



## Carolinas' Carrousel Announces 2010 Belk Carrousel Scholarship Winners

Carrousel Queen and her Court named at awards ceremony at the Charlotte Marriott City Center

**CHARLOTTE, NC – November 24, 2010** – The 2010 Carrousel Queen and her Court were named at an awards ceremony at the Charlotte Marriott City Center on Wednesday evening, November 24. The Queen and four runners-up were selected from a group of 55 area high school girls who participated in the Belk Carrousel Scholarship program.

Judging was based on academic achievement, community involvement, poise and interview skills. The winners announced at the ceremony are:

Carrousel Queen	Clarissa Liu	Providence Senior High School
1 <sup>st</sup> Runner Up	Mackenzie Church	AL Brown High School
2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner Up and Miss Congeniality	Emma Zarriello	Chase High School
3 <sup>rd</sup> Runner Up	Sydney Troxler	North Lincoln High School
4 <sup>th</sup> Runner Up	Erika Reynolds	Ardrey Kell High School
York Scholarship Winner	Jordan Hawkins	East Rutherford High School

The Carrousel Queen and her Court and the York Scholarship winner receive college scholarships ranging from \$700 to \$3,000. All scholarship winners and Miss Congeniality receive trophies.

In conjunction with the Carrousel Scholarship program, Wingate University offered scholarships to students who had submitted applications to the school. Ashton Pope of Piedmont High School and Jenna Mae Sorgen of Union County Early College were offered scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 for each year they attend Wingate.

Also announced at the ceremony were the winners of the Carrousel Music Scholarships, awarded to outstanding members of area high school marching bands. The winners' band departments receive matching grants from the Belk Carrousel Scholarship Fund. The Robert L. Maddox Scholarship is awarded to a student who plans to major in music in college. The winners are:

Inside Mecklenburg County	Kaitlyn Myers	Providence High School
Outside Mecklenburg County	Kristen Clarke	Ashe County High School
Overall Winner	James Andrews	East Burke High School
Maddox Award Winner	Brockton Conwell	Providence High School

The Carrousel Queen and her Court will ride on a float sponsored by Autobell Car Wash in the Belk Carolinas' Carrousel Parade on Thursday, November 25. The other outstanding students who participated in the Carrousel Scholarship Program will ride on other sponsored floats in the parade. The music scholarship winners will march with their bands in the parade.

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The Belk Carolinas' Carrousel Parade has evolved over more than six decades as a regional tradition and highlight of the Holiday Season. Founded in 1947 by four local businessmen to attract holiday shoppers to uptown Charlotte, the Thanksgiving week events have become so much more. In 2008, the Parade was recognized as the fourth largest Thanksgiving Parade in the United States. The Parade and its ancillary events are produced by Carolinas' Carrousel, Inc., an independent, volunteer, non-profit, charitable organization. Carolinas' Carrousel is committed to enhancing regional area's community life through quality family oriented entertainment. The Parade officially announces and celebrates the beginning of the Holiday Season. In addition, it promotes excellence through awards to area high school students and marching bands. The Carolinas' Carrousel also exists to offer business, industry, and the local citizenry the opportunity of participating in showcasing the region and encouraging academic and artistic excellence in the future leaders of the area.

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