

# SANIYA - SYMONE

ACTRESS, AUTHOR, MODEL, HOST, SPEAKER, TEENPRENEUR

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2019 & 2020 & 2021 & 2022  
Black Girls Lead  
Black Girls Rock Inc Cohort

2019 Eyeconic TV  
Kidpreneur of the Year

2019-2021 PreTeen Miss  
Ultimate Beauty of America

2020 TeenBiz Camp  
Target Evolution, Inc.

2022 Gold Presidential Achievement  
Award for Volunteer Service  
AmeriCorps



by Saniya-Symone  
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**Saniya-Symone** Scott is a 16-year-old actress, author, host, inspirational speaker and teenpreneur from Houston, Texas. Saniya has been featured in numerous publications, short films and commercials. She is the CEO of Symone's Stones which is an online jewelry & accessory boutique. She is also the CEO of Iconic Legends which is a premium apparel line, in which she creates and designs products that helps encourage her buyers to feel confidence from within. A percentage of proceeds from her sales of both businesses are donated to various charities and non profit organizations. In 2019, Saniya was awarded the title of kidpreneur of the year by Eyeconic Television. In the same year, she was crowned the 2019-2020 Preteen Miss Ultimate Beauty of America where she competed on the platform of empowering youth to build self-esteem to put an end to bullying. In June of 2019, Mayor Turner of Houston presented Saniya with her own day in the city for being an inspiration to youth and for her service in the community . Shortly afterwards, Saniya was selected to be a part of the 2019 Black Girls Lead Cohort sponsored by Black Girls Rock, Inc at Colombia University in New York City which is a program that she has participated with virtually through 2022. Saniya is currently completing her second book, titled, "They Say that I'm Too Young" which is a motivational book to inspire all ages to set goals regardless of their circumstances. In collaboration with Texas Southern University's S.H.A.P.E. Initiative, Saniya is currently the host of the Teen Nation TalkShow which tackles teen issues by creating meaningful dialogue while giving other teens a platform to discuss their interests. Saniya loves reading and is a member of her high school drill team where she serves as a social spirit officer. Although Saniya has a huge love for the arts and entrepreneurship and plans to continue to build her businesses, she also desires to attend college to become a medical doctor when she graduates.

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## Notable Appearances & Recognition

### 2014

The Writer's Block |Maya Angelou Tribute  
Me Doing Me - Music Video  
Prettiest Pearls Girls Conf. 2014

### 2015

Tempt to Fire - Movie  
Prettiest Pearls Girls Conference 2015  
MD Anderson Hospital Commercial  
MadameNoire Online Magazine

### 2016

HERstory Correspondent -  
The Real Daytime  
Junior Style London Feature  
WGN Underground - Extra Child  
National Black Book Festival  
Diva Day Houston Honoree  
Buffalo Soldiers Sophisticated 16  
Black Heritage Art Exhibit Presenter  
2nd Annual Etiquette Summit for Queens  
Glossy Girls Cupcake & Sip Pop Up Shop  
Mocha Kid Magazine Cover  
Mommy & Me Expo Tour Speaker

### 2017

SparkleGirl Club Honoree  
Houston Kiddo Award  
Mademoiselle Conference  
Great Day Houston |Deborah Duncan  
Children's Hospital Commercial  
Texas Black Expo Vendor/Presenter  
Houston Style Magazine Feature  
Action Magazine Campaign  
Youth Empowerment Summit  
B.E.A.U.T.Y Mentors Honoree

### 2018

Dell Computer Education Commercial  
In My Own Backyard - Short Film  
Smile Design Studio Marketing Ads  
Chicks with Class Tween Beauty brunch  
AntiBullying Summer Kickback - Houston  
Doing Far More Television Show  
TeenKick Retreat Presenter  
iHeartRadio 93.7 Interview  
GBU Safe Summer Kickback - Jackson, MS

### 2019

Eyeconic Television Kidpreneur of the Year  
Miss Preteen Ultimate Beauty of America  
Black Girls Lead Conf. | Black Girls Rock  
Celebrating You  
Girls who Brunch Tour

### 2020

Alief ISD Career Day Speaker  
Fort Bend ISD Career Day Speaker  
TeenBiz Houston  
B.E.E. (Business Empowerment Expo)  
Black Girls Lead Virtual Conf w/ Microsoft  
Girls Who Brunch Virtual Tour - Speaker  
TeenNation TalkShow Host  
City of Houston Mask Up Campaign

