

Happenings on the Plains with Jaicelyn Shakespaere

November/December 2016



Rexburg's Annual Veterans Day Program

Can I just say, Holy Cow where has time gone? It seems like just yesterday I was being crowned in July and now it is almost Christmas time! Well the phrase, "time fly's when you're having fun" definitely applies to this past year. It has been nothing short of fun and excitement. I have had a blast representing not only Hastings, but Nebraska during my time here in Idaho. During the first part of November, I had the opportunity to participate and hand out programs for the Annual Veterans Day Program. This was such a humbling experience because I was able to pay tribute to the veterans that were in attendance of the program and also for those soldiers who are fallen and no longer with us.



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What Are You Thankful For?

During the month of November, I was thinking of different ways that I could both ask people what they were thankful for as well as share it with others. This sparked the idea of doing a video and asking different people on campus what they were thankful for. It was interesting to see what people were thankful for and to hear the stories behind why they were so grateful for them.



What are you thankful for?

School Visit Days

My platform is Hopelist: Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness. I chose this as my platform because I want to spread awareness about this disease. When my cousin Mathis was 6 months old, he was diagnosed with Type 1 SMA and passed away a few months later. Spinal Muscular Atrophy can take away the ability to walk, eat, or breathe. It is the number one genetic cause of death for infants. When my aunt and Uncle learned about Mathis' diagnosis they created a Hopelist. This Hopelist was created to encourage happiness, experience life, make memories with Mathis, and to later look back on the good times that were spent with him.

I was able to share my platform with the students of Adams Central Middle/High school as well as the Juanita 6th graders. While I was in Juanita, I was able to meet a young girl named Mackenzie. When I was done with my presentation her teacher came over to me and said that Mackenzie has something she wanted to tell me. I followed the teacher back to where she was sitting and sat by Mackenzie. She then proceeded to tell me that she had suffered from Type 2 SMA. It was such a neat experience to meet with someone that was going through the battle of having SMA and to also hear the things that were on her own hopelist.



Mackenzie and I



My presentation at Adam's Central Jr/Sr High School



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Miss Queen City

This year has been nothing short of incredible. I have been able to see myself grow in both a leadership aspect and making in setting goals. Being Miss Queen City of the Plains, has given me the drive to want to succeed as both a titleholder and as a student. Though 2016 has had some fun and busy times, I am excited to see what 2017 has to offer! Miss Nebraska 2017? We'll see what is in store for the New Year! (:

I hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and has a Happy New Year! Signing off for the last time in 2016,

Miss Queen City of the Plains 2017

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