

YANTIS, FARRIS NAMED SBU HOMECOMING KING AND QUEEN

BOLIVAR, Mo. — Coleman Yantis and Abigail Farris were announced as the 2021 Southwest Baptist University Homecoming King and Queen at halftime of the Bearcats' football game against the University of Indianapolis on Oct. 2.

Students nominated five seniors as candidates for Homecoming King and five candidates for Homecoming Queen.



Coleman Yantis is a computer science major from Carl Junction. He is the son of Tanya and Craig Yantis. After graduation, he plans to continue seeking leadership roles in the software development industry and explore other hobbies such as content creation in his free time.

"The honor of being SBU Homecoming King means a lot to me," Yantis said. "It's a great reminder to me of all the friends I've been blessed with here and how large of an influence SBU has had on me. I've been coming to summer camps at SBU since middle school, so SBU holds a special place in my heart.

"The ways God has used SBU to shape me are still being revealed today, with this honor serving as just another reminder to all the blessings he has given me during my time here. I wouldn't be the person I am today without SBU and its amazing community, so I am extremely grateful and humbled by this weekend."

Abigail Farris is an exercise science major from Rushville, Ill. She is the daughter of Heather and Tom Farris. After graduation, she plans to marry her fiancé, Nate McKinley, in June, move to Pennsylvania and attend an occupational therapy assistant school in the fall.

"Being named this year's Homecoming Queen is such an honor because SBU is my second home," Farris said. "I have grown so much here, and have made so many lifelong friendships. I am extremely grateful for my time here and thankful for my SBU family."

King candidates

Nate McKinley is an economics/finance major from Collegeville, Pa. He is the son of Linda '94 and David '92 McKinley. After graduation, he plans to marry his fiancée, Abby Farris, move back to Pennsylvania and pursue a career in corporate finance.

Jacob Buckner is a vocal music education major from Fair Grove. He is the son of Elizabeth Zebel and Archie Buckner. After graduation, he plans to teach music and continue serving on church worship teams.

Quinn Nelson is a sport management major from Ozark. He is the son of Brenda and Greg Nelson. After graduation, he plans to pursue a master's degree in sport administration.

Nicholas Schulte is a biomedical science major from Junction City, Kan. He is the son of Stacy and Scott Schulte. After graduation, he plans to attend dental school and eventually work in rural or underserved communities.

Queen candidates

Lindsey Applegate is a studio art major from Bolivar. She is the daughter of Susan and Mark Applegate. After graduation, she would love to continue working for Wonders of Wildlife in Springfield and eventually work her way toward the education department so she can share her fascination with "the amazing world around us" with the guests of the museum.

Carolyn Cates is an elementary education major from Lee's Summit. She is the daughter of Janel and Dr. Thomas G. Cates III. After graduation, she plans to begin teaching elementary school in the Lee's Summit area and eventually get her master's degree in administration to become a principal.

Corynn Knight is a biology major from Bolivar. She is the daughter of Shawndee and Mike Knight. After graduation, she plans to attend a doctorate program focused on biomedical research, specializing in immunology and pathology.

Kailey Weiskopf is a biochemistry major from St. Louis. She is the daughter of Shelley and Chris Weiskopf. After graduation, she plans to go to medical school and become a doctor.

In addition, princes and princesses for the freshman, sophomore and junior classes were chosen by their peers.

Princes

David Nash is a freshman pre-medicine and music (vocal emphasis) major from Bloomfield, Iowa. He is the son of Charlene and Dr. Michael Nash.

Minh Dinh is a sophomore youth ministry major from West Plains. He is the son of Le Ho and Nghia Nguyen.

Nathan MacLaughlin is a junior accounting and finance major from Springfield. He is the son of Angela and Jeremy MacLaughlin '92.

Princesses

Sara Francis is a freshman exercise science major from Farmington. She is the daughter of Lisa and Rob Francis.

Kaila Lloyd is a sophomore biomedical science major from Cold Springs, Calif. She is the daughter of Jennifer and Barry Lloyd.

Emma Dooley is a junior art education major from Kudjip, Papua New Guinea. She is the daughter of Gail and Scott Dooley.

For more information about SBU Homecoming, please contact the Office of Alumni Engagement at (417) 328-1806.

PHOTO: Coleman Yantis (right) and Abigail Farris were selected as the 2021 SBU Homecoming King and Queen at halftime of SBU's football game against the University of Indianapolis.

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