

Announcing USA Delegate to Miss Progress International

Puglia,Italy May 29- June 07,2026



Lynchburg, Virginia May 7, 2026 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.IssueWire.com)) - Mabel Lei to Represent the United States at the 11th Edition of Miss Progress International with Rare in Fashion™ Health Initiative

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Mabel Lei has been officially designated to represent the United States at the 11th Edition of Miss Progress International in Puglia, Italy from May 29 through June 7, 2026.

Under the national leadership of Monica Jones, Founder of NanaLola Couture and USA National Director, Mabel Lei will present Rare in Fashion™, an arts and health initiative centered on inclusive design, rare disease visibility, and structured health advocacy.

The selected national theme for the United States is Health.

Delegate Background & Health Education

Mabel Lei brings a multidisciplinary background that directly strengthens the Health platform.

Mabel's Background:

Master's Degree in Nursing & Clinical Leadership

Senior Regional Director for multi-billion dollar company, managing 1000+ employees across 13 facilities

Professional runway and published model with international experience in 50+ countries

Former NFL Cheerleader with the Washington Commanders and Baltimore Ravens

International Honor Society of Nursing and Psychology

Signed Actress in Los Angeles, California

Published in 50+ magazines worldwide

Her academic foundation in nursing and psychology informs a holistic understanding of:

- Physical health
- Mental wellness
- Body image and psychosocial impact
- Patient-centered dignity

This educational grounding reinforces the structural goals of Rare in Fashion™, aligning design innovation with health equity and emotional well-being.

Project Overview: Rare in Fashion™

Rare in Fashion™ addresses systemic exclusion affecting individuals impacted by rare disease, disability, and medical complexity.

The initiative reframes fashion as infrastructure — integrating adaptive consultation, visibility programming, and measurable arts-based health engagement.

2026 Implementation Objectives

- Integrate adaptive design consultation into couture development
- Conduct three structured health-centered community activations
- Develop the Dream in Fashion™ digital access prototype
- Establish measurable Arts & Health impact metrics

“Health is not only clinical — it is emotional, social, and structural,” said Mabel Lei. “Rare in Fashion™ expands the definition of health by advocating for dignity, visibility, and inclusive participation.”

Monica Jones added:

“Our delegation is presenting a structured, measurable initiative aligned to the Miss Progress evaluation framework. Rare in Fashion™ connects inclusive design to public health engagement in a disciplined way.”

Miss Progress International, founded in Italy in 2010 by President Giuseppina Nobile, evaluates delegates based on feasibility, impact, and solution-oriented project design.

The 11th Edition in Puglia underscores global collaboration, heritage, and forward-facing advocacy grounded in structured implementation.



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