

2010 MISS FCRV PAGEANT

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Miss FCRV 2010, Taylor McClelland, MI, 1st Runnerup, Alysha Funk, OH, 2nd Runnerup, Caitlin Lewis, CT, 3rd Runnerup, Alyssa Robb, KY, 4th Runnerup, Brittany Roy, ONT

“One of the smoothest pageants ever,” was the comment from many audience members following Tuesday evening’s annual Miss FCRV Pageant July 13, 2010 at the Berrien County Youth Fairgrounds, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Miss FCRV for 2010 is Taylor McClelland, 16, of Lansing, Michigan. She is the daughter of Edward and Alisa McClelland, members of the Early Risers Chapter #88. First Runner-up is Alysha Funk, 16, of Fostoria, Ohio. She is the granddaughter of Claude and Mary Funk, members of the Skeeter Swatters chapter. Second Runner-up is Caitlin Lewis, 18 of Bristol Connecticut, daughter of Pamela Sivica, member of the Happy Wanderers chapter. Third Runner-up is Alyssa Robb, 16 of Louisville, Kentucky, daughter of Kimberly Robb, a member of the Kentucky Colonels chapter. Fourth Runner-up is Brittany Roy, 16 of Woodstock, Ontario, daughter of Sherry Roy, and independent member. Taylor McClelland was also named Miss Talent and Brittany Roy was named Miss Congeniality

The talent portion of the competition took place in the afternoon with the 14 state / provincial teen queens singing, dancing, doing monologues, and flag routines. The top 5 talent finalists were Caitlin Lewis, CT (sang “I Love Paris”), Brittany Roy, ONT (step dance to “Cotton Eyed Joe”), Alyssa Robb, KY (sang “It Happens”) Alexa Davis, IN (sang “Material Girl”) and Taylor McClelland, MI (sang “Settlin”) Kara Cornwell and Jennifer Gregio did a cute skit dressed as two halves of an elephant.

Also representing their states were Maddie Lawler, Texas, Maggie Coleman, Pennsylvania, Abigail Moats, Iowa, Lexi Gloyd, Colorado, Rebecca Martone, Mississippi, Kathie Mashak, Kansas, Lisa Collier, New York, and Ashley Bean, Missouri.

The opening number featuring all the girls was “Dancing in the Street” which started from the grandstand and finished on the stage. The girls wore borrowed camping vests in honor of the 50th Campvention.

Judges for this year had extensive pageant, media, and business experience. They were Cheryl Glasky, Jack Strayher, Dennis Dewalt, and Paula DeWalt.

For the essay portion, each girl selected a topic from 3 subjects – positive influence of pets, favorite book, and important skill or talent. The emcee duties were shared by Hannah Chorley, Nicole Gregio, and Tammy Gregio.

Entertainment during the judges first break was provide by Michelle Collier, 3rd R.U. '09 dancing to “Sweet Surrender.” 2nd. R.U. '09, Sara Duplante did a jazz dance. 1st R.U. '09, Jennifer Gregio did a point ballet to “Tiny Dancer.’ Miss FCRV '09, Kara Cornwell sang “Temporary Home.”

Next was the evening gown segment. As each young lady came out for her stage walk, she was handed a rose by Pre-teen Princesses, Mercedes Tennyson, Kansas, Amanda Yarrison, Connecticut, and Heather Bono, Michigan.

Once again the judges break allowed for more entertainment. Mercedes Tennyson of Kansas danced to “Cupid Shuffle.” Megan Lawler did a color guard routine to “Across the Universe.” Nicole Gregio, Ohio, Miss FCRV '06 did an evening gown walk as did Hannaj Chorley, Oklahoma , Miss FCRV'08. Tammy Messbarger (Gregio), Ohio, who was Miss NCHA in 1983 and this year’s pageant coordinator also did a walk invoking some nostalgia. Matt Bove of New York was introduced. He is a long time FCRV member who was seriously burned while serving in the Navy. He is leading an effort to get supplies and donations for wounded veterans through the U.S.O and other organizations.

At this time the top 5 finalists were revealed. As the others waited out of hearing range off stage, each one answered the question ,” Do you think teens are the best ambassadors for promoting FCRV?”

While the final scores were tabulated, Heather Borton sang, “Only Hope.” The escorts were introduced including Joshua Brayman, Austin Walls, Jack Skillings, Brad Frye, Chris Basso, David Lynch, Julian Pina, Chris Wittmeyer, Allen Harrington, Jordan Roy, Lee Bean, Ron Skillings, Matt Bove, Bob Price, Sam Doud, and James Simmons.

Pageant Coordinator, Tammy Gregio noted that the first Miss NCHA was crowned in 1962. She also presented Don McKenzie with a silver dollar as he used to do for the contestants. She thanked her co- chairmen, Nicole Gregio and Dina Kigert as well as the many people who helped in various ways. Tammy received a bouquet from the participants.

The 2009 court took a final bow before the bittersweet moment that comes every year as Miss FCRV 2009, Kara Cornwell, took her final walk and gave her farewell message. She opted to to have it read live rather than record it. Tammy Gregio did the honor since Kara couldn’t do it herself through the tears. She thanked everyone for their help and support, particularly her parents and Teen Directors, Hugh and Camy Hicks. She said she made many new friends both young and old over the past year.

Amid tears of joy, emotion, and excitement, Miss FCRV for 2010, Taylor McClelland was crowned.