



***Reality TV show finally gets a real Jersey girl from the shore***

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"Jersey Shore" is welcoming a new cast member for the third season, the self-proclaimed "Bad Ass Brunette" Deena Nicole Cortese, 23, who actually hails from New Egypt, Ocean County.

Though it should have been an obvious requirement from the start, there is now a cast member on the MTV show Jersey Shore who is actually from the Shore area. Still no word on IQ testing.

The Asbury Park Press [reports](#) that the 23-year-old is a former cheerleader at Brookdale Community College in the Lincroft section of Middletown and a graduate from New Egypt High School.

Deena has been friends with "Jersey Shore" breakout star Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi for a couple of years, and Snooki helped her get cast for the show.

In a cached version of Cortese's MySpace page, which has since been taken down, as well as her Facebook page, Cortese says, "I'm a veryy (sic) fun person when you get to know me . . . But if I don't enjoy you . . . you'll know it . . . I'm not a fake person . . . theres (sic) no time for fake smiles . . . I'll just give you the cold shoulder . . . I speak whats on my mind and usually don't think before I say things . . . so sometimes it gets me into trouble."

Her profile on [www.realitywanted.com](http://www.realitywanted.com) , which was last updated in April, states she is a dental assistant, has no children, and is single.

But the New York Post [reports](#) that Cortese showed that she'll fit right in with the rest of her cast members by dropping the n-word in an online video. She told a friend on tape that she's fed up with men who hit on her and her pals simultaneously.

"And now we're gonna play you out, n - - -a! Do not try to play us!" she boasted in a 2008 video on her MySpace page, [according](#) to TMZ.com.

A leading black scholar cut Cortese some slack. "I don't think she meant it in a racialized context," said Jabari Asim, author of "The N Word: Who Can Say It, Who Shouldn't and Why." "I find her guilty of having a limited vocabulary, more than anything else," he said.

Cortese did not return calls about the video.

Yet [according](#) to nj.com, Deena's mother calls her a "sweetheart" who likes to have a good time. "She might not show it but she really cares about other people's feelings, she really does."

The second season of "Jersey Shore" begins airing July 29.