

Miss Santa Cruz County



Antos girl, Danielle Crook, claims title

Beauty Pageants 1970

✓ Aptos CA - Danielle Crook, 23 of Aptos was wowed when she became Miss Santa Cruz County 2007 and was crowned by Ruth Gonzalez, Miss Santa Cruz County 2006. The scholarship program pageant was held at Cabrillo College in Aptos.

As her talent, Danielle sang a classical piece "Let the Bright Seraphim." Her platform is Suicide Prevention and Awareness. The Scholarship Association awarded her a \$5,000 scholarship for her continuing education and many other awards to help her prepare for the Miss California

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Pageant in June 2007.

The newest Miss Santa Cruz County is a 23-year-old "local girl," born at Dominican Hospital in 1983. She went to Rio Del Mar Elementary, Aptos Jr. High, and graduated from Aptos High School in 2002. Then she moved to Los Angeles where she lived for the past four years while a music student at UCLA. Danielle graduated Cum Laude in December with a BA in Music History and with departmental honors. Danielle has also performed extensively includ-

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(Left to right) Katelyn Bruce 1st runner up, Danielle Crook Miss Santa Cruz Co., Jennifer Castro, 2nd runner up

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ing being one of the youngest leading ladies in a Cabrillo Stage production.

She was just hired as a vocal music teacher by the PVUSD and will split her time between Aptos High and Aptos Middle Schools. In fact, the morning of her dress rehearsal Danielle was busily taking the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) for her new position.

First Runner-up, Katelyn Bruce, 21, received a \$1,800 scholarship. Katelyn attend the University of California at Santa Cruz her platform is Painting Bright Futures Through The Arts. Second Runner-up, Jennifer Castro, 20, received a \$1,300 scholarship. Jennifer attends Cabrillo College and her platform is Breast Cancer Awareness. All non-finalists received \$600 scholarships for their education just for competing in the program.

Jessica Metter, a Santa Cruz High Student, was crowned 2007 Santa Cruz County's Outstanding Teen. This was the first time this program was presented the Santa Cruz County Scholarship Association.

Both Danielle and Jessica will be preparing for the Miss California Program that takes place the end of June in Fresno.

The Miss Santa Cruz County

Scholarship Program is a preliminary competition for the Miss California/ Miss America Programs.

Scholarship Awards

Miss Santa Cruz County Danielle Crook \$5,000

First Runner-up Katelyn Bruce \$1,800

Second Runner-up Jennifer Castro \$1,300

Non-finalist Contestants (\$600 X 4) \$2,400

Brianna Lehmann, Willow Fagenholtz, Lauren Swanson, Tegan Dixon

2007 Santa Cruz County's Outstanding Teen Jessica Metter \$500

Special Awards

Miss congeniality - \$200 Willow Fagenholtz

Dick Brandberg Memorial Community Service Award - \$250 Willow Fagenholtz

Kelly Chilcote Memorial Scholarship - Jennifer Castro \$500

Josephine Ware Artistic Expression in Talent Award - \$250 Tegan Dixon, Willow Fagenholtz

Andrews Dedication Award - (\$100 X 3) \$300 Jennifer Castro, Danielle Crook, Willow Fagenholtz

Total 2007 Scholarships \$12,500