

2011 Miss FCRV Pageant

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L-R: Fourth Runner-up Brittany Huryn, Michigan, Second Runner-up Abigail Moats, Iowa, 2011 Miss FCRV, Faith Rasmussen, Kansas, First Runner-up Nicole Valderr'abanno, Nebraska, Third Runner-up Jennifer Gregio, Ohio

Twelve young ladies represented their states or provinces in the annual Miss FCRV Pageant. It kicked off with a spirited country style dance by the queens and escorts. MC, Hugh Hicks introduced the judges, Simone Thornton, Chamber of Commerce, Joan Johnson, talent agent, Richard Raglan, speech coach, and Katie Knell, hotel manager. Ed and Jane Alft, National Teen Directors were also introduced. The talent portion was held in the afternoon. The evening competition consisted of poise and personality and evening gown.

Prior to the judges final calculation, Taylor McLelland, Miss FCRV 2010 from Michigan took her final walk as Bob Price read her farewell remarks in which she thanked all who had helped and supported her. She said she was proud to represent FCRV.

Selected as Miss FCRV for 2011 was 17 year old Faith Rasmussen of Salina, Kansas. She is the daughter of Richard and Denise Rasmussen, 10 year members of the Eager Beavers Chapter. Her talent is singing which also earned her the title of Miss Talent. She plans to major in food science. She is profiled in a separate article. First Runner-up is Nicole Valderr'abanno, 19 from Omaha, Nebraska. She is the daughter of Jenell Hicks, member of the Explorers Chapter. Nicole was named Miss Congeniality. Her talent was a clarinet solo. Her interest is acting. Second Runner-up is Abigail Moats, 15 from Ames, Iowa. Her Parents are Marty and Christine Moats, members of the Indianola Incachias Chapter. Her talent was also a clarinet solo. She plans to major in science. Third Runner-up is Jennifer Gregio, 18, daughter of Tammy Gregio from

Grove City, Ohio, member of the Kowboy Kampers Chapter. Her talent was ballet. She is studying prosthetics and orthotics. Fourth Runner-up is Brittany Huryn, 16 from Washington Twp., Michigan. She is the daughter of Donna and Edward Huryn, members of the Polish Pines Chapter. She plans to be a writer.

The top five talent finishers were Faith Rasmussen, Abigail Moats, Jennifer Gregio, Rebecca Martone, 18 of Mississippi (singing) and Megan Douglas, 15 of Petrolia, Ontario (dramatic monologue).

Also participating in this year's pageant were Courtney Rapson, 13, Midway, KY, Katie Grondy, 17, Lexington, NC, Tatiana Gonzales, 17, Loellington, CO, Tegan Felver, 17, IN, Lisa Collier, 18, Kenmore, NY. Also registered was Haley Varner, 17, Springtown, TX. Her family was involved in an accident on the way to Campvention. They are ok, but missed the Campvention. Gifts given to the other contestants were also sent to her. Two of the escorts were Teen Kings – Matthew Rasmussen, KS, and Dallas Hartman, MI. The other names were not listed.

Entertaining during breaks while the judges met were Pre-Teen Princesses Jennifer Snodgrass, OH, Ally Coniglio, FL, McKenzie McClelland, MI and Teenie-Queenie, Alexa Jensen, MI. Also providing entertainment were Kara Cornwell, singing, Taylor McClelland, singing, Michelle Collier, dancing, Jennifer Snodgrass, trombone, and Kacie and Brianna Coniglio, singing and dancing.

The 2011 Pageant Coordinator was Emma Moore of Florida. Co-chair was Beth Coniglio, Florida. Assistants were Sharon Schlitter, Kieth Parker, and Heather Borton.

The final question asked of the five finalists was, "In what way could you be a role model for the youth of today?" Miss FCRV from each state and province is a role model to youngsters and a credit to FCRV.