Miss Northwestern

Sunday, October 25, 2026
Doors Open at 5:30 PM
Show at 6:00 PM

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ABBEY ELAM
Miss Northwestern 2026



HADLEIGH DUGGER
Northwestern Star



LAUREN THOMASON
Northwestern's Teen 2026

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Northwestern Leadership Trust

In 2020, the leadership of Northwestern Oklahoma State University elected to make a strategic move to secure funding for a long-term student leadership emphasis at Northwestern with the creation of Northwestern Leadership Trust. This endowment replaces the President's Association (originally the Presidential Partners program).

The institutional emphasis on freedom of thought, independent research, thorough analysis and critical thinking established Northwestern as a highly successful creator of young leaders who have grown to make a huge impact on our world.

The Northwestern Leadership Trust, like the programs before, will continue to support the President's Leadership Class (PLC).

PLC, led by the University President, is a highly competitive program for first-time freshmen that allows Northwestern to attract the best and brightest students from the region. As the endowment grows, additional programs will continue to be supported.



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Competition Program

Opening Number with Miss Northwestern 2026 and Northwestern's Teen 2026

Introduction of Contestants

Master of Ceremonies – Dr. Jesse Schroeder

Introduction of Judges and Auditors

On-Stage Question – Miss & Teen Contestants

Health and Fitness – Miss & Teen Contestants

Entertainment by Northwestern's Teen 2026, Lauren Thomason

Talent – Miss and Teen Contestants

Entertainment by Miss Northwestern 2026, Abbey Elam

Evening Gown – Miss Contestants (Accompanied by Stars) & Teen Contestants

Special Entertainment Featuring Abbey Elam, Lauren Thomason, Hadleigh Dugger, and the Northwestern Stars

INTERMISSION

Special Presentations

Farewell for Northwestern Star 2026, Hadleigh Dugger

Farewell for Northwestern's Teen 2026, Lauren Thomason

Farewell for Miss Northwestern 2026, Abbey Elam

Crowning of Miss Northwestern's Teen 2027

Crowning of Miss Northwestern 2027

Miss Northwestern

Scholarship Awards

The winners of tonight's competition will receive the following scholarship awards:

Miss Northwestern
$1,500 tuition scholarship
$700 cash scholarship

Miss First Runner-Up
$1,250 tuition scholarship
$200 cash scholarship

Miss Second Runner-Up
$1,000 tuition scholarship
$200 cash scholarship

Miss Third Runner-Up
$750 tuition scholarship
$200 cash scholarship

Miss Fourth Runner-Up
$500 tuition scholarship
$200 cash scholarship

Each non-placing Miss Contestant will receive a $200 cash participation scholarship award. Cash scholarship awards are provided by the Northwestern Leadership Trust.

Miss Northwestern's Teen
$1,500 tuition scholarship

Teen First Runner-Up
$1,250 tuition scholarship

Teen Second Runner-Up
$1,000 tuition scholarship

Teen Third Runner-Up
$750 tuition scholarship

Teen Fourth Runner-Up
$500 tuition scholarship

Each non-placing Teen Contestant will receive a $200 tuition participation scholarship award.

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Miss Northwestern
Abbey Elam





Miss Northwestern's Teen
Lauren Thomason

Master of Ceremonies

Dr. Jesse Schroeder



Dr. Jesse Schroeder is the Chair of the Communication Department and an associate professor of Media & Communication at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Schroeder graduated from Northwestern in 2003 and started working in the radio and television industry.

In 2006, he returned to Northwestern as an instructor. During this time, he completed his Ph.D. and led his students to win multiple state and regional awards for their work in broadcasting. Also, during this time, Schroeder led the university through the accreditation process with the Higher Learning Commission. Receiving full 10-year accreditation status is a highlight of Schroeder's career.

In 2014, Schroeder left Northwestern to return to the TV news business. He served the Sherman/Denison, Texas, communities in Texoma at KXII-TV, working as a morning news anchor. During this time, he won multiple awards for his work. Most recently, Schroeder worked for KLTV/KTRE in Tyler, Texas. While there, he served as the primary 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. news anchor. Schroeder also reported extensively on weather. This reporting took him up in the station helicopter to cover the aftermath of tornados and severe storms in the area and allowed him to share the stories of those who needed help and assistance during those difficult times.

Schroeder and his family returned to northwest Oklahoma in July of 2023, when he accepted the Media & Communication position at Northwestern. He enjoys helping his students accomplish their career goals. Schroeder and his wife Amanda have been married for nearly 24 years and have three children, Brayden, Parker, and Mia.

