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MISS LOUISIANA TEEN USA, KATHERINE HAIK CROWNED MISS TEEN USA 2015 AT ATLANTIS, PARADISE ISLAND RESORT IN THE BAHAMAS

New York, NY – August 24, 2015 – The Miss Universe Organization announced today that Katherine Haik was crowned Miss Teen USA 2015 this past Saturday at the beautiful Atlantis, Paradise Island Resort in the Bahamas on August 22, 2015. The 15-year-old winner is from Franklinton, Louisiana. The 2015 MISS TEEN USA® Pageant was streamed live on www.missteenusa.com.

Katherine Haik is a sophomore at Franklinton High School where she maintains a 4.0 GPA and was recently selected as a Student Council Representative. Inspired by her grandmother, Katherine has been playing the piano for five years and has incorporated art class into her regular curriculum. A lover of all sports, Katherine has been playing softball and basketball for the better part of her life. As a passionate dancer from a young age, Katherine is on The Dancer's Edge competition team and her high school's dance team. Since she began modeling, Katherine has participated in New Orleans Fashion Week for four seasons, modeled for Sherri Hill, and has done print work for many designers. Throughout her reign, she will continue her work with children who have developmental disabilities.

Hosting this year's pageant was Miss USA 2013 Erin Brady Capasso, star of ABC Family's new reality show "Startup U" and Nick Teplitz, comedian and TV host. The presentation show, which took place Friday, August 21st, was hosted by K. Lee Graham, Miss Teen USA 2014 and Nick Teplitz.

This year's distinguished panel of judges included: Fred Nelson, President/Executive Producer of People's Choice Awards; Danielle Doty, Miss Teen USA 2011; BJ Coleman, publicist and TV personality; Marc Passera, Executive Editor of Supermodels Unlimited Magazine; and Tony Capasso, VP of Capasso Enterprises.

Throughout the event, the contestants competed in three categories: swimsuit, evening gown and interview. Graham crowned her successor at the conclusion of the two-hour live event. To watch the 2015 MISS TEEN USA® Pageant visit, <https://www.youtube.com/missteenusa>.

Final Results:

Miss California Teen USA, Melanie Mitchell will assume the duties of Miss Teen USA 2015 if for some reason the winner cannot fulfill her responsibilities.

Second Runner-Up:	Miss North Carolina Teen USA, Jane Axhoj
Third Runner-Up:	Miss Tennessee Teen USA, Hannah Greene
Fourth Runner-Up:	Miss Massachusetts Teen USA, Sophie Baird
Rest of Top Fifteen:	Miss Alabama Teen USA, Taylor Ryan Elliott

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Miss Arizona Teen USA, Neda Danilovic
Miss Arkansas Teen USA, Aryn Johnson
Miss Missouri Teen USA, Christina Stratton
Miss New York Teen USA, Geena Cardalena
Miss Oklahoma Teen USA, Cherokee Pearce
Miss Pennsylvania Teen USA, Jasmine Daniels
Miss South Carolina Teen USA, Wesley Mitchell
Miss Texas Teen USA, Chloe Kembel
Miss Vermont Teen USA, Alexandra Marek

Miss Photogenic Teen USA™ Award: Miss Missouri Teen USA, Christina Stratton was voted the delegate who best connected with her audience through a photograph.

Miss Congeniality Teen USA™ Award: Miss West Virginia Teen USA, Cora King. This award reflects the respect and admiration of the delegate's peers, who voted for her as the most congenial, charismatic and inspirational participant.

ABOUT MISS TEEN USA

The Miss Universe Organization (MUO) uses its global grassroots reach to empower women to be self-confident and strive to be their personal best. MUO believes that every woman should be "Confidently Beautiful." The MISS UNIVERSE®, MISS USA®, and MISS TEEN USA® beauty pageants provide an international platform through dedicated partnerships with charities, sponsors, and brands around the world. During their reign, our winners are given the tools to personally and professionally enrich others by providing humanitarian efforts to affect positive change, all while developing their personal career goals. For more information, and to learn more about Miss Teen USA's official cause to raise awareness for teen issues please visit: www.missteenusa.com.

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