and make my living from.

## The Down Low on Danielle Demski

**A2Z: You are a talented model, actress, television host, spokeswoman and dancer. What area did you first pursue?**

DD: I began acting, doing commercials, theater, and modeling when I was in Junior High, so I've been working in all of these areas for a while. But dancing was my first love. I started taking ballet and tap when I was only six years old and, later, I continued by dancing professionally with the Arizona Cardinals Cheerleaders. I was able to perform at the Cardinals games and appear in their annual swimsuit calendar, but it also gave me the opportunity to be a part of the Cardinal's Show Team. This experience allowed me to travel and perform all over the world, which was a life changing experience!

**A2Z: What is the area of work that you enjoy the most so far?**

DD: The entertainment business is an extremely competitive industry, so I'm happy to be working and making a living in both the areas of TV hosting and film and television acting. Hosting is a lot of fun because I'm able to show my personality, be goofy, and I've gotten to interview some very interesting people. But I also love to act. There's nothing like being on the set of a film and then, later, seeing

the work come to life onscreen. It's a totally different technique, so it's difficult to compare the two.

**A2Z: With all of these things going on in your life, how do you make time for fun or relaxation?**

DD: I really enjoy what I do, so I consider it to be "fun" when I'm working. But I also have time to relax between shoots where I'll go on vacation or spend time with my friends and family. I just recently got back from a trip to the Sundance Film Festival. I saw some great new films and went skiing!

**A2Z: Congratulations on winning the title of 2004 Miss Arizona USA! How did you get involved with the pageant?**

DD: I knew that the Miss USA pageant, owned by Donald Trump, was world renowned and would be a great way for me to further my career, community service and would be a once in a lifetime experience. I wanted to try competing for the title of Miss Arizona USA, but wanted to wait until I had the most time to devote to it. So right after I graduated from ASU I competed for my first time and was lucky enough to win Miss Arizona USA 2004 along with every preliminary competition.

**A2Z: Where did you get to travel to during the Miss Arizona USA and Miss USA pageant?**

DD: During my time as Miss Arizona USA I made appearances all over the state of Arizona at charity events, elementary schools doing TV interviews and also traveled to other places around the country. While participating in the Miss USA pageant, I spent two and a half weeks traveling to all different locations throughout Southern California. I made appearances on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno, Jimmy Kimmel Live, The Best Damn Sports Show, and The Wayne Brady Show. And throughout our long days of publicity shoots and interviews, we were able to find the time to put together and rehearse for the television show. But the highlight of all this was when I was called out as a finalist for the title of Miss USA during the live telecast.

**A2Z: What was it like to be part of such a sought-after competition. Most of all, what did it feel like to win?**

DD: It was an incredible feeling to hear my name called out as the new Miss Arizona USA. It all went by so quickly and was such a whirlwind experience from the time I arrived at the pageant to the moment I won. But after the crown was placed on my head, it was the beginning of a whole new adventure. At that point, I began to take on all my duties and

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activities as Miss Arizona USA and I also had to get ready to go to the Miss USA pageant in Hollywood, California.

**A2Z: What was your favorite "cheat" food when you were on your strict diet for the pageant?**

DD: Pizza is my favorite food. I love it! So that's one thing I can't say no to. But overall, I have never really put myself on a strict diet. I just try to work out more and eat healthy.

**A2Z: What charities and organizations did you sponsor? Are you still involved with them today?**

DD: I have worked with so many charities over the years it's difficult to list them all. Some of my favorites include The Make a Wish Foundation, Read Across America, and The United Way. But most of my time and energy went to promoting literacy awareness in our school systems. I was able to do this through implementing a video that I wrote, hosted, directed, and produced in to elementary schools across Arizona. The video covers the awareness and sensitivity issues relating to illiteracy. Through the Miss Arizona USA title, I received the opportunity to speak in elementary schools across the state and work with these children one on one.

**A2Z: What are you currently spending your time on?**

DD: I'm now living in Los Angeles, California where I do the majority of my work. My most recent projects include a new show I'm hosting for the Game Show Network called "Three Card Poker Championship." The show is really exciting and fast paced. We have contestants who come from all over the country for a chance to win the one-million dollar prize that we give away to one person at the end of the show! It premieres on Monday, April 17 on GSN. I also recently completed work on my first feature film called Tranced. It's a comedy that will be released in June 2006.

**A2Z: This being our style issue, how would you describe your personal style?**

DD: My personal style is very simple: jeans and a T-shirt. I am usually working and have a stylist dressing me and doing my makeup, so I cherish my free time when I'm in my favorite pair of jeans and a comfy T-shirt.

**A2Z: Who is your favorite designer?**

DD: Betsy Johnson. Her style is very feminine and I love all the bright colors she uses.

**A2Z: What kinds of style do you like in a guy?**

DD: I usually like a guy that's clean cut and has a casual, together look. But, ultimately, I think it's more about how a guy carries himself and confidence that makes their style work.

**A2Z: What are your plans for the rest of 2006?**

DD: I have several TV shows and film projects in the works, so you'll definitely be seeing me a lot of places this year. You can keep up with all my new projects and appearances on my website at [www.Danielle-Demski.com](http://www.Danielle-Demski.com).

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