

CANDIDATES ANNOUNCED FOR MR. AND MISS SOUTHWEST

BOLIVAR, Mo. — Southwest Baptist University continues the tradition of honoring one male and one female student each year at the annual Mr. and Miss Southwest Pageant, which takes place this year at 7 p.m. Friday, March 5, in Pike Auditorium on the SBU campus.



Eight candidates are nominated by SBU faculty and staff and voted upon by the student body to select a pair of standout students to represent the Bearcat family for the next year. The voting will take place by text message during the pageant,

which will include opportunities to learn more about the candidates through everything from introductory videos to talent presentations and question-and-answer sessions.

This year's candidates are Hannah Gibbs of Harrisonville, Mo.; Ky'Lee Hoyt of Lebanon, Mo.; Corynn Knight of Bolivar, Mo.; Elysia Burgos of Edmond, Okla.; Tyler Burnett of Wildwood, Mo.; Tennessee Ervin of Festus, Mo.; Tyler Eads of Neosho, Mo.; and Nathaniel Dascher of Highlandville, Mo.

The beginnings of the "Miss Southwest" pageant date back to the 1930s, with "Mr. Southwest" being added in 1963. The pageant is part of Bearcat Days, a two-day visit event in which admitted students considering SBU attendance are hosted on campus.

Admission to the pageant is free and open to the public with masks and social distancing required under the current recommendations of the local health department. The pageant also will be available via livestream at: www.SBUuniv.info/MMSW21. For more information about Mr. and Miss Southwest, please contact Director of Student Leadership and Engagement, Dr. Nathan Penland at (417) 328-1828 or npenland@SBUuniv.edu.

PHOTO: (Top row, left to right) Corynn Knight, Hannah Gibbs, Elysia Burgos and Ky'Lee Hoyt; (Back row, left to right): Nathaniel Dascher, Tennessee Ervin, Tyler Burnett and Tyler Eads.

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