



The Miss Wisconsin Pageant

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WISCONSIN WELCOMES HOME MISS AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING TEEN 2010 JEANETTE MORELAN

Crowns 1st Runner Up Kiersten Gonzales as Miss Wisconsin's Outstanding Teen 2009

Oshkosh, Wis., October 19, 2009 — On Saturday, October 16, 2009, Wisconsin welcomed home its very own Miss America's Outstanding Teen 2010 Jeanette Morelan. A sophomore at Prairie School in Racine, Morelan captured the title of Miss America's Outstanding Teen 2010 in August in Orlando, Fla., where she competed as Wisconsin's Outstanding Teen. On hand to congratulate Morelan were friends, family, pageant supporters and well-wishers who traveled from across the state to celebrate the homecoming. During the evening, Morelan performed vocal selections for the crowd, as well as updated them on her activities since capturing the title.

During the homecoming, Jeanette also crowned her successor, Kiersten Gonzales, who placed first runner up at the 2009 Wisconsin's Outstanding Teen program. Representing Milwaukee, Gonzales is a senior at Tremper High School in Kenosha, Wis. On hand to emcee the event was Kristina Smaby, Miss Wisconsin 2009, who is preparing to compete at the 2010 Miss America program in Las Vegas in January.

"This was really a wonderful evening for an exceptional young lady. We are all so proud of her," said Jeanne Schmal, Co-Executive Director of the Miss Wisconsin Organization. "This is only the fifth year of Miss America's Outstanding Teen Program, and to have our representative win the title is a tremendous accomplishment."

As Miss America's Outstanding Teen, Morelan received a \$30,000 scholarship, \$10,000 in wardrobe from Regalia Magnificente Apparel and ybf makeup, along with numerous other gifts. During her year, Morelan will support the National Platform of the Miss America Organization - the Children's Miracle Network. In addition, she will also continue to work on her own personal platform "The Power of One."

The Miss Wisconsin Outstanding Teen program promotes scholastic achievement, creative accomplishments, healthy living and community involvement. Additional information about Miss America's Outstanding Teen, as well as updated competition news and images, can be found at <http://www.MAOTeen.org>.

About the Miss Wisconsin Organization

Founded in 1924, the Miss Wisconsin program is a preliminary for The Miss America Organization, one of the nation's leading achievement programs and the world's largest provider of scholarship assistance for young women. Last year, the Miss America Organization and its state and local organizations made available more than \$45 million in cash and scholarship assistance. Almost all contestants have either received, or are in the process of earning either college or postgraduate degrees, and utilize Miss America scholarship grants to further their educations. Visit www.misswisconsin.com for more information.

Photo caption: Jeanette Morelan, Miss America's Outstanding Teen 2010 and Kiersten Gonzales, Miss Wisconsin's Outstanding Teen 2009.

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