



# TOP 20 BIOS



**Name:** Amanda Tan

**Age:** 27

**Height:** 169cm

**Weight:** 50kg

Amanda is a Marketing Manager at *Frunatic*, Singapore's first fine dining therapeutic wellness restaurant. They believe in wholesome flavor, and personalize meals to harmonise nutrients in the body.

A health and fitness junkie, Amanda is also a closet bookworm and indulges in a book or two during her free time.

She believes that a good heart always comes from good thoughts and once volunteered at a charity helping abused and battered women. Amanda believes in the empowerment of women and gender equality, that there should be no barriers against women advancing in anything they set their mind to do.



**Name:** Ashley Rita Wong

**Age:** 24

**Height:** 170cm

**Weight:** 50kg

Ashley, a private tuition teacher currently volunteers at HealthServe Singapore teaching English to migrant workers. She hopes that her small but meaningful contribution could help improve their lives and upgrade their skills.

She video games in her free time and wishes to break the perception that it is a heavily male-centric activity.

Ashley also participated in The New Paper New Face 2016.

Her love for animals makes her a firm believer against animal testing and the illegal trade of tiger parts and snake skin. She wishes to volunteer at ACRES in hopes of slowly stomping down on illegal wildlife trade.



**Name:** Camira Asrori

**Age:** 24

**Height:** 167cm

**Weight:** 56kg

A fashion stylist by profession, Camira graduated from LASALLE College of the Arts with a Bachelor in Fashion Communication.

She supports both the local and regional fashion scene fervently and collaborates with them on certain occasions. She also represents some of these brands by donning their latest collections when attending various fashion events.

Though her journey through the industry hasn't always been a smooth sailing one, fashion has always been her inspiration, and she will continue to keep at it.

In the same way that fashion has inspired Camira, she hopes that people around the world could use it to express themselves freely.



**Name:** Cara Neo

**Age:** 25

**Height:** 161cm

**Weight:** 53kg

Cara, an entrepreneur and business owner is also the founder of the Singapore Mermaid School.

She enjoys unwinding to old movies from the Classic Hollywood era and has a soft spot for medieval instruments. She also has an interest in writing and singing inspirational music.

Cara strongly believes that children are our future and through her career, hopes to open up avenues and construct solutions for them to think creatively and play imaginatively.

She embraces both her strengths and weaknesses and feels that being confident is a process. *“Everyone is brought into this world to sing a special note that is left to be discovered along your journey”.*



**Name:** Dalvin Kaur

**Age:** 25

**Height:** 171cm

**Weight:** 53kg

A graduate from SIM-UOL, Dalvin holds a degree in Accounting and Finance.

She practices yoga and meditation for healing, and at times as a stress reliever.

She feels very strongly about providing equal opportunities for underprivileged children and hopes to further this cause by partnering with beneficiaries that target this. She aspires to work with them to ensure their educational needs are met.

Dalvin is a go-getter and due to certain experiences in her life has learnt that nothing should stop anyone from achieving their goals. Her mother has been an important figure in her life and has taught her that the values of positivity and passion are the definition of beauty. Dalvin lives by those values.



**Name:** Debra Loi

**Age:** 24

**Height:** 161cm

**Weight:** 53kg

Graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Nursing from Curtin University Australia, Debra is a full time registered nurse at a local Government hospital.

She has lived in many cities since very little. She spent 5 years in Hong Kong with her family, moved to Beijing for 8 years studying in a local school and then home to Singapore at the tender age of 13 for her higher school education. She went on to pursue a degree in Australia before returning back to live and work permanently.

Debra holds children with special needs, specifically autism very close to her heart. Seeing the emotional stress a family friend goes through, she hopes to volunteer at an autism organization to lend her support and to help in the best way she can.



**Name:** Emilbiany Nenggal Intong

**Age:** 18

**Height:** 174cm

**Weight:** 52kg

Emilbiany is of Malay, Chinese, Filipino and Spanish descent and currently pursuing a diploma in Theatre at Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, she also participated in The New Paper New Face 2016.

She enjoys practicing flamenco, playing the guitar, spending time with cats and playing the guitar in her free time.

