



## News Release

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### **2020 winners crowned at annual Junior Royalty pageant**

PLANT CITY, Fla. (Jan. 11, 2020) – The Florida Strawberry Festival crowned the winners of its Annual Junior Royalty pageant tonight at the Charlie Grimes Family Agricultural Center on the festival grounds.

One-hundred-twenty registered contestants from 5 years old to 15 years old competed in four categories according to their ages: baroness, duchess, princess and queen, respectively. From the top five finalists in each category, a first maid and a winner were chosen.

Gracie Ashlyn Garner was selected as Junior Royalty Queen; Madelyn Marie Hardwick was chosen Junior Royalty Princess; Sutton Kaye Duncan was chosen Junior Royalty Duchess; and Olivia Pilar McDowell was chosen Junior Royalty Baroness.

“Our Junior Royalty Pageant is always a highly anticipated event,” said Florida Strawberry Festival President Paul Davis. “Again, the judges have selected four wonderful young ladies whom we know will represent us well this year.”

The Junior Royalty winners will represent the Florida Strawberry Festival throughout the year, making numerous appearances at events and parades including the Plant City Christmas Parade and Grand Parade during the festival.

### **About the Florida Strawberry Festival**

The Florida Strawberry Festival is an 11-day community event celebrating the strawberry harvest of Eastern Hillsborough County. Each year, nearly 500,000 visitors enjoy the festival’s headline entertainment, youth livestock shows, exhibits of commerce and, of course, its

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strawberry shortcake. The 2020 Florida Strawberry Festival takes place February 27 through March 8 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit [www.flstrawberryfestival.com](http://www.flstrawberryfestival.com), Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (#berryfest20).

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