### 2021

NHCAC Delta Sigma Theta Economic  
Development Committee Panelist  
Sugar Valley Top Teens Speaker  
Dream Big 2k21 Virtual Event Moderator  
Black Girls Lead Virtual Conference  
Women Empowering Nations Panelist  
Music for Life | Wellness Fest - Host  
Community of Faith Toys of Hope Drive

### 2022

Secure Your Bag, Get Coins - Celebrating YOU  
Presidential Achievement Award  
One22 Teen Summit - 1st Metro Church  
Teen Nation 5th Annual BTS Wellness Fest





**Proclamation**

**Saniya Scott**

WHEREAS, Houston's youth are the future of our city, and their accomplishments reflect the success their future holds. Young individuals who dedicate themselves to achieving their goals are deserving of recognition. Saniya Scott is a motivated teen who believes that every child deserves the opportunity and support to live in their purpose and accomplish unimagined dreams and goals; and,

WHEREAS, in 2015, Saniya Scott co-established the Kam & Nya Children Empowerment Network, which focuses on building a pipeline of young leaders and entrepreneurs. The following year, she co-authored and published her first book titled "Cooking in Style," which is a story cookbook to motivate children to read, become confident in the kitchen and to make healthy eating choices; and,

WHEREAS, Saniya Scott's innovative pursuits continued with her debut of Symone's Simons, a jewelry line, and Iconic Legends, a clothing line, with the desire to build self-esteem amongst her peers and to encourage them to begin working on their goals at an early age. A percentage of proceeds from her sales are donated to various charities and local nonprofit organizations; and,

WHEREAS, Saniya Scott was crowned the national title of 2019 Preteen Ultimate Beauty of America where she competed on her platform of Youth Empowerment & Self Esteem Building to prevent bullying. Later this year, she will release her latest book, entitled "They Say That I am Too Young," which furthers her message of pushing past limitations and rejection as a young adult while keeping their goals forefront; and,

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2019, Saniya Scott will be recognized for her overall accomplishments and achievements while promoting positivity throughout through her books, business ventures and philanthropic efforts. The City of Houston commends Saniya Scott for using her platform to spread positivity and extends best wishes for her continued success.

THEREFORE, I, Sylvester Turner, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaim June 14, 2019, as

**Saniya Scott Day**

in Houston, Texas.

MARCH 2019

**THE BREATHE ISSUE**

High Alliance Magazine is pleased to introduce talented creative artist Saniya Symone. Thank you for speaking with us today.

Tell us about your brand.

My name is Saniya Symone, and I am a 22-year-old actress, model, entrepreneur, empowerment speaker, and author. I have a Jewelry line called "Symone's Simons" that was founded in 2017, and I have an Apparel Line called "Iconic Legends" which was founded in 2018. I am also the co-author and illustrator of a children's story cookbook, titled "Cooking in Style."

When did you know this was the right path for you?

I have always been interested in entertainment, fashion, and arts. I know from the age of 4 that I wanted to be a part of something that allowed me to express my creativity. I began acting by auditioning for different plays at my elementary school. I enjoyed it so much that my mom reached out to a friend who's daughter was signed to a local talent agency. I was selected by the agency and have been acting and modeling ever since. I began making money for fun and then people would ask to buy bracelets every time I wore them. I turned this hobby into a business because I loved seeing the reaction when people looked at my pieces. I am now expanding my business portfolio to include apparel because it's really fun designing clothing and then getting the opportunity to see people wear what you have designed.

What is the biggest obstacle you have faced and how did you overcome it?

I really love what I do but my favorite part is seeing the impact that I make on others. Seeing the final product after all the work has given it is a breath of fresh air. It's also great showing other kids and teens that they can set goals and achieve them at an early age. Kids don't always have the confidence to start businesses or ask to their parents about trying something new. I hope that I can help encourage them to do so.

If your phone could ring right now with your dream opportunity, what would that be?

The biggest obstacle that I've had in my career is focusing on and completing one idea before going to the next. I have so many ideas that I want to do everything, but my mom keeps me on track and makes sure that I complete everything and stay on schedule. Another huge obstacle is learning how to deal with rejection. In acting, there are more rejections than anything when auditioning. I am learning that this is the same in business.

What do you want people to remember most about you?

This is a very difficult question. I've always dreamed of being invited to present at events such as the Black Girls Rock or the Met Gala, but since I am excited about my businesses, my dream opportunity would be for my products to be carried in a major department store.

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**SANIYA SYMONE**

*Featured Creative Artist*