An alpha female, Emilbiany was raised single-handedly by her mother and her aunties, making her appreciate the values of compassion, independence and strength. She believes that her family background has inspired her to connect with people and pave new insights for the betterment of our society and the lives of individuals.



**Name:** Estelle Heng

**Age:** 19

**Height:** 170cm

**Weight:** 52kg

Our youngest contestant in the top 20 this year, Estelle is a student in Temasek Polytechnic pursuing a diploma in Gerontological Management Studies.

With a soft spot for the aging population, Estelle hopes that the diploma she is currently pursuing will help her understand more about them.

She holds a black belt in Takewondo and represents her school in the sport and fights competitively during National Inter-School competitions.

A family girl at heart Estelle spends most of her time with her family in activities such as baking, cooking and playing card games.

Estelle shares a special relationship with her parents and through their unconditional love for her, discovered what true beauty really is, making her believe in what Mother Teresa once said, "We can do no great things, only small things with great love".



**Name:** Mandi Cheung Pei Wen

**Age:** 22

**Height:** 170cm

**Weight:** 56kg

A flight attendant, Mandi took up a diploma in Community Services and Psychology at Ngee Ann Polytechnic.

The nature of Mandi's job takes her to many places around the world and has also opened up her eyes to lesser privileged children- a cause she feels strongly about. She believes in the potential of every child and that they have the ability to pursue their dreams, to succeed and to be the change we want to see in this world.

Mandi leads an active lifestyle, she practices yoga in her free time and also has an interest in latin dance. She used to dance competitively with the Dancesport Academy of Singapore and is looking to take it up again.



**Name:** Manuela Blanka Bruntraeger

**Age:** 24

**Height:** 166cm

**Weight:** 47kg

An outdoor enthusiast, Manuela holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from LASALLE College of the Arts. Manuela is uniquely Singaporean- her mother is Eurasian and father Caucasian.

A perfect weekend out for her would be exploring the great outdoors and being one with nature. She sometimes finds solace and enjoyment in creating art that revolves around finding magic in the mundane.

Manuela believes that inner beauty is a light that radiates from the soul and has the capability to reach out and touch hearts and minds. She wishes to gather efforts from everyone to work towards a sustainable future, making it a beautiful place for all to live in.



**Name:** Nadiah Sapuan

**Age:** 24

**Height:** 173cm

**Weight:** 57.5kg

Nadiah, now a cabin crew may be a familiar face to some as she participated in The New Paper New Face 2012.

She won ITE-Carrie's Next Top Model as well as the CLEO Runway Search.

Nadiah dares to be different, and apart from carving out a modelling career for herself, she rides up to Malaysia once in a while with her friends to dirt bike. She owns two motorbikes, one a scrambler and the other a sport bike that's purely for dirt biking.

She believes in being confident and fearless in pursuit of fulfilling her passion.



**Name:** Rudihra Ramathas

**Age:** 26

**Height:** 170cm

**Weight:** 56kg

Rudihra is beauty with brains.

She graduated from The Australian National University with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and went on to pursue a Masters in Professional Accounting at the Royal Melbourne University of Technology. She currently works as a pricing analyst.

A self-confessed baker, she spends her free time baking for family and friends and it sometimes serves as a stress reliever for her. Rudihra also keeps a healthy lifestyle by hitting the gym occasionally and attending outdoor camps when she can.

Having been through an unfortunate experience in her life before, Rudihra wishes to be an advocate to end domestic violence against women around the world by representing Singapore on the committee for United Nations (UN) Women.

Rudihra hopes to use the Miss Universe Singapore platform to further her cause by embarking on a project called *HELP ANNA* to raise awareness on the empowerment of women within Singapore and the region and to slowly eliminate violence against them.



**Name:** Setia Vegawati

**Age:** 25

**Height:** 167cm

**Weight:** 50kg

This is the first time Vega, a dance specialist, has participated in a beauty pageant since her younger days. When she was just ten years old, she participated in Little Miss Singapore.

She was exposed to the entertainment industry at a very young age and grew up appreciating dancing, modelling and acting while juggling her time at school. She has travelled to Las Vegas, South Korea and Kazakhstan for performances.

