

# 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Miss Scott Competition

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Two young ladies selected to represent the City of Scott. The Scott Business Association hosted their 16<sup>th</sup> annual Miss Scott Competition on Sunday September 7, at Scott City Hall.

Four contestants, along with support of their family gathered with the same goal in mind, to represent the city.

Pageant committee members: Mary Meche, Shirley Hanks, Carolyn Stoute, and Mary Hebert were also in attendance for the 1:00 p.m. competition, to show support for the young ladies competing. This year's judges: Vanessa Villien, Shawn Hebert, and Pam Thibodeaux based their decisions on an essay from each contestant about themselves and representing the City of Scott.

Three contestants competed for Miss Scott, but in the end only one could hold the title. Seventeen year old Hannah Simmons will serve as this year's 2014-2015 Miss Teen Scott Queen. Hannah is the daughter of Angela and Marty Simmons, and a Senior at Acadiana High School where she is team leader on the Speech/Debate team, member of Beta Club and a participant in school volunteer work. Hannah maintains honor roll throughout the school year, she is an avid reader and is considering



L – R Scott to be crowned: Hannah Simmons; reigning Miss Scott Alexe' Chiasson, pageant director: Mary Hebert; reigning Jr. Miss Scott: Sydney Rae Credeur, and to be crowned Jr. Miss Scott Devyn Christine Chiasson posing for a group picture after the announcement of the new queens during the Miss Scott Competition on Sunday September 7th.

Journalism as a major, "I really enjoy writing and I had a column for teens in the Scott newspaper," she said. This will not be Hannah's first experience representing the city of Scott, she served as Junior Miss Scott at the age of 13. "It was an awesome experience, I so enjoyed having the opportunity to meet new people and to represent the city of Scott in various

ways: ribbon cuttings, Business after Hours, holiday events, and various parades. I took great pride in representing the city, coming from a long family 'history' in Scott," said Hannah Simmons.

The year that Hannah Simmons served as Junior Miss Scott was also the very same year she had to endure 2 ½ years of chemo after she was diagnosed with ALL (Aucte Lymphopbastic Leukemia).

'I had to leave my soccer team and was out of school for several years, so being able to represent Scott and attend events was such a positive part of my life. It helped me have a bit of normalcy and an 'extended family', "said Hannah Simmons. Now at age 17, Hannah is in remission, back in school, healthy, and ready to experience this feeling one last time. "This experience would make my last year of school even better than I'd imagined. I 'd like another opportunity to represent Scott more fully than I did before, helping to bring well-

deserved recognition to all the great things Scott has accomplished,” said Hannah Simmons.

In the category of Jr. Miss Scott, only one contestant competed for the crown and title. Fifteen year old Devyn Christine Chiasson, a sophomore at Acadiana High School will represent the city of Scott as Jr. Miss Scott.

Devyn is the daughter of Brittany and Chris Chiasson, second of four children, with two sisters, one brother, and she attends Acadiana High School in the Business and Finance Academy. For the past eleven years, Devyn has danced at Scott Academy of Dance and has been a member of their competition team for the past seven years and is currently a member of the Ramsations dance team, formerly known as the AHS High Steppers.

“Keeping my grades up is just as important to me as dancing. I have never been in trouble in or out of school. I used to be extremely shy as a child, dancing helped me come out of my shell. I like to try new things and continue to push myself to be open to new experiences,” said Devyn Chiasson. In school, Science is Devyn’s favorite subject where she is in honors class which gives her



Miss Scott Competition was held on Sunday September 7th at Scott City Hall. Judges:(not in order) Vanessa Villien, Shawn Hebert, and Pam Thibodeaux. Scott Queens: (l-r) reigning Miss Scott Alexe' Chiasson, new Jr. Miss Scott Devyn Christine Chiasson, new Miss Scott Hannah Simmons, reigning Jr. Miss Scott Sydney Rae Credeur.

more opportunities to do experiments. “I am in tumbling and currently trying to perfect my flip flop. I love music and hanging out with my best friends. Some of my favorite things are dancing at “Wrecking Ram” football games, clothes, shoes, and fudge rounds,” said Devyn Chiasson. “If given the opportunity, I would be so proud to represent the city of

Scott. I love the sense of community and the way the people come together to support schools, businesses, police, and fire departments. This city takes great pride in being safe, clean, and beautiful. In my opinion it is a great place to live and I wouldn’t want to grow up any place else,” said Devyn Chiasson.



Queens take a moment and pose with pageant committee members: (l-r) Carolyn Stoute, pageant director: Mary Hebert, Miss Scott Hannah Simmons, Jr. Miss Scott Devyn Christine Chiasson, Mary Meche, and Shirley Hanks. The queens were announced and receive their crown and title during the annual City of Scott Business Appreciation Banquet on October 7th.

Miss Teen Scott Hannah Simmons and Jr. Miss Scott Devyn Christine Chiasson received recognition, their titles and crowns at the City of Scott Business Appreciation Banquet, Tuesday October 7 at the Scott Event Center.