Myers Pageant Legacy Comes to an End in 2016

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Hard working and dedicated are just two words to describe Rachel Myers. The 21 year old, is the reigning Miss Mercer County Fair and will pass on her crown to her successor Monday night at the Miss Mercer County Fair and Horse Show pageant

Myers had competed for the various Mercer County pageant titles for several years. When asked about what her experience was like competing, she couldn't say enough about the friends she has made because of pageants. "I'm glad I got to compete for several years, it gave me the opportunity to meet girls who I wouldn't have met without doing the pageant and it gave me more time with the girls I already know," Myers said.

Myers responsibilities as Miss Mercer led her to County Fair Days, at the Kentucky State Fair. There she was responsible for helping Mercer County's Little Miss and Mister as they competed for the state title. She was also able to spend time with 90 other Miss winners from all over Kentucky and discuss their plans for their state competition in January.

Myers said she felt anxious when it came time to pack her bags and head to the Galt House in Louisville to compete for the state title, Myers competed with 90 girls in four different categories over the course of two days.

The categories consisted of a 3-minute interview with all five judges, an opening number, bathing suit and evening gown. Myers favorite part of the competition was the evening gown portion. "Evening gown is my favorite because it makes me feel elegant and proud to be representing Mercer County," said Myers.

Most girls at the state competition represent counties that they are not personally from. But that was not the case for Myers. "I was proud to call Mercer County my home and be able to represent it," she said.

A bonus for being named Miss



RACHEL MYERS

Mercer County was the \$1000 scholarship she received for winning. Not only did Myers win that, but she also won \$500 the previous year for being the 1st runner up.

Myers was beyond apprecia-

tive for all of the local businesses who donated to make that possible. "Tuition and books can be so expensive, so when you're able to win a scholarship doing something you love, it really is great," said Myers.

In addition to competing in pageants, Myers' other hobbies include 4-H. She is currently a staff member at the North Central 4-H Camp. There she teaches four swimming classes a day along with lifeguarding, teaching kids dances/songs and helping the counties carry out fun activities throughout the day.

"I'm also very involved in my sorority, I have served in a few offices and currently serving as philanthropy chair," saids Myers. She is in charge of helping to raise money for their philanthropy, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. "This year we were actually second in the nation for raising the most money, which so amazing to be a part of," Myers said.



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