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## Roseburg woman wins Miss Seattle pageant

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Raechel Warren, 21, a Roseburg High graduate, right, is crowned Miss Seattle by outgoing Miss Seattle, Gabby Sturgill, center, and former Miss Seattle Outstanding Teen, Jaclyn Seifert, on Saturday at the Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center in Washington.

Photo courtesy Candace Venables

SEATTLE — After qualifying for the Miss Oregon Pageant two years in a row, Raechel Warren of Roseburg, has qualified for the Miss Washington contest this June.

The 21-year-old senior and economics major at Seattle University was crowned Miss Seattle last Saturday night at the Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center, just south of Seattle.

Warren won the Miss Cascade title in Oregon City last year, and in 2016 she won the Miss Douglas County Pageant at Umpqua Community College.

Warren performed her rollerskating routine, which she has done in the past two years at the Miss Oregon Pageant in Seaside. She won fourth runner-up last year.

Warren was crowned by her friend Gabby Sturgill, the outgoing Miss Seattle, and she said that made it even more special.

Warren said when the first two runners-up were called, she was hopeful but didn't want to get her hopes up too high, but she felt she was at her best during the competition. She was still stunned when they called her name.

"I couldn't believe it, and Gabby kind of freaked out," Warren said. "It was just a really fun experience to have her crown me, and my mom was there, my aunt was there, and my skating coach Diana (Colby) was there, it was really fun."

Warren received \$1,000 for winning the title and she will receive more for winning the interview and talent categories, but contest officials are still totaling up the amount. Whatever it is, it will all go to helping pay off her college education at Seattle University where she expects to complete her degree next winter.

Warren will compete in the Miss Washington Pageant June 24-30.

"I was as excited to compete for this title, as I was the first time I competed for Miss Douglas County, so winning it meant a lot to me," Warren said.

The winner of the Miss Washington contest will travel to Atlantic City, New Jersey for the Miss America Pageant in September.

Warren will be making a lot of public appearances around the Seattle area and will be promoting her platform, which is "encouraging youth to discover their passions and purpose." She's already looking forward to one of those appearances.

"We get to go to Pike's Place Fish Market and get to catch a fish when they throw it, so I'm really excited to do that," she said.

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#### Correction

A previous version of this story incorrectly stated that Raechel Warren attends Seattle Pacific. She attends Seattle University.

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