

**Name: Anna Casador – Saccoccio**

**Title: Elite Rhode Island**

**Education:**

- Currently enrolled at Harvard – Health Effects of Climate Change
- Brown University -Study of Ethics of Memory
- Studies in Forensic Science, Associates in Business Administration with minor in Public Speaking CCRI and University of Delaware
- Member of Empowerment Academy with Darcy Castro

**Career and Work History**

- Founder & President of Eric Medeiros Memorial Foundation, Vice President & Founder of Thermal Energy Inc.
- Owner/Licensed artist at AMC Cosmetic & Corrective Tattoo Studio
- Administrative Assistant at RI Home & Hospice Care
- Operating Room Assistance at RI State Medical Examiner Office
- Owner / Manager Anna's Café – US Virgin Islands
- Dunkin Donuts Franchisee

**Leadership Roles and Past Awards**

- 2020 Mrs. Rhode Island American - Top 15 at Nationals
- Support Group Leader with National Alopecia Areata Foundation
- Lasagna Love Chef and Local Team Leader
- 2019 National Classic American Woman of Service - Presidential Volunteer Award
- 2017 National Elite American Woman of Service - 2017 Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award  
2017 AWOS Volunteer of the Year
- 2019 Mrs. Knightsville Rhode Island – Amity Award, Achievement Award, Spirit Award
- 2018 & 2016 Citation from RI House of Representatives & City of Cranston Rhode Island Mayor Alan Fung
- Purple Cat Winery Cupcake Challenge – 1st place Winner 2019, 2018, 2017 & People's Choice Award
- Best New Restaurant in St Croix, US Virgin Islands for my café "Anna's Café", Numerous Food & Beverage Awards
- Board of Directors Secretary of St Croix Animal Welfare Center & Fundraising Committee Director 2005-2010
- Organizer of Dunkin Donuts Franchisee Marketing Committee

**Interesting Facts:**

- Dunkin Donuts franchisee owner at the age of 19
- Wife, mother of 4, grandmother of 3
- I make wonderful homemade coffee ice cream and fudge brownies.
- Fluent in Portuguese, learning Italian & Spanish
- Enjoy traveling to Caribbean and Azores Islands

**Volunteering, Community Services / Appearances:**

- Crown Cares Advocate
- St Mary's Feast Society, Ladies Auxiliary
- Toys for Tots Telethon
- Breast Cancer Awareness Day at AMC
- Cranston Community Food Pantry
- Multiple Animal Rescue Organizations Efforts and Events – New England and US Virgin Islands
- Eric Medeiros Memorial Foundation – all fundraisers
- MAE Organization for the Homeless
- Friends of Homeless Animals of RI – Foster mom failure
- Miss Teen Rhode Island mentor
- Tourism Ambassador for US Virgin Islands

**Why should I be the next titleholder?**

Entering the Empowerment Academy pageant was to have a sense of achievement and fulfillment in my life journey. I have the time, experience, flexibility and resources to dedicate to my work as titleholder. The continued personal growth by participating in this program aligns perfectly with my platform and foundation mission, combining and supporting the two would be seamless. I pride myself in the ability to balance my life, I am multi-tasking champion. I'm goal oriented and love to motivate others to success. I enjoy the comradery and mutual support of all the women. Also, I would hope to be a good example and inspiration to other women, our youth and especially those who have lost a child.