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Reigning Miss Nevada Cris Crotz has fond memories of the past year; will participate in pageant Friday and Saturday at the CasaBlanca

When the new Miss Nevada is crowned Saturday, July 2 in the CasaBlanca Showroom of the CasaBlanca Resort, no one will understand the thrill of the accomplishment more than Mesquite resident Cris Crotz, who captured the title in 2010.

“From what I understand, each girl has a different experience,” said Crotz, who entered the 2010 Miss Nevada pageant after winning the Miss Southern Counties title. “For me, it’s been a very positive year of service. I got to do a lot of really cool things visiting the Children’s Miracle Network of Hospitals. I was busy all the time and I’m sure the new Miss Nevada will find the experience to be one that she will remember for the rest of her life.”

Spurred by the fact that her mother, Mary, is a two-time cancer survivor, Crotz spent the year encouraging everyone she met to take care of themselves going from one end of Nevada to the other. When Cris crowns the new Miss Nevada, she will know first-hand the joys her successor will find in the next 12 months.

“I did a lot for the Walk for the Cure for the American Cancer Society,” the younger Crotz explained. “Each girl has a personal platform and mine was encouraging people be mindful of their health.”

The Miss America Pageant at Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino in Las Vegas also generated memories many women only dream about.

“It was the best ten days of my life,” Crotz said. “All 53 girls were preparing and greeting all the time. We called ourselves the Sorority of Sisters. It really was ten days of bonding with some of the most brilliant women in the world and I feel honored to be on the same playing field.

“What the Miss America organization does best is that it brings out the best vision of yourself many times that you didn’t even know you had. All those things combined bring out another version of yourself.

“The experience absolutely enabled me to grow. It was a huge experience.”

Crotz will be performing her talents both nights. On Friday, she will be singing “Firework” by Katy Perry and “America Alone” by Heart Saturday.





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Once she has concluded her reign, Crotz will move to Los Angeles where she will continue her pursuit of becoming a motivational speaker as well as a television personality in the acting and hosting world. She plans to use her scholarship money from Miss Nevada to pursue a degree in English.

Jan Michel, who serves on the Miss Nevada Board of Directors, lauded the reigning Miss Nevada.

“She was out working and promoting her platform all year long encouraging people to take care of themselves,” said Michel, who has been affiliated with the Miss America pageant for 35 years. “Cris lives a very healthy lifestyle because it hits very close to home. It’s something very near and dear to her heart.”

Twenty-eight young women from across the state will compete for the titles of Miss Nevada and Miss Nevada’s Outstanding Teen. The new titleholders will immediately begin preparations to represent the state at their respective pageants, the Miss America Pageant or Miss America’s Outstanding Teen competition.

Fourteen stunning young women will vie for the title of Miss Nevada with another 14 beautiful teens will compete for the Miss Nevada’s Outstanding Teen crown. The 2011 Miss Nevada will then move to the 2012 Miss America Pageant in January at Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino while the 2011 Miss Nevada’s Outstanding Teen will travel in August to Orlando, Fla., for Miss America’s Outstanding Teen Competition at the Linda Chapman Theater inside the Orange Country Convention Center.

Friday’s schedule will see the Miss contestants take part in the on-stage question and talent portions of the competition while the Teen contestants will perform their talents for the panel of judges. At the end of the evening, talent awards will be handed out to the top Miss and Teen contestant.

On Saturday, the Miss contestants compete in evening wear and swimsuit and the Teen contestants take the stage in fitness wear, evening wear and on-stage question.

Both winners will be announced Saturday.

The Miss Nevada and Miss Outstanding Teen will be named at about 6 p.m.

Angela Foremaster won the 2010 Miss Nevada’s Outstanding Teen honor.

The Miss Nevada gala is scheduled for 7 p.m. and is open to the public for a cost





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of \$38. Tickets must be purchased 72 hours in advance. The event returned to Mesquite in 2010 and received plaudits nationwide after returning to the city from Northern Nevada.

Tickets for the gala can be purchased at www.missnevada.org while tickets for the pageant Friday and Saturday may be purchased at www.startickets.com.

2011 Miss Nevada Contestants

Miss Carson City Mariela Luisa Avitia Hometown: Carson City, Nev.
Miss Clark County Alana Lee Hometown: Las Vegas
Miss Douglas County Shalynn Marie Swails Hometown: Anaheim, Calif.
Miss Elko County Aimee Hull Hometown: Spring Creek, Nev.
Miss Greater Las Vegas Cara Laursen Hometown: Las Vegas
Miss Henderson Jessica Warren Hometown: Reno, Nev.
Miss Lake Tahoe Diana Lynn Sweeney Hometown: Moundhouse, Nev.
Miss Mesquite Elizabeth Mercado Hometown: Mesquite, Nev.
Miss Northern Counties Kellie Mills Hometown: Las Vegas
Miss Reno-Sparks Madeline Burak Hometown: Reno, Nev.
Miss Southern Counties Alyssa D'Agostino Hometown: Las Vegas
Miss Summerlin Randi Sundquist Hometown: Elko, Nev.
Miss UNLV Lindsey Jamieson Hometown: Las Vegas
Miss University of Nevada-Reno Ashton Sunseri Hometown: Gardnerville, Nev.

2011 Miss Nevada's Outstanding Teen Contestants

Miss Carson City's Outstanding Teen Jordan Jenee Lamoreaux Hometown: Carson City, Nev.
Miss Clark County's Outstanding Teen Jayda Frazier Hometown: Las Vegas
Miss Douglas County's Outstanding Teen Leah Ellen Walters Hometown: Gardnerville, Nev.
Miss Eagle Valley's Outstanding Teen Adriana Avitia Hometown: Carson City, Nev.
Miss Elko County's Outstanding Teen Stephanie Hatch Hometown: Spring Creek, Nev.
Miss Green Valley's Outstanding Teen Baylee Bernstein Hometown: Henderson, Nev.
Miss Henderson's Outstanding Teen Emily Messina Hometown: Henderson, Nev.
Miss Lake Mead's Outstanding Teen Jordan McCutcheon Hometown: Pahrump, Nev.
Miss Lake Tahoe's Outstanding Teen Bailey Gumm Hometown: Minden, Nev.
Miss Mesquite's Outstanding Teen Hannah Ashley Covey Hometown: Mesquite, Nev.
Miss Northern Counties Outstanding Teen Riley Jensen Hometown: Reno, Nev.
Miss Reno-Sparks Outstanding Teen Makenzie St. Cyr Hometown: Reno, Nev.
Miss Southern Counties Outstanding Teen Sabrina Singh Hometown: Henderson, Nev.
Miss Truckee Meadows Outstanding Teen Emilie Heidenriech Hometown: Sparks, Nev.

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