



OUR OWN MISS AMERICA—Jennifer Berry, a 22-year-old senior education major and student in the OU School of Dance, wowed judges and audience alike with a ballet en pointe performance that propelled her to the 2006 Miss America crown. Berry, an articulate Tulsa native who won the Miss Oklahoma title in June 2005, is the fifth state representative to become Miss America. The pageant, held January 21 for the first time in Las Vegas, earned Berry \$30,000 in scholarships. She still plans to become an elementary schoolteacher when her year's reign ends after traveling 20,000 miles a month promoting the Miss America program and her own platform, the prevention of drunken driving and underage drinking.

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