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Easthampton's Junior Miss places third

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EASTHAMPTON - Greater Easthampton Junior Miss Danielle Glenn took her "Fame" to the state level Saturday and went home with a \$1,600 scholarship, placing third all around in the contest.

Dressed in her cheerleading uniform, Glenn, 18, performed the same jazz routine to "Fame" at the Massachusetts Junior Miss competition Friday as she did this fall at the Greater Easthampton Junior Miss program.

She earned the second-runner up title as well as awards in talent, self expression and fitness categories. On Monday, the first day of rehearsal week, Glenn learned the choreographed workout wrapped in a blanket on the sideline. She had food poisoning.

"On Sunday night my host family took me to dinner and I got a medium-rare burger," Glenn said. "Not the best decision. I'm pretty sure that's what did it."

A dancer for 16 years at the Hackworth School of Performing Arts in Easthampton, Glenn said she learned the fitness routine pretty quickly.

"I'm most confident in fitness," said Glenn, who was ready to rehearse again Tuesday. She won awards in this category at both the local and state Junior Miss programs.

"She's a very talented and very spirited young woman," said Jennifer Lawton, coordinator of the Greater Easthampton Junior Miss scholarship program. Lawton joined a crowd of 50 with glowsticks to support Glenn in Franklin. "She did a fantastic job representing our community and our local program."

Also in the audience were Glenn's parents, Norman and Gail Glenn, and her sisters, Ashley and Brittany, who are former Greater Easthampton Junior Miss contestants.

"I was very proud of her," said Gail Glenn.

The 2010 Massachusetts Junior Miss title went to Meagan Fuller, of Attleboro, while Holyoke Junior Miss Molly Horne was first-runner up. Judges awarded points for contestant performances in academics, talent, fitness, and self expression.

This year's theme was open mic night. When contestants spoke of what message they would give to their generation during the self expression portion of the show, Glenn said she would tell her peers to "live in the moment while we are still young."



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From left to right are Junior Miss competitors Danielle Glenn, Greater Easthampton's Junior Miss, who is second runner-up in the statewide contest; Meagan Fuller, Attleboro's Junior Miss, who won the state Junior Miss title; and Molly Horne, Holyoke's Junior Miss, first runner-up.



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Glenn left for Franklin Feb. 14, where she stayed with her host family and fellow contestant from Bridgewater until Feb. 20. Besides practicing for the show, Glenn learned how to knit with women at the local Senior Center. A senior at the private Williston Northampton School in Easthampton and aspiring biomedical scientist, Glenn missed a week of school to participate in the competition.

"She was having a blast all week," Gail Glenn said. "They're not allowed to talk during the week, except a quick phone call at night and it usually was #I'm pretty tired, I'm going to bed."

Fuller heads to the national Junior Miss contest in Mobile, Ala. in June.

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