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Honorees at the Miss South Haven pageant Saturday are, from left, Alyssa Rainey, Miss Congeniality; Jhané Gill, first runner-up; Armani May, Mr. South Haven; Madi Nelson, Miss South Haven; Jerome Mahone, Mr. South Haven first runner-up; and Ashley Price, second runner-up.

## Madi Nelson crowned Miss South Haven

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SOUTH HAVEN — Madi Nelson, 17 and a senior at South Haven High School, earned the crown of Miss South Haven 2016 on Saturday afternoon, in front of an audience at the school's Listiak Auditorium.



NELSON

Nelson is the daughter of Nancy and Michael Nelson. She participates in competitive cheer, soccer, her church's high school youth group, concert band, and marching band.

She is the captain of South Haven High School's color guard, participates in the "YES" program a volunteer, and is a Sunday school teacher.

In addition, Nelson has volunteered on a mission trip in Haiti, and after graduating in the spring plans to attend Michigan State University to study kinesiology or neuroscience.

Nelson also won the Miss Entrepreneur Award.

South Haven's first runner up was senior Jhane Gill, 17. Gill is the daughter of LaTonya Gill and Kevin Hudson.

She participates in Women's Junior Olympics gymnastics, Key Club, Diversity Club, Solomon's Temple Choir, and South Haven High School positive school climate committee.

Gill teaches gymnastics, volunteers at the Open Door community supper, Solomon's Temple Youth ministry, champion gymnastics big sister program, the YES program, and is a member of the National Honor Society, and serves as a sixth grade camp

counselor.

Gill plans to attend Michigan State University to study criminal justice and women's gender studies, with the goal of becoming an attorney.

Ashley Price, 17 and a junior at South Haven High, was chosen as the second runner-up. She is the daughter of Jenny and Stuart Price. Price is dual-enrolled at Lake Michigan College, is a member of the high school band, the bowling team, student government, Peace Youth group, and serves as a tutor during Ram hour.

After high school, Price plans to attend Central Michigan University or Western Michigan University to study early childhood education.

South Haven's Miss Congeniality title went to Alyssa Rainey, the daughter of Brandie and Mike Rainey. She is a 17-year old senior involved in sideline and competitive cheer, dance, South Haven High School Choir, National Honor Society, 4H, in her church choir and youth group, has been on mission trips to New Orleans and Detroit.

Her future plans are to attend Grand Valley State University and major in social work and minor in psychology. Rainey also won the Photogenic Award.

Winning the title of Mr. South Haven was senior Armani May, 17. His parents are Amere and Kenya May, and he resides with guardians Christine and Walter Simpson. May is dual-enrolled at Lake Michigan College, has been on the honor roll for four years, is a member of the varsity basketball team for three years, participates in varsity track, National Honor Society, and the Fellowship of Christian athletes.

He is youth music director at

his church, vice president of student council, volunteers with youth basketball programs, YES program, is a tutor, and a member of the South Haven High school positive school climate committee.

After graduating, he plans to pursue a degree in criminal justice with the goal of attending law school.

Senior Jerome Mahone, 18, was awarded the title of first runner-up for Mr. South Haven. He lives with his grandmother, Debra Mahone. Mahone participates in football, basketball, robotics team, and volunteers within the community. Following graduation, he plans to attend a four-year college with the hopes of playing collegiate basketball and seeking a degree which would allow him to work with youth.

South Haven's Stephanie Postema won the People's Choice Award. The pageant's theme was "Come Vacation with Us."

The host was Paul Layendecker, general manager for WCSY-FM in South Haven. The judges were Sarah Glisson, Nancy Pallas and Randy Rimers.

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