

On November 25, sixteen-year old Heather Zhuang was crowned the new National All-American Miss Teen 2007-2008 in Disneyland, California. The competition was intense and challenging: not only were these contestants the top five scorers in their respective state pageants—the best of the best from across the nation—but many also had extensive pageant experience.

Each contestant was judged in four categories with the following weights on their scores: Community Involvement (10%), Formal Wear (30%), Personal Introduction (30%), and Interview (30%).



Contestants were judged on poise and presentation in an evening gown in the formal wear competition. Scores were based on the judges' overall impressions, and the contestants' ability to command both the judges' and the audience's attention in a poised graceful, and professional manner.

For the personal introduction competition, judges evaluated each contestant's stage presence, her ability to clearly, confidently, and naturally convey her personality through engaging public speaking skills. Finally, the interview competition provided contestants with the opportunity to show their personality and demonstrate their communication skills.

The scores from these preliminary competitions were totaled to determine the top ten contestants, who were reevaluated in formal wear at the final pageant. From these semi-finalists, the judges selected the top five, who then presented their personal introductions and walked once more for the judges. In the finale, the runner-ups were announced and the new queen was crowned.

Heather also competed in the Talent and Spokesmodel optional contests. Playing Chopin's Prelude No.24, she received 2nd runner up in talent; and her speech on human

trafficking won her 1st runner-up in Spokesmodel. Heather was also awarded the National American Miss Academic Achievement Award accompanied by a \$1000 scholarship donated by National Honor Roll. Heather's awards total over \$6000 in cash and prizes. She will have the opportunity to travel the nation, representing girls all over the country.



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From Left to Right: 4th runner-up, 2nd runner-up, Queen, 1st runner-up, 3rd runner-up