Former Miss Northwesterns


Ferral Lochner
1966


Ann Vickers
1967


Linda Cline
1968


Toni Richards
1969


Maggi Mulloy
1970


Cindy Goodwin
1971


Vivian Janzen
1972


Neta Sue Irwin
1973


Gala Smith
1974


Lori Hansen
1975


Kay Tucker
1976


Trudy Wheeler
1977


Betty Hansen
1978


Dana Workman
1980


Claretta Lingenfelter
1981


Lintha Krehbiel
1982


Marita Patterson
1983


Kiley Rieger
2001


Cassie McEachern
2002


Braxie Ashpaugh
2003


Lauren Casteel
2004


Savannah White
2005


Elizabeth Harris
2006


Jordan Gaskill
2007


Ashlynn Frey
2008


Jordan Gaskill
2009


Cali Crissup
2010


Carmen Sander
2011


Carrie Bowers
2012


Ashton Blewitt
2013


Alex Smith
2014


Chelsay Adams
2015


Mary Shklar
2016


Kandi Hughart
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2022


Emily Smith
2023

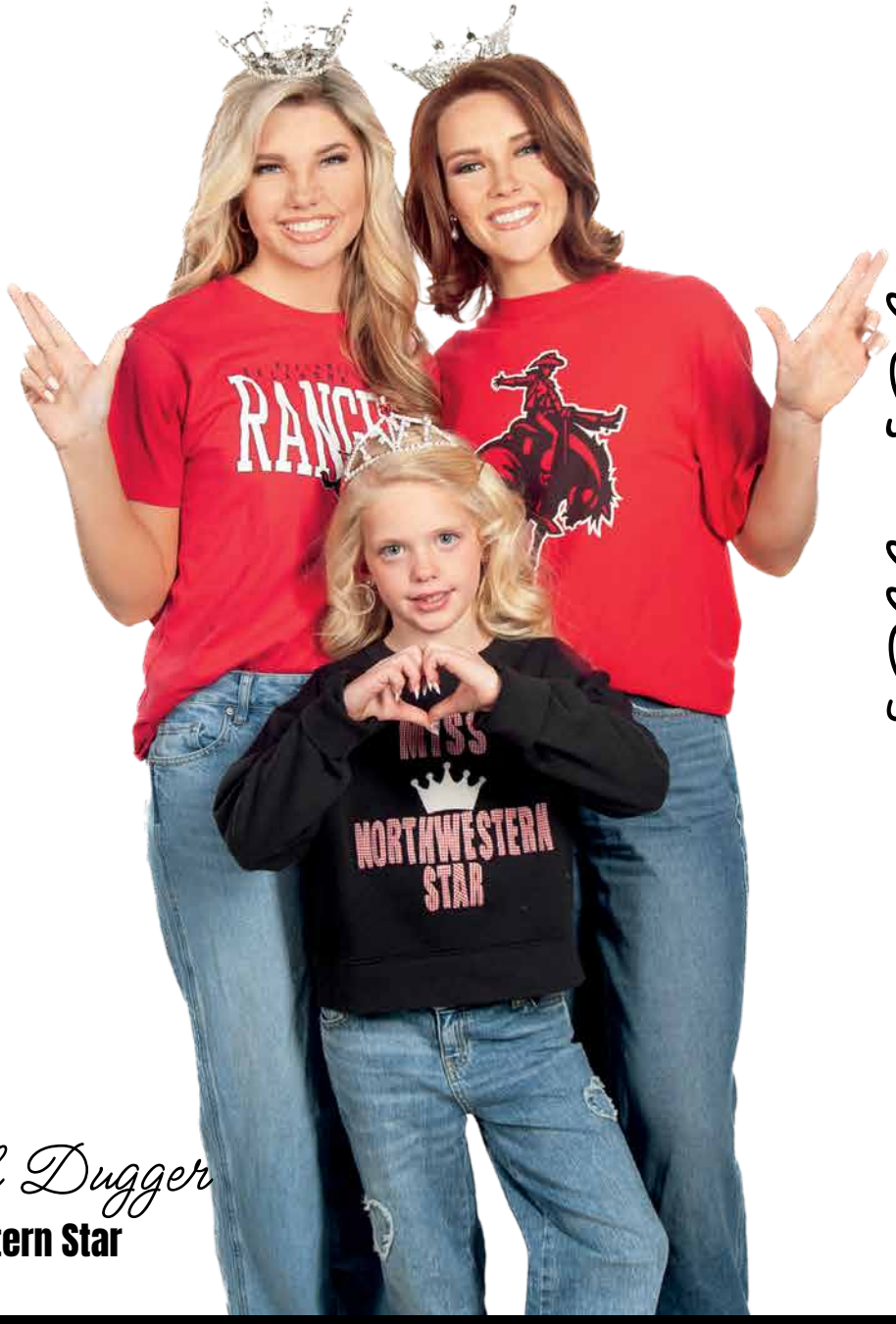

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2024

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Love, Dad



Good luck, Bella!

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Isabella Lynaé,



Watching you grow into the remarkable young woman you are today has been one of my greatest blessings. I am immensely proud of your courage to step onto the Miss Northwestern stage and pursue your dreams.

Let your heart shine, trust in the gifts God has given you, and savor every moment of this extraordinary experience. Your beauty extends far beyond what is seen on stage; it is reflected in your kindness, strength, grace and the light you bring to everyone around you.

Regardless of who wears the crown, you will always be my greatest gift and deepest source of pride. I will forever be your biggest fan.

I Love you MOST!