Vega feels beautiful in her own skin and would like all women to be empowered to feel the same. She believes that it starts with acceptance and self-awareness.



**Name:** Shahira Jan

**Age:** 26

**Height:** 168cm

**Weight:** 55kg

This is the first time Shahira, a guest relations associate is taking part in a beauty pageant.

She is a bit of a foodie and in her free time visits eateries that serve up different cuisines from all around the world. She also enjoys online shopping and Netflix.

Shahira is an independent woman. She didn't have an easy time growing up and started working at a very young age. She hopes that through this, she will be an inspiration to many other young women out there who have gone through or are going through the same.



**Name:** Sharmen Diana Frugniet

**Age:** 20

**Height:** 172cm

**Weight:** 50kg

Sharmen, a part time model is currently pursuing Early Childhood Education at KLC International Institute.

She holds a blog that she updates on a regular basis with anything fashion, lifestyle and food.

Sharmen believes that beauty radiates from within and attributes her uniqueness as an individual to the rough past that she's been through. Because of her past, she has grown to become a stronger person and embrace positivity.



**Name:** Shonalie Raha

**Age:** 23

**Height:** 175cm

**Weight:** 63kg

Shonalie holds a Bachelor in Environmental studies from Carlton University, Ottawa, Canada and currently works as a Storytelling Strategist in a digital marketing firm.

Shonalie has a beautiful story to tell herself. She is an active advocate against climate change and once organized a climate conference that encourages the use of renewable electricity for a clean energy economy. There were over 20,000 people in attendance that marched for climate justice.

In a couple of months from now, Shonalie will be part of the organizing committee for the Eco Film Festival here in Singapore. The festival celebrates sustainable solutions that exist and creates awareness on activities that are detrimental to the environment.



**Name:** Suffianah Baharin

**Age:** 26

**Height:** 162cm

**Weight:** 51kg

A human resource professional, Suffianah currently works as a talent acquisition manager.

She spends a lot of time with her pets, more particularly, with her two cats- one a Ragdoll and the other a Siamese. In her free time, she enjoys painting and cooking. She specialises in Western cuisine.

Suffianah feels very strongly about children and believes that proper guidance and care is very important. She is looking to volunteer at Smile Asia helping children who are recovering from cleft lip surgery as well as Melrose Home that looks after under privileged children.



**Name:** Tanooja Rai

**Age:** 27

**Height:** 169cm

**Weight:** 54kg

Tanooja graduated from the National University of Singapore with a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering. There were only six girls in the course and Tanooja was one of them.

A sporty one, she hits the gym in her spare time and sometimes partakes in a game of netball with her friends.

She works hard to achieve her goals including an offer given to her by her school to experience startup ecosystems in the Silicon Valley in San Francisco.

Tanooja believes that there is no force more powerful than a woman determined to rise. Having experienced and losing someone close to her heart due to depression, she has begun helping individuals who are suffering from it and wishes to inspire and develop a proper support system for more who are suffering from the disorder.



**Name:** Tessa Hogan

**Age:** 25

**Height:** 160cm

**Weight:** 50kg

Tessa participated in The New Paper New Face back in 2011. She now works as a priority banker.

She enjoys the island life very much and spends a lot of her time relaxing by the water with a philosophical book in tow. She practices pilates in her free time.

Tessa is a determined individual and resonates with the quote *"No force equal to a woman determined to rise"* written by W.E.B. Du Bois.

She aspires to close the income gap between rich and poor and hopes to do so by taking purposeful steps to making this a reality. She intends to work collaboratively with volunteer organizations in Singapore and attending forums and gatherings that advocate the cause.



**Name:** Trinisha Kaur

**Age:** 22

**Height:** 175cm

**Weight:** 55kg

Trinisha, a pharmaceuticals assistant is also a self-confessed make-up addict.

She watches make-up tutorial videos for inspiration in her free time, plays netball and spends a fair bit of time with her siblings. Trinisha is also currently learning to play the Harmonium.

Growing up in a single parent family for Trinisha wasn't easy, but it has taught her to be self-reliant and to always keep a positive mind.

She hopes to make a difference and to slowly eliminate global warming by encouraging sustainable living through recycling and reducing the amount of waste sent to landfills and combustion facilities.