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## Miss Delaware and Miss Delaware Teen Depart Wilmington Airport for National Pageants in Orlando, Florida

**NEW CASTLE, Del.** – This afternoon, Miss Delaware and Miss Delaware Teen, Emily Beale and Sophia Hughes respectively, departed Wilmington Airport – ILG aboard Avelo Flight 559 to participate in the 2024 Miss America and Miss America Teen pageants, which will take place in the state-of-the-art Broadway theater, Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, in Orlando, Florida.

For the first time in the history of Wilmington Airport – ILG and thanks to Avelo Airlines, Delaware's 2024 Miss America & Miss America's Teen pageant contestants are flying commercially from their home state airport, Wilmington – ILG, to participate in these historic pageants. Contestant winners will be crowned the weekend of January 13-14.

**Hughes Aglan Beale Cook:** DRBA Executive Director Thomas J. Cook and Avelo Base Manager Aya Aglan present flower bouquets to Ms. Beale and Ms. Hughes.

**Hughes Phillips Beale:** Delaware State Representative and 2021 Miss Delaware, Sophie Phillips, (center) poses with Delaware's 2024 Miss America Teen and Miss America pageant participants, Sophia Hughes and Emily Beale.

**Beale and Hughes on the Aircraft Boarding Ramp:** Miss Delaware Emily Beale (left) and Miss Delaware Teen Sophia Hughes wave to the crowd as the pair boards the flight bound for Orlando, Florida.

### About the Delaware River and Bay Authority

The DRBA, a bi-state governmental agency created by Compact in 1962, owns and operates the Delaware Memorial Bridge, the Cape May- Lewes Ferry, and the Forts Ferry Crossing. The DRBA also manages corporate and aviation properties through its economic development powers - two airports in New Jersey (Millville Airport and Cape May Airport) and three in Delaware (Wilmington Airport – ILG, Civil Air Terminal, and Delaware Airpark). All DRBA operating revenues are generated through the bridge, ferry, and airport facilities. For more information, please visit [www.drba.net](http://www.drba.net).