Mom


My heart is bursting with pride as you step on the stage of the Miss Northwestern Pageant—seeing you fulfill yet another dream! Never stop dreaming and setting higher goals for yourself!
From your first moment making me a grandmother, you have filled my life with joy and happiness!
Love you to the moon and back!!



Good luck, Mia!

Love, Reede & Marcie



Good luck, Mia!

We love you!

–Troy & Misty Bourgeois



Good Luck, Mia!

Love, Grandma & Grandpa

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Good Luck!

Love you!

–Dad



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Good luck, Mia Ovalle!

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Good luck, Raley!





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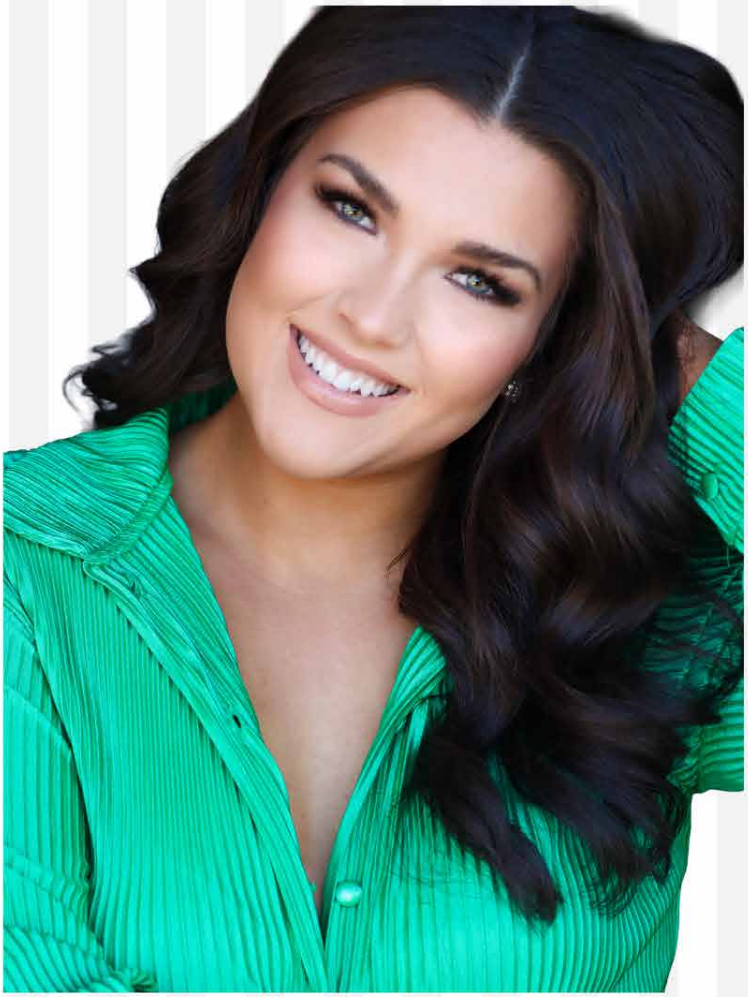
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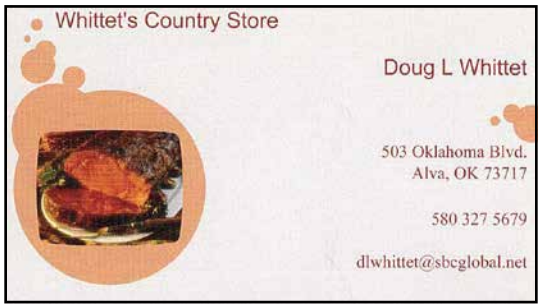
Good luck, Jayla!

Ride, Rangers, Ride!





We are proud of you, Jayla Adams!



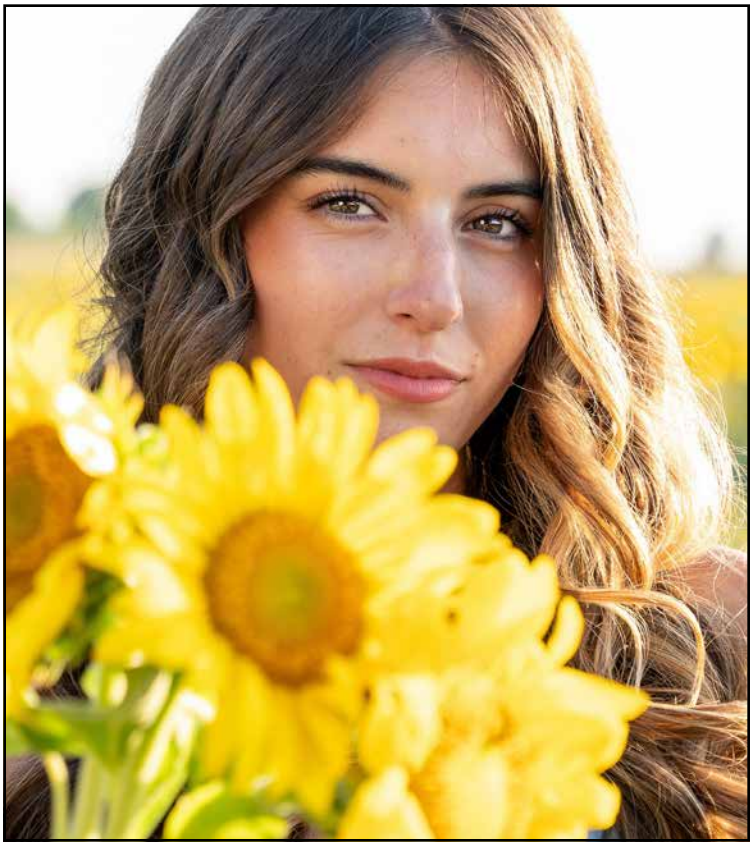
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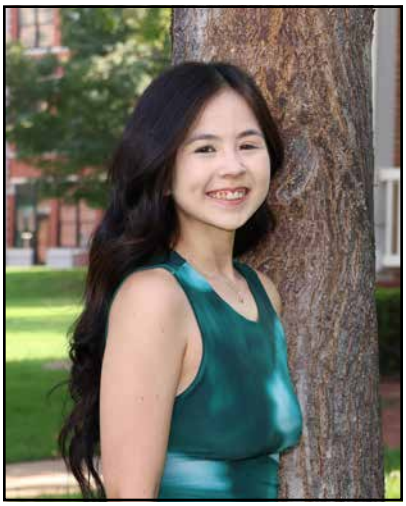
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Contestants



