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## Miss Nebo, Krissia Beatty, Crowned Miss Utah 2015

**SALT LAKE CITY — June 20, 2015 —** Miss Nebo, Krissia Beatty was crowned Miss Utah 2015 tonight at Capitol Theatre in Salt Lake City.

Over the next year Krissia will travel several thousand miles each month performing, speaking to audiences about her platform, 'Live Well - Change the Focus' and serving as a state ambassador for the Children's Miracle Network. Krissia will also compete in The Miss America Pageant from September 8-13, 2015 in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

As a senior at Dixie State University majoring in Human Communications, Krissia plans to work as a Corporate Communications Director. Along with the title of Miss Utah 2015, Krissia received a $10,000 scholarship from Meadow Gold, a new car to drive throughout her year from Murdock Hyundai and more. For the talent portion of the competition, Krissia played a piano solo titled "All of Me" by Jon Schmidt. She was also recognized as the Lifestyle and Fitness in Swimsuit Preliminary winner on Wednesday night.

<u>2015 Miss Utah Royalty</u>

- First runner-up: Miss Sandy, Lizzy Palmatier, who earned a $3,000 scholarship, as well as a preliminary award for talent and a $100 scholarship on Thursday evening;
- Second runner-up: Miss Orem, Maddi Millard, who earned a $1,500 scholarship;
- Third runner-up: Miss Greater Salt Lake, Hannah Harkness, who earned a $800 scholarship;
- Fourth runner-up: Miss Panoramaland, Kassie Nielson, who earned a $600 scholarship.

<u>Semi-Finalists</u>

The additional six semi-finalists rounding out the top eleven and each earning a $600 scholarship were Miss Pioneer Valley, Madeline Larsen (also winner of People's Choice); Miss Timpanogos, Katina Burt; Miss Eastern Utah, Shannon Oveson; Miss Utah County, Lauren Wilson; Miss Lehi, Brynn Christensen; and Miss Northern Utah County, Natalie Jaco.

<u>Additional Scholarship Awards</u>

- Spirit of Miss Utah: Miss Orem, Maddi Millard ($100 Scholarship)
- Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Miracle Maker Award: Miss Farmington, Kenzley Hess ($250 scholarship)
- Glenn Harman Instrumental Music Awards:
    - Miss Eastern Utah, Shannon Oveson ($500 scholarship);
    - Miss Greater Salt Lake, Hannah Harkness ($500 scholarship); and
    - Miss Sandy, Lizzy Palmatier ($500 scholarship).
- The Miss America Scholastic Award: Miss Millard, Kennedy Springer ($1,000 scholarship)

- The Miss America Community Service Award: Miss Salem, Tessa Fitzgerald ($1,000 scholarship).

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