

# Gonzalez named Miss Santa Cruz County

Beauty Pageant 1970

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APTOS — Ruth Gonzalez, 19, of Scotts Valley, won the Miss Santa Cruz County scholarship contest Sunday at Cabrillo College.

Runners up were: Meilani Bowman-Kamaha'o, 18, of Scotts Valley; Briana Michaud, 20, of Aptos; and Kelly Gleitsmann, 17, of Santa Cruz.

Contestants competed in six categories, with the most consideration given to performance. The women gave performances that included songs, dramatic monologues, dance and piano. Judges also considered contestants' physical fitness, appearance in evening and casual wear and responses to on-the-spot questions.

Gonzalez received a \$5,000 scholarship and advances to the Miss California contest. The previous Miss Santa Cruz County was University of California, Santa Cruz, music student Rebecca Jackson.

The three runners-up get \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$800 scholarships, respectively. The other six contestants get \$550.

Shannon Burton, 18, of Watsonville, won the Josephine Ware award for artistic expression. Stephanie Castro, 23, of Watsonville, won the \$500 Kelly Chilcote Memorial Scholarship. Willow Fygenholtz, 17, of Capitola, won the Dick Brandberg award for community service.



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**New Miss Santa Cruz County Ruth Gonzalez greets master of ceremonies Tony Moises after receiving her crown Sunday at Cabrillo College.**