



Addie Gauck

EDUCATION

North Decatur High School - 2024

Purdue University - 2028

FUTURE PLANS

I am going to continue my studies of Agriculture Systems Management at Purdue University. I will be starting my sophomore year.

In a brief statement, please tell us why you desire to be Miss Decatur County?

Decatur County has given so much to me through support, mentors, guidance, and opportunities. I have become the person I am today because of the community here in Decatur County, and I want to be able to give back to the community that has done so much for me. I want to be a role model for young girls and children in this community and show that they can achieve anything they put their minds to! Being Miss Decatur County would give me a chance to give back to the community that helped me become who I am today!

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Kiley Best

EDUCATION

Waldron High school 2025, University of Arizona 2029

FUTURE PLANS

My future plans are to go to University of Arizona and study Journalism. My long term goal is to be a News Reporter

In a brief statement, please tell us why you desire to be Miss Decatur County?

I want to be Miss Decatur County because as a kid, growing up at the fair, I have always looked up to the royalties in past years. I would love to have that opportunity to be a role model to kids as well.



Cecilia Barber

EDUCATION

North Decatur - 2025, Marian University - 2029

FUTURE PLANS

I plan to study Spanish and Chemistry at Marian University on a Pre-Med track, to one day become a pediatric oncologist.

In a brief statement, please tell us why you desire to be Miss Decatur County?

I want to run for Miss Decatur County to be an inspiration for the youth. As someone who is involved heavily in the arts and in my academics, I have learned that having to work for a grade, or for an art project to turn out the way you want, isn't a weakness, it's a strength! Being told my whole life that becoming a doctor is difficult and not worth it, has only made me want to achieve it more. Through the hard work and determination that you put toward your school work and life goals, you can make a change in your community and defy expectations against you. Having the title of Miss Decatur County can allow me to help inspire others to believe they can make a change and do big things too!



Kaylee Smith

EDUCATION

North Decatur High School-2024
Ivy tech Community College-2025

FUTURE PLANS

I am working on obtaining my associates degree in applied science and information in technology. Afterwards, I will pursue a career in the cybersecurity field. My goal is to work on developing more effective technology in ending cyber predators.

In a brief statement, please tell us why you desire to be Miss Decatur County?

The title of Miss Decatur comes with opportunities to reach out in my community. I have worked as a volunteer firefighter, was a 10 year member of 4H, and even launched my own reach out program I title Battle Bags. I am excited for the new adventure of being Miss Decatur County.



Madison Ponsler

EDUCATION

Greensburg Community High School - 2024

DePauw University - 2028

FUTURE PLANS

I graduated from Greensburg Community High School, and I am currently a sophomore at DePauw University. My concentration includes a double major in Finance and Political Science, and I intend to complete my Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam upon graduation. After completing my studies, I plan to focus on my career as a tax agent and public accountant, providing my expertise to local campaign boards on reformative financial policies that promote growth within rural Indiana communities, such as Decatur County!

In a brief statement, please tell us why you desire to be Miss Decatur County?

My desire to become the next Miss Decatur County stems from the opportunity to serve Decatur County as a reliable community partner for local initiatives focused on youth development. I spent my formative years of adolescence in leadership positions that allowed me to empower my peers and amplify voices within the community, including serving as President of the GCHS Art Club and Director of Philanthropy for my sorority chapter. The role of Miss Decatur County within the local community is incredibly impactful, as previous queens have highlighted the importance of community involvement through their support for 4-H fairs and associated fundraising events. These initiatives are vital for any successful organization, and I plan to continue fostering community outreach.



Hanna Gridley

EDUCATION

South Decatur High School - 2025, DePauw University- 2029

FUTURE PLANS

Over this summer, I will be working at the Bartholomew County Jail as a Correctional Officer. In the Fall, I will be attending DePauw University to double major in Psychology and Sociology. While there, I will also be on the cheerleading team, and audition for several of their theatrical performances. After earning my bachelor's degree, I intend to join the U.S. Air Force as an officer, while also working toward extending my degree to a Master's. After that, I plan to put my education to use in the Behavioral Analysis Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, working as a Criminal Psychologist and Behavior Analyst.

In a brief statement, please tell us why you desire to be Miss Decatur County?

I desire to be Miss Decatur County because I feel it would be a great honor to be able to represent and connect with our county in the ways that such a position would allow me to. It would also be an experience that would allow me to make a further impression on our community and the young people in it.

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Morgan Reatherford

EDUCATION

South Decatur High School-2025, Hanover College-2029

FUTURE PLANS

Over the summer I plan to work with kids in some type of way. Whether it be at a daycare or a kids summer camp I plan to get some more experience in with kids. This coming fall I plan to study elementary education at Hanover College. I will also be a part of their cheerleading squad. After college I hope to get a teaching job as a kindergarten teacher and teach for many years to come.

In a brief statement, please tell us why you desire to be Miss Decatur County?

I desire to be Miss Decatur County because I want to leave an everlasting impression on my community, and I also feel like it would be an amazing honor to represent my county. Living in this county my whole life, I have been blessed with the honor of getting to know so many wonderful people, and I would love the opportunity to meet even more members of our amazing community.