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**KENNEDY EDWARDS WINS THE**

**MISS TEXAS TEEN USA**® **PAGEANT!**

The 2019 **MISS TEXAS TEEN USA**®pageant was held on Sunday afternoon, November 25, 2018 at the Hilton Houston Post Oak Hotel. One hundred eighteen contestants from across Texas competed for a prize package that includes jewelry, travel, wardrobe, and the honor of representing Texas next year in the premier national pageant for teenagers, **MISS TEEN USA**®.

The newly crowned Miss Texas Teen USA is eighteen year-old **Kennedy Edwards**, who represented Houston. A first-year political science major at Howard University, Kennedy participates on the debate team and hopes to earn an internship on a 2020 political campaign. With determination and self-discipline, she aspires to a career of practicing civil rights law. Kennedy’s less serious side enjoys marathon shopping, cheerleading, and live concerts.

First runner-up is Miss Bay Area Teen USA, Bryn Carden; second runner-up is Miss Midland County Teen USA, Gina Campagna (winner of the Fitness Award); third runner-up is Miss Gulf Coast Teen USA, Mary Sickler; and fourth runner-up is Miss Wise County Teen USA, Haleigh Hurst (also named Most Photogenic).

Semifinalists are Miss Austin Teen USA – Angelique Devine, Miss Corpus Christi Teen USA – Callie Adams, Miss DFW Teen USA – Preslie Watson, Miss El Paso Teen USA – Raelynne George, Miss Laredo Teen USA – Anissa Mendez, Miss North Houston Teen USA – Rita Goebel, Miss Panhandle Area Teen USA – Blayke Breeding, Miss Rio Grande Valley Teen USA – Vielka Gutierrez, Miss San Antonio Teen USA – Lillian Perez, Miss Southlake Teen USA – Avery Jackson, Miss Spurs City Teen USA – Katherine Alexander, Miss Tropics of Texas Teen USA – Carly Moran, and Miss Woodlands Teen USA – Alexa Cyr.

The Miss Congeniality Award went to Miss North Austin Teen USA, Claire Roberts.

Miss Corpus Christi Teen USA, Callie Adams, won the People’s Choice Award. Thanks to the contestants’ friends and families who voted for their favorite with a donation of one dollar per vote, over $8,000 were raised to benefit the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation.

Albert Soliz and Miss Texas USA 2019, Alayah Benavidez, hosted the show. Miss Texas Teen USA 2018, Brenna Flynn, was a special guest.

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