

Arlene Wesley James

The Miss Indian America pageant (1953-1984) was started in Sheridan, WY as a way to combat prejudices. Arlene Wesley (Yakama) was crowned the first Miss Indian America in 1953. In her year as Miss Indian American, Arlene traveled around the United States speaking about the Yakama Nation and Native American issues. Arlene and other Miss Indian Americas after her will be the Yakama Nation Treaty Day Parade Grand Marshals to be held on June 8, 2018.



First Miss Indian America



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