

NOTABLE MISSOURIANS AND TIGERS COLLECTION

**Simone Esters (B Jour, University of Missouri, '19)
2019 Miss Missouri, 2020 Miss America Second
Runner-Up, and National Baton Twirling Champion
and World Medalist**



Simone Esters was crowned Miss Missouri in 2019 while enrolled in the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri. The following year, she finished third in the 2020 Miss America competition and wore the beautiful black velvet beaded evening gown pictured here (pictured above.) Miss Esters maintained the title and duties of Miss Missouri through June 2021.

ARTIFACT: Black Rayon/Acetate Beaded Velvet Evening Gown, Miss America Competition. 2020; Label: Jovani Couture. Gift of S. Esters.



Simone Esters was also one of the best baton twirlers in the world: a National Twirling Champion and World Medalist, as well as Miss Majorette of America (twice) and U.S. Twirling Ambassador to Peru. The MHCTC now preserves Miss Esters' uniform worn in 2017 as a feature baton twirler for Marching Mizzou (pictured at left; image courtesy of Facebook.)



ARTIFACT: Polyester, Spandex and Sequin Twirler Uniform, University of Missouri Marching Mizzou. Label: Show-Off, Inc., 2017. Gift of S. Esters.