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ANISSA MENDEZ WINS THE MISS TEXAS TEEN USA® 2020 PAGEANT!

The 2020 MISS TEXAS TEEN USA® pageant was held on Sunday afternoon, December 1, 2019 at the Hilton Houston Post Oak Hotel. One hundred eight contestants from across Texas competed for a prize package that includes jewelry, travel, wardrobe, a modeling contract, and the honor of representing Texas in the premier national pageant for teenagers, MISS TEEN USA®.

The newly crowned Miss Texas Teen USA is seventeen-year-old Anissa Mendez who represented North Laredo. Anissa is in the top 10% of her senior class at the University of Texas at Austin Online High School and looks forward to entering a Pre-Med program. She is very involved in her community, working with organizations that include Sacred Heart Orphanage, Bethany House, Climb4Hunger, Muscular Dystrophy Association, and the Texas Diaper Bank. Her own organization, Girls B U, inspires teenage girls to build confidence, set goals, prepare for college and career, and be ready to join the next generation of professional women.

First runner-up is Miss Austin Teen USA, Samantha Keaton; second runner-up is Miss Central Laredo Teen USA, Dylana Estrella; third runner-up is Miss Wise County Teen USA, Haleigh Hurst; and fourth runner-up is Miss Capital of Texas Teen USA, Angelique Devine.

Semifinalists are Miss Concho Valley Teen USA – Natalie Dragt, Miss Dallas Teen USA – Delanie Flynn (also named Most Photogenic), Miss Del Rio Teen USA – Kaylee Yi, Miss El Paso Teen USA – Lauren Harper, Miss El Paso County Teen USA – Caitlyn Acevedo, Miss Fort Worth Teen USA – Preslie Watson (winner of the Fitness Award), Miss Friendswood Teen USA – Jadyn Plttman, Miss Hallsville Teen USA – Amber McDowell, Miss Heart of Texas Teen USA – Danielle Heiman, Miss Katy Teen USA – Taryn Cornell, Miss Panhandle Area Teen USA – Blayke Breeding, Miss Rio Grande Valley Teen USA – Alyssa Yarritu, Miss San Antonio Teen USA – Corie Cruze, and Miss Southwest El Paso Teen USA – Sabrina Lich.

The Miss Congeniality Award went to Miss Alamo City Teen USA, Liberty Bolsen-Long.

Miss Southwest El Paso Teen USA, Sabrina Lich, won the People's Choice Award. Thanks to the contestants' friends and families who voted for their favorite contestant with a donation of one dollar per vote, over \$14,000 were raised to benefit the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation.

Albert Soliz and Miss Texas USA 2020, Taylor Kessler, hosted the show. Miss Texas Teen USA 2019, Kennedy Edwards, was a special guest.

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