



**Olivia Jordan Thomas** (born September 28, 1988) is an American actress, model and beauty pageant titleholder who will represent the USA at Miss Universe 2015 after being crowned Miss USA on July 12, 2015 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She also represented the United States at Miss World 2013 in Bali, Indonesia where she finished in the top 20. Jordan is the first woman from Oklahoma to be crowned Miss USA.

## Early life

Olivia Jordan Thomas was born and raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma to Bob and Jill Thomas. She is a 4th generation Tulsan and a graduate of Bishop Kelley High School.<sup>[1]</sup> She attended college in Boston, Massachusetts. While at Boston University, she lived on the 9th floor of Sleeper Hall and became SAG-eligible through featured extra work in the movies *Ted* and *Here Comes the Boom*.<sup>[1]</sup> She graduated from Boston University in May 2011 with a Bachelor of Science in Outline of health sciences. She then moved to Los Angeles to pursue a career in modeling and acting. She has appeared in multiple feature films and appeared in *Hot Tub Time Machine 2* as well as the Lifetime television pilot *Unreal*.<sup>[2]</sup>

Reference: Wikipedia

# Pop culture: Tulsans know Miss USA by another name

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By popular demand, here's some additional intel about Olivia Jordan, a Tulsan who was recently crowned Miss USA:

One reader asked this: Olivia Jordan? Who are you trying to fool? That's Olivia Thomas.

Actually, she's both.

Olivia Thomas is the daughter of Jill Thomas and former University of Tulsa football player Bob Thomas. She was Olivia Thomas when she attended Bishop Kelley High School and Boston University, where she was noticed by filmmakers and was cast in minor roles in movies like "Ted" and "Here Comes the Boom."

Olivia caught the acting bug and moved to California. A family member explained that when she tried to get a Screen Actors Guild card as Olivia Thomas, someone already had the name. So, Olivia Jordan was born. And it was Olivia Jordan who won Miss Oklahoma USA (not the same as Miss Oklahoma, for those worried that one might be mistaken for the other) and it was Olivia Jordan who became the first Miss Oklahoma USA to be crowned Miss USA and it will be Olivia Jordan who, as a result, will compete in the Miss Universe Pageant.

Jordan will live in New York during her reign as Miss USA. She recently posted this message on Instagram: "Sun setting on the best day of my life (since I haven't slept yet). I was crowned Miss USA, jetted off to NYC, moved into my dream apartment with Central Park views, met the MUO family, got styled for my press week. ... did some pre-interviews and realized that I am living the life I always dreamed about."

Jordan posted on Twitter that she did her first official interview as Miss USA when she appeared Tuesday morning on "Fox and Friends." Later, when being interviewed by Access Hollywood, she took questions about the gown she wore at the Miss USA Pageant, her relationship with the first runner-up (Miss Texas USA Ylianna Guerra) and, of course, Donald Trump's comments which caused some networks to pull the plug on "his" pageant.

"You know it was a little disappointing initially when we got the news," Jordan said. "We had just shown up to Miss USA (in Baton Rouge, La.) and the first thing we heard when we got there was it would no longer air on Univision, it would no longer air on NBC. So of course it was a little disappointing. But I've been in the entertainment business for four years and if you learn anything in entertainment, you learn to roll with the punches and I had no concerns that there would be a hitch in the show and there wasn't."