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Emily Leleux, Miss Scott Boudin Festival Queen IX

Emily Leleux is Miss Scott Boudin Festival Queen IX and represents the Scott Boudin Festival, Lafayette Travel, and Home Bank where she is a head teller. Emily is a resilient 22-year-old woman, wise beyond her years. She was raised by her grandparents Evelyn Leleux and the late William Leleux, a proud veteran of the United States Army and the Vietnam War. Through her grandfather's sacrifice for our country, Emily was able to turn a corner in her life from the hardships she suffered as a child. Emily represents an organization and city that reflect the same eagerness to grow and determination to succeed that she has shown in her personal life.



Emma Rose Giddens, Miss Merry Christmas

Emma Rose Giddens is a senior at Natchitoches Central High School. She is a member of the Honor Roll, BETA Club, National Honor Society and Future Business Leaders of America. An athlete, Giddens is a member of the school volleyball team and golf team. She is also active within the church and has participated in mission trips to Central America. Giddens has faced challenges with significant food allergies throughout her lifetime. She is planning to attend Louisiana Tech next year to study Biology and pre-Med with the goals of one day to become a pediatrician with a focus on children's allergies and immunology.



Amber DeFatta, Shriners Hospital 100th Anniversary

In 2015, Shriners Hospital for Children in Shreveport treated Amber DeFatta for scoliosis. Doctors specializing in rare bone disorders would later diagnose Amber with Trevor's Disease, an extremely rare disease that affects one in one million children. Thanks to her care, Amber is living her best life and recently graduated from the University of Louisiana at Monroe as a radiology technologist. The 22-year-old now works at Ochsner LSU Health – St. Mary Medical Center, but still volunteers at Shriners Children Shreveport, located just a mile and a half away.



Abbey Elizabeth Bigner, Miss Louisiana Crawfish Queen XIX

As Miss Louisiana Crawfish Festival Queen XIX, Abbey proudly represents the Louisiana Crawfish Festival, Knights of Columbus Rummel Council 5747 and The Ladies Auxiliary, all in her hometown of St. Bernard, Louisiana. Abbey also reigned as the 2017 Teen Louisiana Crawfish Festival Queen. The Louisiana Crawfish Festival is St. Bernard's largest festival. Standing behind their mission of charity, they have donated over \$2 million back to the community since Hurricane Katrina. Abbey is also a Licensed Esthetician and a current member of the Leadership St. Bernard Class of 2023 through the St. Bernard Chamber of Commerce.



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Kirstin Drozd, Louisiana Strawberry Queen

As a hometown girl, Kirstin Drozd has deep roots in Ponchatoula and Tangipahoa Parish. Since she was 16 years old, her goal was to wear the crown as the Louisiana Strawberry Festival Queen. When Kirstin won, she knew she had turned the corner to honor her late grandfather Julian Dufreche, who was the 2004 Strawberry King. With the guidance of her "Queen's Team", her family, friends, and guardian angel, she was crowned the 51st Louisiana Strawberry Queen and there is no doubt in her mind that Granddaddy was bragging in heaven and smiling down on her!



Rose Hudson, Karnival Krewe de Louisiane

Rose J. Hudson's 17-year tenure as President and CEO of the Louisiana Lottery Corporation represents a significant turning of the corner for contributions to K-12 public education, with the Lottery seeing its first- and second-best years ever in 2021 and 2022. Hudson's business acumen has also been a light to the lottery industry as whole. Hudson's pursuit of quality, integrity and public trust also led Louisiana to become the first lottery in the country to receive industry verification of its quality assurance processes. Her love of Louisiana has helped secure award-winning partnerships with companies and celebrities to develop blockbuster games.

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Catherine Blondiau, Plaquemines Parish Seafood Festival Queen

Catherine Blondiau is the 2022 Plaquemines Parish Seafood Festival Queen, representing her home of Plaquemines Parish and the rich seafood industry that thrives there. She currently attends Louisiana State University where she is majoring in Kinesiology with a Pre-Medicine concentration. When she's not traveling the state of Louisiana promoting the festival and the seafood industry, she enjoys offshore fishing, baking, long walks around the LSU lakes, babysitting, snuggling her dogs, spending with friends and family, and shadowing healthcare workers in various surgical settings.





