

# Miss SWOSU Outstanding Teen Lacey Russ Wins Oklahoma Title

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Miss Southwestern Oklahoma State University Outstanding Teen Lacey Russ of Cordell won the title of Miss Oklahoma Outstanding Teen late Friday night (June 11) at the Miss Oklahoma Pageant in Tulsa.

Russ will now represent SWOSU and the state of Oklahoma at the Miss America Outstanding Teen Pageant August 24-28 in Orlando, Florida.

Russ, who will be a senior at Cordell High School this fall, won the Oklahoma title among 33 contestants and also a \$2,500 cash scholarship.

Other finalists in the Miss Oklahoma Outstanding Teen Pageant were first runner-up Miss Oklahoma City Heather Rassmussen; second runner-up Miss Edmond LibertyFest Sarah Staats; third runner-up Miss Oklahoma City University Madison Pride; and fourth runner-up Miss RiverWalk Emily Elkins.

Russ, who won the SWOSU competition this past November, wowed the audience with her piano solo combining the styles of Bach and Beethoven's flair in Bach's "Prelude XXI" and Beethoven's "Sonate Pathetique." She impressed the judges in the interview session with her platform issue: P.U.R.E. Excellence, encouraging a commitment to a lifestyle of purity.