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Faith Oshiro

Hometown: Enid, OK
Classification: Junior
Major: Media and Communication
Talent: Monologue – "Ms. Norbury"
CSI: Drive Hope: Connecting Cancer Patients to Care
Northwestern Star: Seraphina Hall

2

Abigail Miller

Hometown: Enid, OK
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Political Science
Talent: Monologue – "More Than Enough"
CSI: Feeding Oklahoma Forward
Northwestern Star: Nyla Orr





3

Isabella Nicholas

Hometown: Monahans, TX
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Sports Management
Talent: Vocal – "You Say"
CSI: More than an Athlete
Northwestern Star: Tessa Williams

Stars



Seraphina "Sera" Hall

Miss Northwestern Contestant Faith Oshiro's Star

Parent(s): Alica Hall
Hometown: Alva, OK
Hobbies: Dancing, singing, and dressing up
Favorite Food: Cheese pizza
Fun Fact: Sera "got married" at Disney World to her mom's best friend's son. Both moms are supportive of this!



Nyla Orr

Miss Northwestern Contestant Abigail Miller's Star

Parent(s): Nichole Orr
Hometown: Enid, OK
Hobbies: Cheer, dance, and of course, fashion
Favorite Food: Soup and shrimp
Fun Fact: Nyla loves anything pink!



Tessa Williams

Miss Northwestern Contestant Isabella Nicholas' Star

Parent(s): Jacob and Madison Williams
Hometown: Alva, OK
Hobbies: Taking care of her kittens, playing "teacher," learning tap/jazz at dance, and riding horses
Favorite Food: Sweet potato
Fun Fact: Tessa loves participating in rodeos, especially barrel racing! She loves racing around the barrels with her trusty steed, Dude!

Contestants



4

Mia Ovalle

Hometown: Laverne, OK
Classification: Junior
Major: Nursing
Talent: Tapatio Style Dance – "El Son de la Negra"
CSI: Comfort, Care, and Confidence: Caring for Children in Foster Care
Northwestern Star: Kora Huyen

5

Jaidyn Frantz

Hometown: Hillsboro, KS
Classification: Freshman
Major: Nursing
Talent: American Sign Language – "Gratitude"
CSI: Seeing Abilities: Looking Beyond Limitations
Northwestern Star: Bonnie Sutter





6

Raley Hooper

Hometown: Guthrie, OK
Classification: Sophomore
Major: English Education
Talent: Vocal – "From the Start"
CSI: Hear Every Voice
Northwestern Star: Clara Mustain

Stars



Kora Huyen

Miss Northwestern Contestant Mia Ovalle's Star

Parent(s): Kassie Huyen
Hometown: Laverne, OK
Hobbies: Sports, crafting, and playing her recorder
Favorite Food: Salmon
Fun Fact: Kora is an excellent climber! She can even climb the rope at school!

Bonnie Sutter

Miss Northwestern Contestant Jaidyn Frantz's Star

Parent(s): Matthew and Naicee Sutter
Hometown: Alva, OK
Hobbies: Arts and crafts, dancing, playing the piano, and reading
Favorite Food: Cheese pizza
Fun Fact: Bonnie has a three-year-old sister named Alice, and her favorite TV show is The Creature Cases!





Clara Mustain

Miss Northwestern Contestant Raley Hooper's Star

Parent(s): Alex and Alexandra Mustain
Hometown: Alva, OK
Hobbies: Ballet, tumbling, jazz, tap, and piano
Favorite Food: Berries, cheese sticks, and smoothies
Fun Fact: Clara has a huge heart for all animals!