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Amber Hope Borne, LA Cotton Queen LXVIII

Amber Hope Borne is the 23-year-old daughter of Hope and Troy Borne of Litcher. She is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Northwestern State University, where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education. While attending Northwestern State, Amber held leadership roles in Phi Mu Kappa Iota as house committee head and secretary. Amber's future plans include growing in her career as an educator to make sure all children receive kindness, love and compassion both inside and outside of the classroom. Her passion and goals are to develop fast food farms around the state to teach the youth the importance of agriculture.



Emma Carter, Queen Dixie Gem Peach LXXI

Emma Carter is the 71st Queen Dixie Gem Peach for the annual Louisiana Peach Festival in Ruston. Emma is currently a senior at Quitman High School and maintains above a 4.0 average. She is the class president as well as secretary of the Beta Club. Emma is a two-time state champion high jumper as well as a starter on the basketball team with all-district honors the past two years. Emma will attend Louisiana Tech University next fall majoring in Biology with a Pre-Med focus. She plans to attend medical school after she completes her undergraduate degree.



Jadyn Devillier, Gueydan Duck Festival Queen

Jadyn Devillier, daughter of Sean and Sonia Devillier, is 19 years old from Crowley, Louisiana. She is currently a sophomore at Louisiana State University majoring in Political Communication. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her friends, family, and especially her dog. Jadyn has attended the Gueydan Duck Festival since before she can remember and represented as the Deb, Debuteen, and Teen Gueydan Duck Festival Queen. She is more than proud to be your 2022 Miss Gueydan Duck Festival Queen.



Jordan Fuqua, Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festivals Queen

From honoring pecan tree farmers in Colfax, to traveling down a Christmas light lit bayou in Cottonport, to living out a family tradition in Gueydan, the Duck Hunting Capital of America, Jordan Brooke Fuqua is the 2022 Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festivals Queen. A Pineville native, Jordan graduated high school from Buckeye High School and attended both Bridge University and Louisiana State University at Alexandria. She earned an Associates Degree in Theology from Bridge University - In Christ International Bible College and is currently pursuing her Bachelors of Science in Business Administration at Louisiana State University at Alexandria.





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Jordan Ann Gallegos, 87th Louisiana Shrimp & Petroleum Festival Queen

Jordan Gallegos is the daughter of Dallas and Jose Gallegos of Morgan City. She is a graduate of Berwick High School. While at Berwick, she was a cheerleader where she served as Captain in her senior year. Gallegos has played the clarinet since elementary school and picked up percussion in high school. She was on the drumline in her junior and senior years. She was also in the band where she served as head of her committee on the Student Leadership Team for three years and leader of her section for four. Gallegos is attending Nicholls State University pursuing a degree in Psychology with a minor in Criminal Justice.



Avery Claire Hebert, Louisiana Queen Sugar LXXIX

Avery Claire Hebert is the oldest daughter of Blair and Michelle Hebert of Erath, La. Avery currently attends Louisiana State University where she is a senior majoring in agribusiness with a minor in political science. She is currently employed at the LSU AgCenter, College of Ag, and Vet School's Office of Development. She is a member of the Agribusiness Club and a founding member of the Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow at LSU. She served as the Assistant Director of Student Entertainment on the Executive Board for Student Government. She is an active member of Christ the King's Catholic Student Center.



Mary Laura Hunt, Miss Louisiana's Outstanding Teen

Mary Laura Hunt, Miss Louisiana's Outstanding Teen 2022, is a junior at Ruston High School and is active on the Danceline, Student Council, FCA, National Honor Society, Trinity UMC's Youth Group, and Ruston Community Theatre. Mary Laura has a passion for sharing her message of social media awareness. As Miss Louisiana's Outstanding Teen, she has created a platform to spread her message to hundreds of teen girls across the state. Her goal is to stop the pattern of comparison, self-doubt and depression caused by social media and to help teens understand that life viewed through the social media lens is not reality.



Shelby Marie LaSalle, 85th Greater New Orleans Floral Trail Queen

Shelby Marie LaSalle is the 85th Greater New Orleans Floral Trail Queen. Shelby Marie is a senior at the Academy of the Sacred Heart of New Orleans. She has been enrolled in honor classes, advanced placement classes, dual enrollment, and has won several academic awards. She applied and was enrolled in the Wharton School of Business summer initiative following her sophomore year for two online courses. This past summer, she interned at a United States Congressional Office. Shelby Marie plans to continue her studies in college by focusing on business, math, physics, and engineering. She states her studies may include law school as well.





