

Test run reaps top spot for new Miss Farmington

North Farmington High School made a clean sweep of the Miss Farmington Scholarship pageant this year with 17-year-old Kelly Lynn Garver taking the top honor and two other alumni named first and second runners-up.

The new Miss Farmington graduated in June as did first runner-up Pamela Ann McCann. Second runner-up April Lynne Arabian graduated from North Farmington in 1979.

A gala mood permeated the annual event at Vladimir's in Farmington Hills last Wednesday. Fans and family of all 15 entrants jammed the hall to cheer on their favorites.

Having previously participated in interviews with the judges, each contestant competed in the talent, swimsuit and an on-stage personality segment.

Being contestant No. 13 proved to be lucky for Ms. Garver, who also won top honors in the talent competition.

She charmed the audience with a mixture of classical and country music on the violin — an appealing contrast which brought a round of rhythmic hand clapping from the audience and put her over the top with the judges.

MS. GARVER has studied the violin for eight years and would some day like to be a music professor. She hopes to study music at Michigan State University.

The 5-foot-6 1/2-inch redhead was surprised at the victory on her first run for the crown.

"I was going into this as a practice year. I just wanted the experience," she said at the pageant reception at the historic Botsford Inn.

Some experience it proved to be as she and the other 14 contestants practiced "night and day" for weeks before the festival pageant.

Ms. Garver was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship, a \$350 wardrobe allowance, sponsorship to the Miss Michigan Pageant next year in Muskegon; a \$100 cookware certificate, one year of dance instruction, one year of hair care, a 16x20-inch studio portrait, a commemorative plaque and a Miss America Crown pin.

After being named festival queen, first-class treatment was accorded the daughter of Gerald and Arlene Garver. The Phi Beta Kappa member was whisked down Grand River by police escort and she made her first public appearance at the Plaza Shopping Center where the Farmington Community Band was performing.

Just as quickly she was spirited back to the Botsford Inn for the reception where family, friends and dignitaries gathered to wish her well.

Also on hand throughout the night were previous Miss Farmington winners including Holly Lichtman, the 1977 Miss Michigan; Susan Reed, Pamela Priehard, Jan Fredericks, Dorissa



Pamela Ann McCann, 17, graduated with honors from North Farmington High School where she was student council president. She will attend the University of Michigan this fall.

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Joining the celebration were representatives from World Wide TV & Appliance, the company which sponsored her.

One of the featured performers for the evening was Miss Farmington 1980, Melanie Churella. Jim Mitchell acted as master of ceremonies and the orchestra was under the direction of Bill Swayze.

FIRST RUNNER-UP Ms. McCann,

17, will receive a \$100 cash scholarship award in addition to a studio portrait, cookware certificate and commemorative plaque.

She is an honor graduate of North Farmington, where she was student council president and participated in track and cheerleading.

She will attend the University of Michigan, with plans to major in political science with a minor in clothing design. Her aim is to hold public office. Her sponsor was Home Planners Inc.



Kelly Lynn Garver, the new Miss Farmington, played a violin medley of classical and country music in the talent competition last Wednesday.

An avid seamstress, she displayed her dress-making ability in the talent contest. She made her evening gown, swim suit, talent and interview outfits for the local pageant.

Ms. Arabian, the second runner-up, receives a \$50 cash scholarship award plus the studio portrait and cookware certificate.

A junior at Western Michigan University, she is majoring in music education. She sang "Isabella's Aria Crude Sorte" from the opera "The Italian Girl

in Algiers," for the talent portion of the pageant.

With an eye toward a career in vocal and music instruction, Ms. Arabian's college activities include participation in two choirs.

At North Farmington she was a member of student council, National Honor Society, the choral program, forensic team and a cheerleader.

She was sponsored by Contemporary Awards.

OTHER CONTESTANTS were:

Denise Dianne Buckley, Lisa Marie Ciampa, Tamara Marie Forinski, Sheila Mae Furman, Karen Joan Gams, Susan Lynne Hosking, Deborah Lynn Kurzeja, Maureen Ann Latimer, Kerri Kay Frideamore, Mary Louise Scheer, Kathleen Marie Schroll and Barbara Lynn Todd.

Ms. Buckley, 17, is a June graduate of Our Lady of Mercy High School where she was captain of the pom-pom

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April Lynne Arabian, 20, sang "Isabella's Aria Crude Sorte" from the opera "The Italian Girl in Algiers."



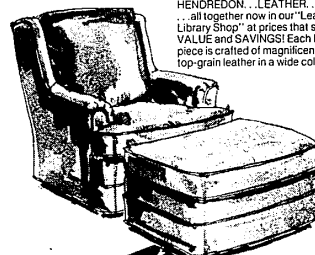
Melanie Churella, Miss Farmington 1980, treated the audience to the jazz dance routine she performed just one month ago in the Miss Michigan Scholarship Pageant.



Deborah Lynn Kurzeja, 18, (left) graduated from Our Lady of Mercy High School in 1980. She attends the University of Michigan where she is studying nursing.

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