Contestants



7

Tatim Miller

Hometown: Alva, OK
Classification: Freshman
Major: Nursing
Talent: Vocal – "Reflection"
CSI: Service Above Self: A Scholarship Initiative
Northwestern Star: Jerzee Gagnon

8

Raegan Bleything

Hometown: Pea Ridge, AR
Classification: Senior
Major: Business Administration
Talent: HERStory – "How Glass Ceilings Break"
CSI: Feeding Futures
Northwestern Star: Harper Higgins





9

Angela Hudelson

Hometown: Ponca City, OK
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Elementary Education
Talent: Line Dance – "Gone, Gone, Gone"
CSI: Kicking It With Kids
Northwestern Star: Everly Tobias

Stars



Jerzee Gagnon

Miss Northwestern Contestant Tatim Miller's Star

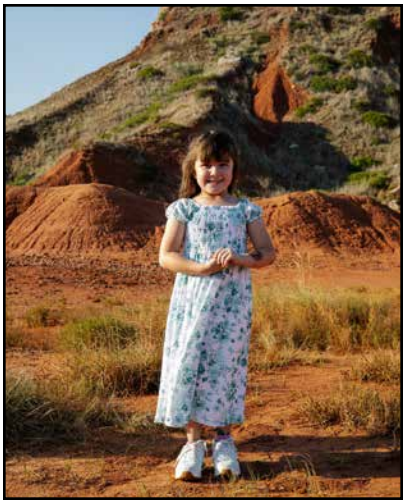
Parent(s): Luke Gagnon and Desirae Gagnon
Hometown: Alva, OK
Hobbies: Dancing and collecting squishies
Favorite Food: Corn
Fun Fact: Jerzee loves monkeys!



Harper Higgins

Miss Northwestern Contestant Raegan Bleything's Star

Parent(s): William and Taylor Higgins
Hometown: Alva, OK
Hobbies: Art, riding horses, and spending time with her family
Favorite Food: Steak
Fun Fact: Harper can go from riding horses to playing princess in 5 seconds!



Everly Tobias

Miss Northwestern Contestant Angela Hudelson's Star

Parent(s): Katie and Alex Tobias
Hometown: Alva, OK
Hobbies: Riding her scooter, playing with friends, and coloring
Favorite Food: Mac and cheese
Fun Fact: Everly loves to do her own makeup!

Contestants



10 Trinity Tuell

Hometown: Mannford, OK
Classification: Freshman
Major: Business Administration
Talent: Cheer/Dance – "Lady Gaga Mix"
CSI: Women's Athletics: Opening Doors in Track and Field
Northwestern Star: Saylor Tuell

11 Jayla Adams

Hometown: Rhome, TX
Classification: Senior
Major: Business Administration
Talent: HERStory Poem – "Woman Enough"
CSI: Women Who Build: Empowering Women in Male-Dominated Fields
Northwestern Star: Ella Mata





12 Lillian Kalblinger

Hometown: Medford, OK
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Early Childhood Education
Talent: Vocal – "Lost Boy"
CSI: The Joy Drop
Northwestern Star: Ellie Vermillion

Stars



Saylor Tuell

Miss Northwestern Contestant Trinity Tuell's Star

Parent(s): Nathan and Tayler Tuell
Hometown: Mannford, OK
Hobbies: Playing softball, helping in the kitchen, and drawing
Favorite Food: Pasta
Fun Fact: Saylor loves the Grinch no matter what season!



Ella Mata

Miss Northwestern Contestant Jayla Adams' Star

Parent(s): Robert and Tiffany Mata
Hometown: Alva, OK
Hobbies: Singing, dancing, golfing with her daddy, and baking with her mama
Favorite Food: Cake
Fun Fact: Ella shares her birthday with her dad.



Ellie Vermillion

Miss Northwestern Contestant Lillian Kalblinger's Star

Parent(s): Aaron and Lisa Vermillion
Hometown: Alva, OK
Hobbies: Playing sports, Roblox, and dancing/tumbling
Favorite Food: Cheeseburgers
Fun Fact: Ellie is ambidextrous!

Contestants



13

Jadyn Chancey

Hometown: Mooreland, OK
Classification: Senior
Major: Psychology
Talent: Original Slam Poetry
CSI: Honoring and Caring for Our Veterans
Northwestern Star: Kaia Kann

14

Sierra Brooks

Hometown: Pensacola, FL
Classification: Junior
Major: Psychology
Talent: HERStory – "The Weight I Carry"
CSI: Build to Thrive
Northwestern Star: Luna Pollock



Stars



Kaia Kann

Miss Northwestern Contestant Jadyn Chancey's Star

Parent(s): Tyler and Janessa Kann
Hometown: Tuttle, OK
Hobbies: Coloring, crocheting, and tumbling
Favorite Food: Chicken with gravy
Fun Fact: Kaia is an artist!

Luna Pollock

Miss Northwestern Contestant Sierra Brooks' Star

Parent(s): James and Irys Pollock
Hometown: Alva, OK
Hobbies: Watching OU football with her daddy, reading, and tumbling
Favorite Food: Chicken nuggets with mac and cheese
Fun Fact: Luna loves making others laugh by making silly faces!



Contestants



1

Kirstin Fennema

Hometown: Seiling, OK
Talent: Vocal – "Mean Girls"
CSI: Let's Talk, Period.