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Leiton LeBlanc, 2022 Breaux Bridge Crawfish Queen

Leiton LeBlanc, the 2022 Breaux Bridge Crawfish Queen, proudly represents Breaux Bridge – the crawfish capital of the world, the hardworking crawfish farmers and processors of Louisiana, and the world-famous Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival. From a very young age, she was immersed in all things Cajun. In the third grade, she began playing the fiddle and singing and dancing to Cajun music. Shortly after, she started a family band with her brother and sister, and they gigged in restaurants and at festivals across the south – even outside of the country. She is pursuing a degree in strategic communications and works at St. Martin Parish Tourism.



Kaydee Meshell, Miss Zwolle Tamale Fiesta

Kaydence Rae Ann Meshell is the 46th Annual Miss Zwolle Tamale Fiesta Queen. She is a native of the town of Zwolle, Louisiana. As queen, she represents her Spanish and Native American ancestors through the Zwolle Tamale Fiesta. Meshell is a current senior at Zwolle High School. She is a cheerleader and active in several different clubs. In the future she plans to attend Northwestern State University and acquire a Bachelors degree in Business Administration.



Kelsey Mire, Louisiana Pecan Festival Queen 54

Kelsey Mire represents the pecan - the only tree nut native to Louisiana - and the local pecan industry. This festival is not only about the crop itself but about tradition and keeping family businesses of multiple generations alive. Even after a two-year break, a pandemic, a hurricane and a drought, the festival is officially back in business and ready to celebrate something Louisianans hold near and dear to their hearts. Proudly representing an industry and festival that has not only turned the corner but also weathered the storms, Kelsey is the 54th Louisiana Pecan Festival Queen.



Allison Powell, 2022 Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation Queen

Allison Lynn Powell was born and raised in Laplace, Louisiana, and she is no stranger to the beautiful commodities of Louisiana agriculture. She proudly represents the industry that clothes, feeds, and shelters all of Louisiana along with the hardworking farmers and ranchers of each and every parish. Outside of advocating for agriculture, she is an honors student at Tulane University studying Neuroscience. Allison spends her free time volunteering, coaching high school students Academic Games, working in a lab, and spending time with friends and family. Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation celebrates 100 years being the unified voice for farmers and ranchers.





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Gracie Reichman, Miss Louisiana America

Gracie Reichman, Miss Louisiana 2022, from Colfax, Louisiana, is a senior Kinesiology & Health Sciences Major at Louisiana Tech University. She plans to obtain a Doctorate in Physical Therapy with Advanced Certification in Sports Physical Therapy. Gracie was Miss Louisiana's Outstanding Teen 2018 and is currently a goodwill ambassador for the Louisiana Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, as well as a representative for the Miss Louisiana Organization's corporate sponsors. Gracie is a 2018 graduate of Holy Savior Menard Central High School in Alexandria, Louisiana, and is now an active member of the Louisiana Tech University community.



KT Scannell, Miss Louisiana USA

KT Scannell is 22 years old, a Livingston Parish native, and alumna of Mississippi College. She looks forward to becoming a Doctor of Chiropractic and helping her community find rest and wellness. Despite being raised in the capital city, she loves to experience Louisiana's unique wetlands and upland pine savannas. She connects most with her roots through beekeeping, hiking, and creole cooking. KT is the founder of Pollination Letters of Encouragement and uses this initiative to connect younger generations to veterans.



Sadie Zaunbrecher, 85th International Rice Festival Queen

Sadie Renee Zaunbrecher was named Miss Baby Tiny Tots of the International Rice Festival at 11 months old. She comes from a fifth-generation farming family who farms in Crowley, Louisiana. After graduating from McNeese State University in Agricultural Business, she took over as secretary of Z6 Farm, LLC. While at McNeese, she was a member of the McNeese Cowboy Catholics, Bible Study, and Discipleship. In her spare time, she enjoys frogging, jeep rides, deer and duck hunting, CrossFit, concerts, going to rodeos, traveling, and looking for ways to make the family farm as efficient as possible.

