

Bayless and Clay to Represent SWOSU at Miss Oklahoma Pageants

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Miss SWOSU Elizabeth Bayless of Hennessey and Miss SWOSU's Outstanding Teen Kaelin Clay of Idabel will represent Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford at the Miss Oklahoma Pageant set for June 3-10 in the Tulsa Mabee Center.

Miss and teen pageant preliminary competitions will be Monday-Thursday with the Miss Teen Oklahoma Pageant finals on Friday, June 9, and the Miss Oklahoma Pageant finals on Saturday, June 10.

Bayless will compete among 45 hopefuls during the Miss Oklahoma Pageant, and Clay will be among 34 teens competing for the Miss Oklahoma's Outstanding Teen title.

Bayless, a sophomore majoring in health science at SWOSU, is competing in the Omega group. She will have her interview session on Monday featuring her platform issue of "Power of People and Possibilities." Her talent competition – ballet en pointe "Mein Herr" – is Tuesday, evening wear on Wednesday and swimsuit on Thursday evening.

Clay, a freshman at Idabel High School, is part of the Omega group. Her interview is on Wednesday featuring her platform—The S.P.O.T. Movement. Her talent competition – musical theatre vocal "Mad Hatter" – is scheduled for Thursday, and Clay's evening wear and active wear competitions will be held Friday morning.

The Miss Oklahoma finals will be Saturday night (June 10) at 7:30 p.m. The winner of the pageant advances to the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City. The teen pageant finals will be held on Friday night (June 9) at 7:30 p.m.

Debbie Brown, director of the Miss SWOSU Pageant, encourages people to participate in the People's Choice Award. The contestants in each pageant that receives the most votes will become the 11th semifinalist in each competition. Vote \$1 as many times desired with money going toward Miss Oklahoma scholarships. Voting can be done at the Miss Oklahoma Pageant website at missoklahoma.org.

Representing SWOSU as Oklahoma Stars will be Samantha Rother of Weatherford and Paisley Thompson of Enid. They will appear on stage with Bayless during the evening wear competition on Wednesday and at the finals on Saturday evening.