

MICHAELA STEAGER

Prague Queen 2015 | Nebraska Czech-Slovak 2015-2016 | Miss Czech Slovak US 2016-2017

PRAGUE 2015

I was crowned the Prague Czech Queen on May 8th 2015. After 6 years of being the Prague Princess starting at age 5, I had always known this was something I was meant to do. Even with this understanding, the year I became Prague Queen was *very* hectic. I decided I would run at the end of April, a week prior to the due date for the Nebraska Application. Then within two weeks, my mom created a kroj for me for my coronation on the 8th, and two months later I was competing in Clarkson.

Prior to Clarkson I went to the National Polka Festival in Ennis, Texas, the South Central Festival in Hastings, Nebraska, and the Tabor Czech Days in Tabor, South Dakota. Just 3 events and then on to Clarkson.



NEBRASKA 2015-2016

I was grateful to receive the Oratory Award, Private Interview Award, and Americanized Kroj Award with the overall title of Miss Nebraska Czech-Slovak Queen 2015-2016. I then proceeded to travel to Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, South Dakota, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Illinois. Traveling well over 13,000 miles. Ending in Wilber on the National Stage.



MISS CZECH SLOVAK US 2016-2017

After diligent work I went to Nationals to receive the Overall Oratory Award, Americanized Kroj Award, and Grand Talent Award, and my heart was overjoyed with pride for my heritage and family. Over my year as Miss Czech-Slovak US I was in 14 Newspapers, 1 magazine, 2 television interviews, 41 events, 11 states, 2 countries, for a total of 26,463 miles.



WHAT NOW

I currently work as a travel agent for AAA in Lincoln, Nebraska. I am still active in the Czech community working as one of the chairman for the Nebraska Pageant, and a member of the Nebraska Czechs of Prague. Being a part of these competitions and organizations has been the most rewarding experience of my life thus far, and I hope to help other young women experience the fulfillment of it as well.