



## Hillyan Croes is named Carnival Youth Queen 2006

It was an evening of glamour, glitter and BALLOONS, as the youth of Aruba packed the Aruba's Entertainment Center for the Annual Carnival Youth Queen Elections. Nine lovely, fresh-faced teenagers in local couture danced their hearts out during an evening of pageantry and a great deal of screaming and cheering, as friends and families rooted for their favorite candidate.

Various awards and trophies were given for most spirit, best costume, and other categories, Maya Elena Croes, representing Pan Cayente and TOB took home two trophies and the sash that named her the second runner up for Youth Carnival Queen. First runner up was Josse-Ann Wever, queen candidate from the Champagne Group, elegant and colorful in a rainbow hued gown.

Finally after hours of displaying their energy and spirit for Carnival 52, Hillyann Croes, the queen candidate from Santa Cruz was named the 43<sup>rd</sup> Carnival Youth Queen, and with tears in her eyes and a big hug for SAC President Tecla Kelly, stood before the cheering audience as the crown was transferred from last year's Queen, Alina Mansur. The audience obviously approved. The new "Reina Hubinil" will begin her duties immediately as the major parades began with this weekend with the Lighting Parade in San Nicolas. The Carnival Youth Queen will occupy an honored place on one of the floats as the parade passes by, waving to her subjects as they enjoy the grand party that is Carnival 52!