



Carolinas' Carrousel Announces the 2008 Belk Carrousel Scholarship Winners

Carrousel Queen and her Court named at awards ceremony at the Blake Hotel

CHARLOTTE, NC – November 26, 2008 – The 2008 Carrousel Queen and her Court were named at an awards ceremony at The Blake Hotel on Wednesday evening, November 26. The Queen and four runners-up were selected from a group of 56 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	Laura Page	Highland School of Technology
1st Runner Up	Sloan Whiteside	Rutherford-Spindale Central High School
2nd Runner Up	India Prather	Monroe High School
3rd Runner Up	Mallen Urso	Clover High School
4th Runner Up	Sabrina Husain	Charlotte Catholic High School
York Scholarship Winner	India Prather	Monroe High School
Community Service Award	Mallen Urso	Clover High School
Miss Congeniality	Emily Havens	East Burke High School

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

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 at college. The winners are:

Inside Mecklenburg County	Nicholas Blackwood	Providence High School
Outside Mecklenburg County	Emily Chester	East Burke High School
Overall Winner	Courtney Camp	Ashe County High School
Maddox Award Winner	Tyler Albright	Providence High School

The Carrousel Queen and her Court will ride on a float sponsored by Autobell Car Wash in the Carolinas' Thanksgiving Day Parade on Thursday, November 27. The other outstanding students who participated in the scholarship program will ride on other sponsored floats in the parade. The music scholarship winners will march with their bands in the parade.

About Us

Carolinas' Carrousel, Inc., an independent, volunteer, non-profit, charitable organization, is committed to enhancing regional area's community life through quality family oriented entertainment. The Carolinas' Thanksgiving Day Parade officially announces and celebrates the beginning of the Holiday Season. In addition, the organization promotes excellence through awards to area high school students and marching bands through its Carrousel Scholarship program. The Carolinas' Carrousel also exists to offer business, industry, and the local citizenry the opportunity of participating in showcasing the region and encouraging academic excellence in the future leaders of the area.

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