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McMullen chosen as Indy 500 Festival Princess

University of Southern Indiana freshman Niccole McMullen was announced as one of 33 women chosen to be a 2002 500 Festival Princess. Participants were selected based on community service, grade point average, and college activities.

McMullen, along with the other finalists, will be representing the Indianapolis 500 and 500 Festival by attending assorted events in Indianapolis during May including the mini-marathon, 500 Festival Parade, Carburetion Day, and the Mayor's Breakfast.

A \$2,500 scholarship is awarded to one finalist who is chosen as 500 Festival Queen based on public speaking and an interview. The Queen will be announced May 5 at the Indianapolis 500 Opening Day Ceremonies at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

McMullen, graduate of Southmont High School, is a native of Ladoga, Ind. Daughter of Larry and Patsy McMullen, she is pursuing a degree in elementary education at USI, where she is the philanthropy chair of Delta Zeta International Sorority.

After graduating, she plans to begin her teaching career pursuing a master's degree and Ph.D. in education. McMullen ultimately plans to become a principal.

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