

The Report of the Miss Deaf TEEN Kansas  
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This year for the second time, Miss Deaf Kansas Pageant Committee proudly congregated the winners of the Miss Deaf TEEN Kansas Pageant, which it was held at Kansas School for the Deaf on Thursday, April 24. Last time was hosted in 1991.

Our lovely girls spent a lot of time involving this pageant, they had a wonderful time and learned so much about the structure of the pageant program, and the learning experience was so much on their living experience that they will never forget it. They surely will apply this experience for their future event such as Miss Deaf Kansas.

The winners are Miss Deaf TEEN Kansas - Kylie Brooks (freshman), 1<sup>st</sup> runner up - Trisha Waddell (freshman), and 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up - Michelle Plummer (Middle School). In addition, four other girls are Adriana Gonzalez (Senior), Taylor Broucki (Senior), Keywana Sampson (freshman), and Rachel Hilbert (freshman). All girls worked very hard to make this pageant a very successful pageant.

How did this idea come up was that I, as fundraiser of the Miss Deaf Kansas Pageant, I noticed that pageant committee had been struggling in order to keep it going and had a hard time in getting young ladies to participate in this exciting program. Also, I noticed that some of the state had their own Deaf TEEN pageants and it help them with connection to the state's Miss Deaf Pageant where young ladies look forward to advance their desire and interest in promotion their dream of being successful and leadership person. So in order to prompt and expand the interest of young ladies in this program, I went along with selected, experienced ladies to give many workshops/presentations on Miss Deaf Kansas Pageant to Kansas School for the Deaf teenagers.

With heartfelt thanks to the Miss Deaf Kansas Pageant committee for making this pageant a huge success and to the Kansas Association of the Deaf for their unfaltering faith and full supports for our program. Moreover, we wanted to give a "big thank" to Olathe Club of the Deaf to be our sponsor to donate money for the awards and flowers. I sincerely hope that we will have many more of the exciting pageants in the future.