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## **First Lady attends Homecoming for Miss American Samoa.**



Miss American Samoa 2025, Pauliana AngelfromHeaven Felise Vitale, received a warm and enthusiastic welcome upon her return home after representing American Samoa at the 2025 Miss Pacific Islands pageant. A large crowd of supporters gathered at Pago Pago International Airport to greet her, filling the arrival area with excitement and celebration. Among those in attendance were First Lady Lois Phillips-Pula, cabinet members, the Maluali'i Dance Group, as well as Miss American Samoa's family, friends, and devoted supporters.

Upon arriving at the terminal, Miss American Samoa was greeted with enthusiastic cheers and a vibrant welcome dance performed by the Maluali'i Dance Group. Overcome with emotion, she was moved to tears of joy as her people honored her with a heartfelt and well-deserved reception.

A brief ceremony was held to honor Miss American Samoa and her team, recognizing their dedication and efforts during the Miss Pacific Islands pageant. In her remarks, Miss American Samoa expressed her deep gratitude to the community for their unwavering support throughout her journey “The pageant was a remarkable experience. I did not go there by myself; I took American Samoa with me. I am a daughter of American Samoa, a daughter of God and now I am a daughter of the Pacific. I could not have done anything without the support of our people. Thank you for all your prayers and support.”

First Lady Lois Phillips-Pula had the honor of delivering a brief remark, expressing her gratitude to Miss American Samoa for her outstanding efforts in representing our island home. “This is the first time I have been invited to such an event, and it is truly a great honor to be part of this momentous occasion. I would like to congratulate Miss American Samoa, your team that represented our home in the Miss Pacific Islands Pageant, a job well done by everyone.” The First Lady also conveyed the Honorable Governor’s regards and gratitude, noting his absence but emphasizing his appreciation for Miss American Samoa’s efforts. She concluded by saying, "I hope that the platform and standard set by Miss American Samoa will inspire our people to have the courage to represent our territory not only across the Pacific but also on an international stage. May God continue to bless you, Miss American Samoa, along with all the organizations that support your mission."

The Miss American Samoa delegation included Miss American Samoa Incorporated (MASI) President Simeafou Imo, hairstylists, makeup artists, and designers, as well as Ms. Taimalelagi Minnie Tuia, Director of the American Samoa Visitors Bureau, and representatives from Bluesky Communications.

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