2

Josephine "Josie" Melton



Hometown: Alva, OK
Talent: Piano – "The Wild Rider"
CSI: Fighting Food Insecurity: Nourishing the Community



3

Olivia Church

Hometown: Weatherford, OK
Talent: Baton Twirling – "Runaway Baby"
CSI: Still Brave: Whispers of Hope

4

Rebecka "Becky" Carlson



Hometown: Burlington, OK
Talent: Vocal – "Snow White"
CSI: Strands of Strength

Contestants



5

Paizley Green

Hometown: Nash, OK
Talent: HERStory/Comedic Monologue – "My Greatest Talent: Turning Challenges into Purpose"
CSI: A Diagnosis Doesn't Mean Childhood Has to Stop

6

Nelley Burnett

Hometown: Woodward, OK
Talent: Jazz Dance – "Don't Stop Me Now"
CSI: Organ Donation Awareness – GENERATION GIVE





7

Mahkayla Chancey

Hometown: Mooreland, OK
Talent: Vocal – "Rescue"
CSI: Teenage Emotions are Overlooked

8

Loralei Welch

Hometown: Woodward, OK
Talent: Lyrical Dance – "She Used to Be Mine"
CSI: More Than A Pet



Contestants



9 Jaci Adee

Hometown: Boise City, OK
Talent: HERStory – "Bloom"
CSI: Confidence in Yourself and Your Closet

10 Christina Salinas



Hometown: Cherokee, OK
Talent: Vocal – "Rainbow"
CSI: Her Story, Our Promise



11 Gianna Latta

Hometown: Fargo, OK
Talent: Lyrical Dance – "I Didn't Know My Own Strength"
CSI: From Generation to Generation: Protecting Women's Health

12 Hannah Hensley



Hometown: Jet, OK
Talent: Vocal – "Choosin' Texas"
CSI: Caring Hearts, Brighter Days



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Sierra Faith Brooks

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Congratulations, Sierra!
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Best of luck, Kirstin!

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Good luck, Josie Melton!

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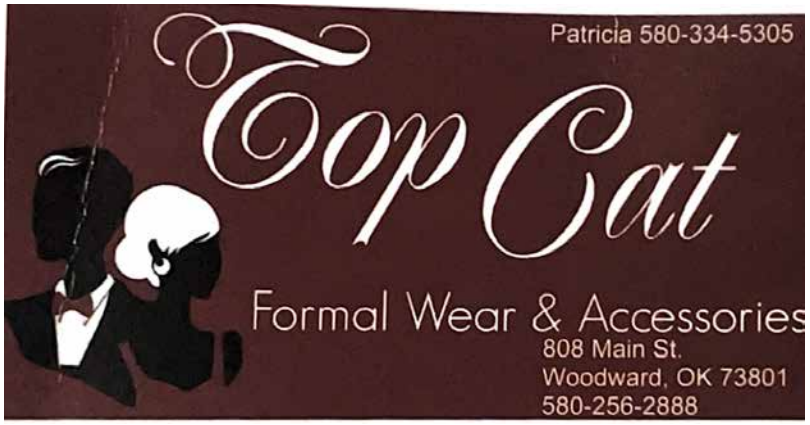
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Good luck, Mahkayla!

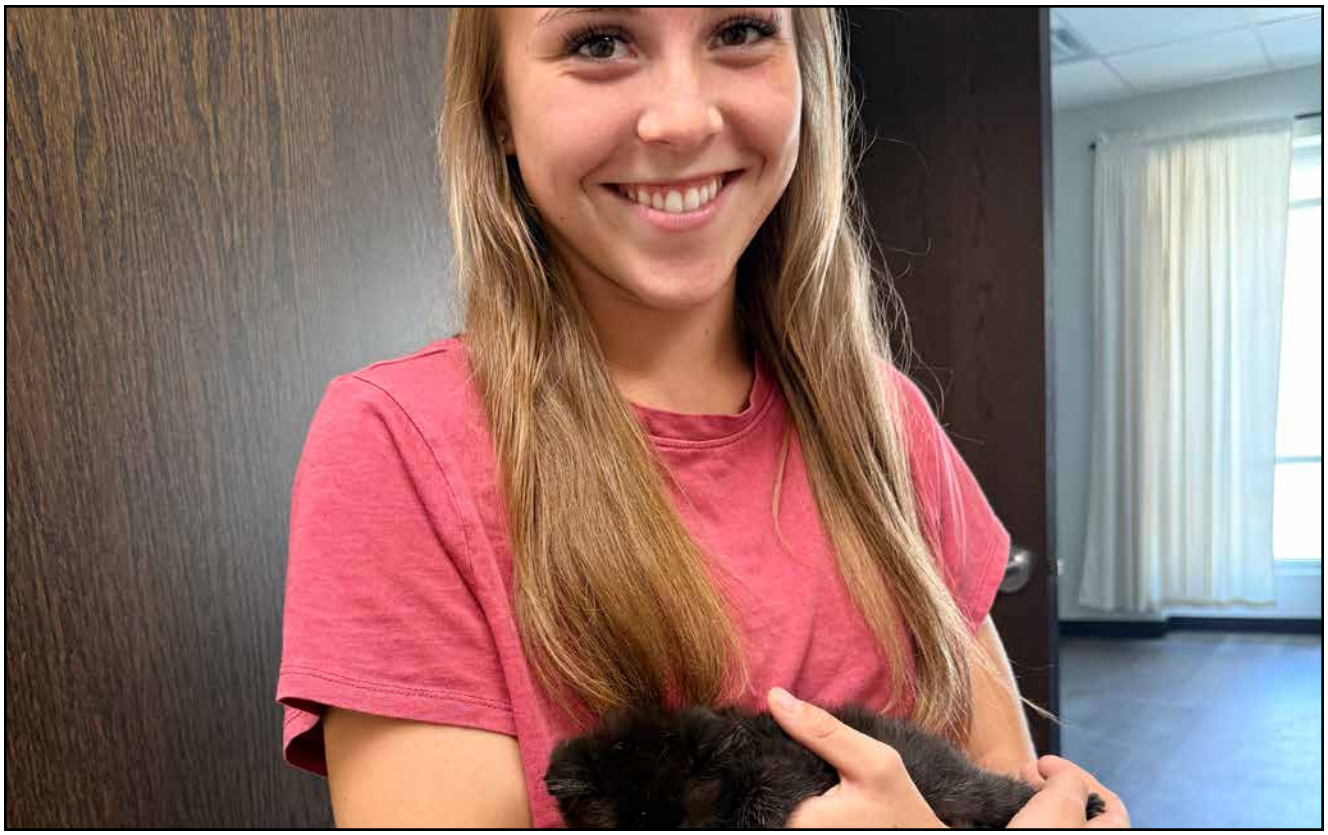
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Good luck, Mahkayla!

