

# THE CROWN IS IN TOWN

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How often do we attend school with others students and never really know very much about them? For instance, LHS is home to a state title holder. Miss Louisiana Teen USA, Brianna Waguespack is a 16 year old junior at Lutcher High School in Lutcher, La. Brianna has been competing in pageants for sixteen years. Competing in pageants started off as something Brianna's father wanted his daughter involved in because it was "girly." As Brianna got older she competed in pageants by choice because it was something she enjoyed. As a toddler Brianna won several baby titles but when she got older she began winning more important titles like Jr. Miss LHS in 2006, Teen Miss Festival of the Bonfires in 2007, Miss Louisiana Teen Gulf Coast in 2009, and currently Miss Louisiana Teen USA 2010. Brianna says she's extremely satisfied with her accomplishments and it almost seems unreal. When asked what is the best part of being Miss Louisiana Teen USA Brianna responded, "Well, the prize package and meeting celebrities has been fun, but the best part, hands down, has been knowing that I accomplished my dream. The odds of a young man making it to the NFL are greater than a young woman being able to compete at Miss Louisiana Teen USA, so to me, it's a pretty special thing." Because of her years competing in pageants Brianna says she feels confident to handle any situation. In her words "Putting myself in a position to be judged really makes me comfortable in the public eye and in otherwise stressful situations."