

TWO STUDENTS TO BE CROWNED MR. AND MISS SOUTHWEST AT ANNUAL PAGEANT

BOLIVAR, Mo. — Southwest Baptist University continues the tradition of honoring one male and one female student each year at the annual Mr. and Miss Southwest Pageant, which takes place this year at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 6, in Pike Auditorium on the SBU campus.



Eight candidates are nominated by SBU faculty and staff and voted upon by the student body to select a pair of standout students to represent the Bearcat family for the next year. The voting will take place by text message during the pageant, which will include opportunities to learn more about the candidates through everything from introductory videos to talent presentations and question-and-answer sessions.

This year's candidates are Lindsey Appleby of Springfield, Mo.; Ashton Hensley of Istanbul, Turkey; Paige Phipps of Ozark, Mo.; Sarah Swainston of Warrensburg, Mo.; Jordan Ashford of St. Louis, Mo.; Chance Bedell of Odessa, Mo.; Trevor Bellmyer of Odessa, Mo.; and Brooks Lucas of Divernon, Ill.

The beginnings of the "Miss Southwest" pageant date back to the 1930s, with "Mr. Southwest" being added in 1963. The pageant is part of Bearcat Days, a two-day visit event in which admitted students considering SBU attendance are hosted on campus.

Admission to the pageant is free and open to the public. For more information about Mr. and Miss Southwest, please contact Director of Student Leadership and Engagement, Dr. Nathan Penland at (417) 328-1828 or npenland@SBUuniv.edu.

PHOTO: (Front row, left to right) Brooks Lucas, Lindsey Appleby, Trevor Bellmyer and Ashton Hensley; (Back row, left to right): Sarah Swainston, Chance Bedell, Paige Phipps and Jordan Ashford.

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