The Moorland Leader



Good luck, Loralei!

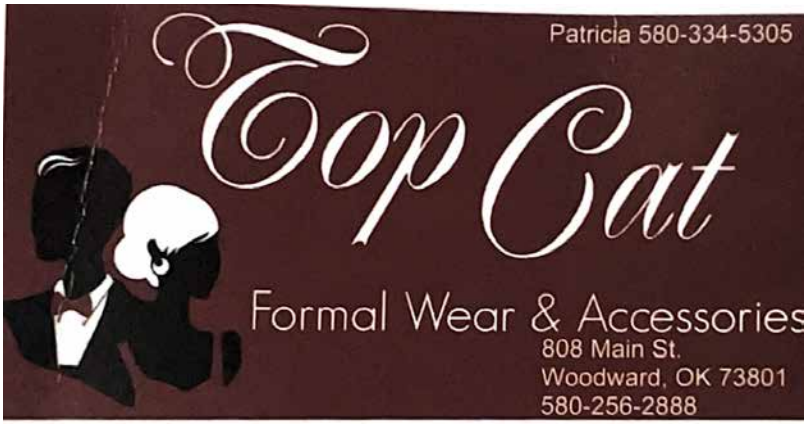
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Good luck,
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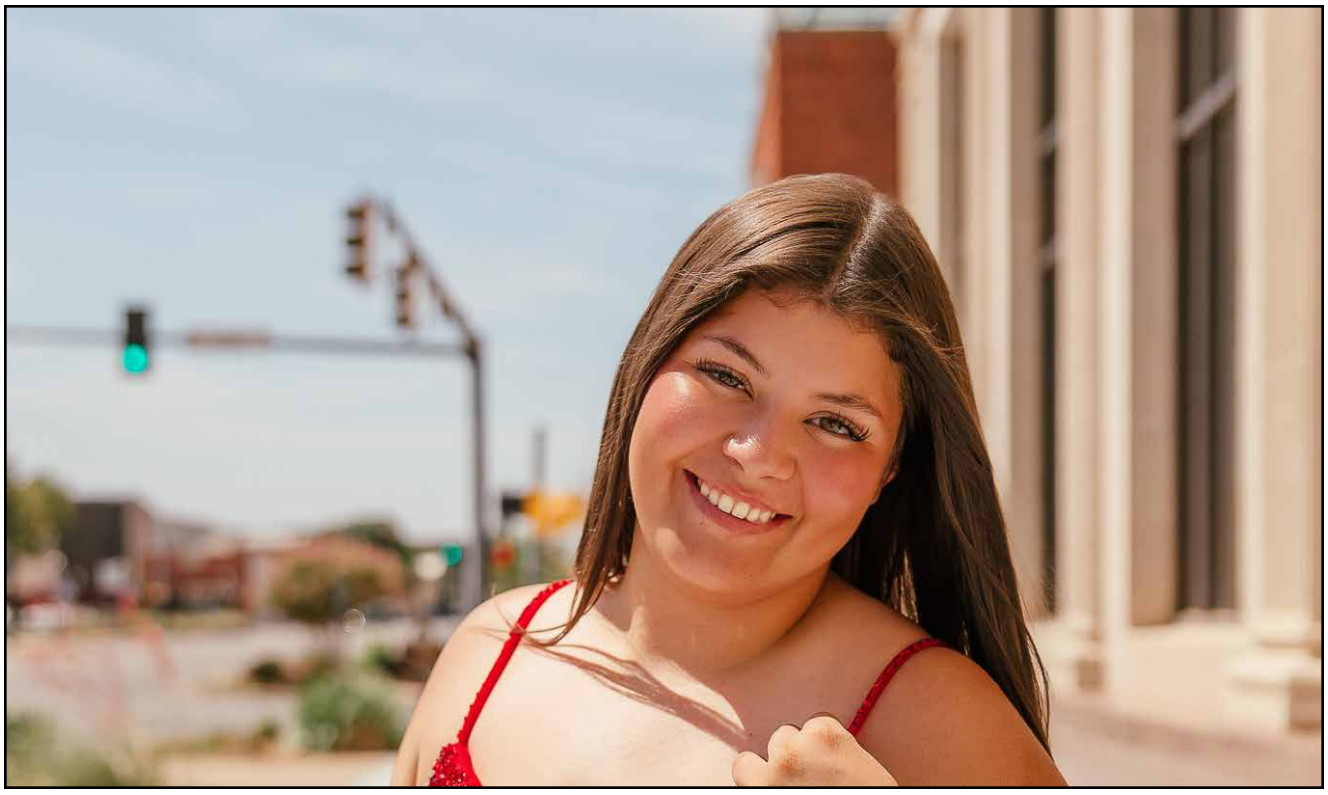
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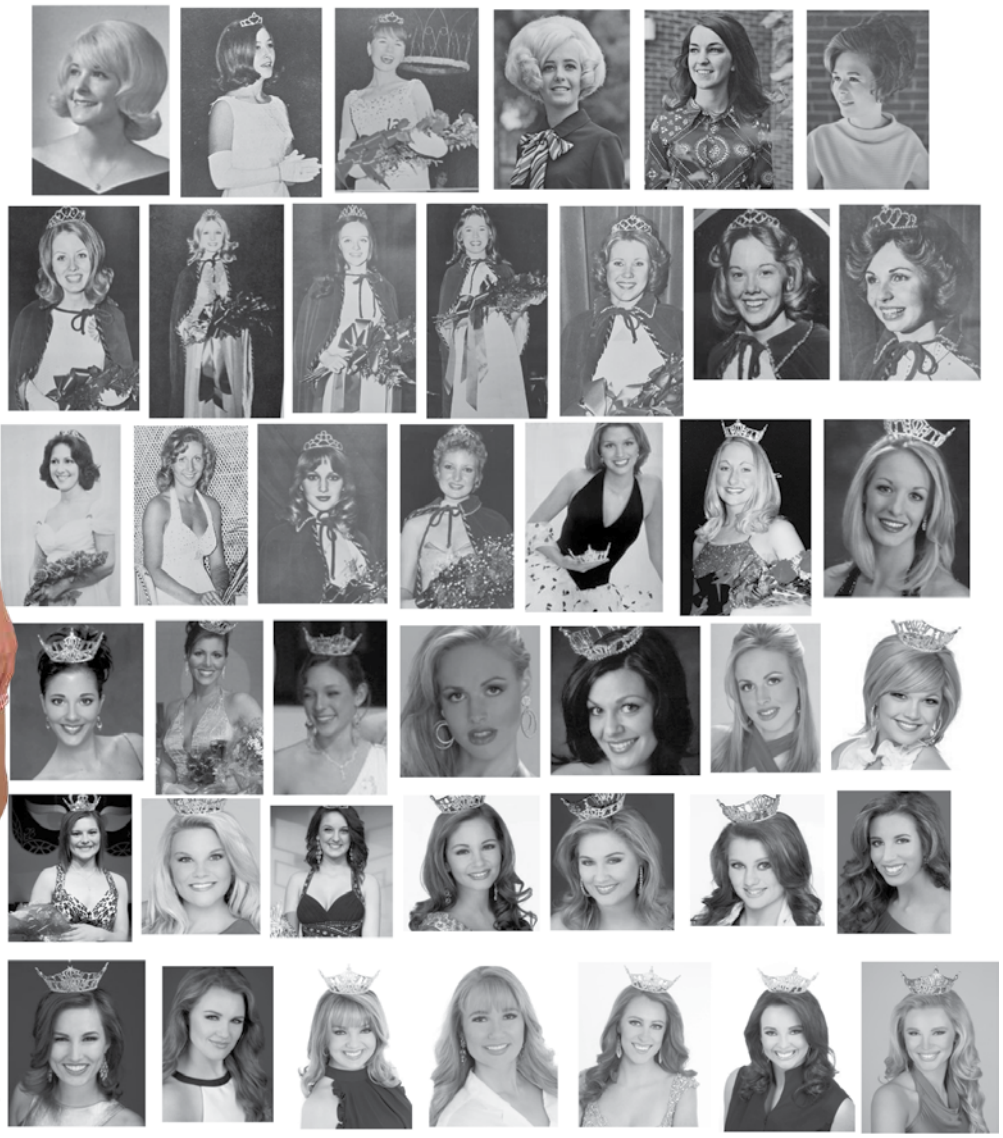
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