



Cara Mund

Class of 2012

In 2012, when Cara Mund was preparing to graduate from Century High School, her classmates voted her “Most Likely to Become Miss America.” While many of the ‘most-likely-to-awards’ do not come to fruition, this innocent prediction became reality for Mund just five years later. On September 10, 2017, Cara made history as the first and only woman from the state of North Dakota to become Miss America.

This title, however, is just one representation of Cara’s pursuit of dreams. She is an attorney, a former congressional candidate, and an Ivy League honors graduate from both Brown University and Harvard Law School.

In her role as Miss America 2018, Cara advocated the importance of empowering women, higher education, and community service. She served as the National Goodwill Ambassador for the Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals, worked closely with the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and supported our troops with the USO.

Cara has been featured on Good Morning America, The Today Show, CNN, and Live with Kelly and Ryan -- just to name a few. After her year as Miss America, Cara traveled as an international motivational speaker in partnership with the Discovery Channel and Princess Cruises, was a featured keynote speaker at the Coca-Cola headquarters, performed at the Hollywood Bowl with her Miss America sisters, and accomplished one of her biggest goals: obtaining her Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School.

While at Brown University, Cara earned several awards, including BEO Honors, Coca-Cola Scholar, P.E.O. STAR Scholar, Corre Anding Stegall Collegiate Leadership Award, and the Prudential Spirit of Community Scholar Award. At Harvard, she was awarded the Harvard Law School Dean’s Scholar Prize, the Kristin P. Muniz Memorial Award, the HLS/SJC Pro Bono Honors Award, as well as the P.E.O Scholar Award.

Currently, Cara continues to advocate for others as a dually barred attorney at Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP, the largest law firm in the world devoted solely to business litigation and arbitration

Named one of the “Five Women Who Changed North Dakota History,” Cara does not shy away from embracing life and taking on challenges, firmly believing that everyone needs to “chase their dreams, pursue their passions, and live a life to be proud of.”

