

**Biography of
Tessa Louise O'Hanlon Christiansen
Fiesta Teen Queen**

Tessa Louise O'Hanlon Christiansen is senior at Ronald Reagan High School and is on the Varsity Swim Team, serving as a Team Captain. Tessa is a Vice President of the National Honor Society. For swimming, Tessa competed in the Junior Nationals, Winter Nationals, Futures, Sectionals and State Swim Meets. She was selected two years in a row by the San Antonio Express Newspaper for the All City Swim Team. Tessa earned the Scholastic All American and NISCA All American designation for swimming and is in the top 4 percent of her class. Tessa committed to swim in college at SMU. SMU is a D1 (Division 1), Power 4 school in the ACC Conference. Pony Up!

Tessa is committed to serving the community. Tessa serves as Chaplain for the Children of the Republic of Texas (CRT). She gives prayers at Alamo and historical ceremonies. Tessa served as Vice President of Leadership in the National Charity League (NCL) and loves volunteering at the Bulverde Humane Society and Haven for Hope. Tessa is a member of the Woman's Club who selected her to be the Fiesta Teen Queen. The Woman's Club's mission statement is "for mutual improvement and cooperation in all charitable and educational undertakings that pertain to the greater good of humanity". Tessa holds up this mission statement with her volunteering through The Woman's Club. Respite Care, an official charity of The Woman's Club, is a home for abused and special needs children. Tessa's favorite event to volunteer with is the annual Christmas party for the Respite Care children. Tessa chairs the Christmas party for the Respite Care children the past several years and currently, where each child and their caregivers get to play games, eat food, decorate cookies, and Santa visits giving each child a specially chosen gift. Tessa also volunteers with the annual ice cream social event for the Respite Care children where they play on the playground with the kids and then serve the children and caregivers ice cream sundaes.

Tessa is a proud 8th generation Texan and loves that Fiesta is a party with a purpose that helps non-profits. Tessa's parents are Brian & Johanna Christiansen (Aggies), siblings Harold & Sophia Christiansen (Aggies), and grandfather Harold Atkinson (Longhorn). Tessa's sister Sophia Christiansen served as the 2021 Fiesta Teen Queen.

Tessa is passionate about heart disease awareness and the importance of getting your heart checked. Both of her grandmothers had undetected atrial fibrillation (AFIB) that resulted in strokes. Tessa had Wolff Parkinson White Syndrome (WPW), that is an extra electrical pathway in the heart causing rapid heartbeats. Tessa was grateful that her condition was diagnosed and that a surgical procedure was able to fix her heart. She encourages those of all ages to get their heart checked annually.

Tessa is very honored to be the Fiesta Teen Queen! Viva Fiesta!!