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## Northside High Names 2020-2021 Miss Northside



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Northside High School held its annual Miss Northside Pageant on Mar. 6, 2021. The 2020-2021 Miss Northside High School is Abigail Emery, a senior. Emery also won top honors in the following categories: Application, Interview, Faculty & Staff Vote, Formal Wear and Miss Congeniality.

The pageant court also consists of (pictured from left):

- first runner-up, Lexandria Richardson;
- second runner-up, Heavenly Simmons;
- third runner-up, Miranda Arnold; and
- fourth runner-up, Hannah Woods.

Additional category winners include:

- Academics ~ Lexandria Richardson;
- Informal Wear ~ Bryanna Goff; and
- Talent ~ 1<sup>st</sup> place, Lexandria Richardson; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Emery; and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Bryanna Goff.

The remainder of the Top 10 individual winners are: Aniston Kemmerer, Bryanna Goff, Autumn Glover, McCayla Moody and Brianna Foust.

Emery plans to attend Shorter University in Rome, Ga. with the prestigious Eubanks Scholarship, to major in education with concentrations in language arts and history, and minor in musical theatre. Her ultimate goal



is to return to Northside High School to teach. Emery is an active member and current vice president of Northside's Thespian Troupe 2892; she has participated in nine different theatre productions since 2018. She is also an active member of the Beta Club, Partners Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Emery will be a Class of 2021 honor graduate and has received the Chick-fil-a Leadership Academy Award.

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Five Northside alumni judged the pageant, including Olivia McMillan, 2015 Miss America's Outstanding Teen, who recently graduated from the vocal arts program at The Julliard School in New York City. LaTonya Holmes, Broadway star and independent recording artist, adjudicated this year's pageant.

Open auditions were held for the pageant in December 2020, and 30 young women vied for the opportunity to compete for the title. Brian Barnett, Northside High Theatre Director, chaired the selection committee, which narrowed the group to 18 finalists. The pageant is usually held in the fall, but was postponed until spring due to COVID-19 restrictions. Although the audience numbers were limited for social distancing, the smaller crowd was very enthusiastic.

Northside High School is located at 926 Green Street in Warner Robins, and Dr. Jody Dean serves as principal. For more information, please contact Barnett at <a href="mailto:Brian.Barnett@hcbe.net">Brian.Barnett@hcbe.net</a>.

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