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Festival crowns 2022 Junior Royalty queen and court

PLANT CITY, Fla. (Jan. 15, 2022) – The Florida Strawberry Festival crowned the winners of its Annual Junior Royalty pageant tonight at the Grimes Family Agricultural Center on the festival grounds.

One-hundred-twelve 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.

Kennedie Clinton was selected as Junior Royalty Queen; Ivy Belle Garner was chosen Junior Royalty Princess; Rowen Ashford Morgan was chosen Junior Royalty Duchess; Kezley Salinas and was chosen Junior Royalty Baroness.

"Our Junior Royalty Pageant was a success," said Florida Strawberry Festival President Paul Davis. "I know the four young ladies selected here tonight will represent us well this year."

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

"It's important to us that the youth of our community are involved in the festival," said Davis. "Junior Royalty is a wonderful way for young ladies to do just that."

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

strawberry shortcake. The 2022 Florida Strawberry Festival takes place March 3 through March 13 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit www.flstrawberryfestival.com, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (#berryfest22).

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