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(Neb.)-Area Young Women Selected For Miss Teen Titles



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(Photo courtesy of Jennifer Baumann)

(Alliance)-Several young women were honored on Sunday evening as they were selected as representatives in the Miss Nebraska Outstanding Teen organization in a pageant held in Alliance. The Outstanding Teen pageant is a part of the Miss America Organization, and is for young women in middle school and high school.

Nine young women competed for the titles of Miss Alliance Outstanding Teen, Miss Panhandle Outstanding Teen and Miss Sandhills Outstanding teen, with various categories of the competition, including physical fitness, talent, interview, evening wear and on-stage question. Three judges had the difficult task of determining the scores and determining the new title holders. There were also 13 younger ladies competing for three titles of Little Miss Alliance Teen, Little Miss Panhandle Teen and Little Miss Sandhills Teen.

Several special guests were on hand at the pageant, including current Miss Nebraska Mariah Cook, Miss Nebraska 2011 Kayla Batt, and many current title holders in the Miss Organization from across the state. Many of the special guests also provided entertainment during the almost 4-hour pageant. Although the competition itself ran very smoothly, the judges had a difficult job in determining who would receive the titles, which led to the extension of the pageant with the special entertainment.

In the end, six of the Little Miss contestants were recognized, with runners up to the titles being Alyssa Snyder of Chadron, Leyton Schnell of Alliance and Bianca Moreno of Alliance. Brielle Alwin of Alliance was crowned Little Miss Panhandle Teen. Jayci Dvorak of Alliance was selected as Little Miss Sandhills Teen. Ryley Rolls of Alliance was chosen as Little Miss Alliance Teen.

In the Miss Teen competition, Jessica Helt of Omaha was selected as Miss Congeniality, and Mikaela Hastings of Chadron won the talent portion of the competition. Only two young women were chosen as runners up to the three crowns. They were Merilee Prill, younger sister to the former Miss Sandhills Outstanding Teen, and now reigning Miss Nebraska Outstanding Teen Lianna Prill, and Helt. Selected for the teen crowns were Mariclaire Prill as Miss Sandhills Outstanding Teen, who is also the younger sister of Lianna; Shelby Stroh was chosen as Miss Panhandle Outstanding Teen; and Hastings was crowned Miss Alliance Outstanding Teen.

The three young women will now compete in the state competition, to be held on June 8 in North Platte, and possibly the national competition in Florida. They will also represent the organization and their title by attending various functions throughout the area. Hastings will be singing the National Anthem at the Chadron High School event Mr. CHS tonight (Tuesday) beginning at 7 pm at the CHS auditorium, and she will also be asking the on-stage question.

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