

## High School Woman of Excellence & Recipient of the LLWC Foundation Scholarship:

## Mackenzie Ray Andrews

East Ascension High School Gonzales, Louisiana

Mackenzie Kay Andrews is the daughter of Jamie Andrews of Gonzales, Louisiana. She currently is a senior at East Ascension High School where she has been awarded the title of Student of the Year and is currently ranked second in her class of 446 students with a weighted grade point average of 4.667. She will attend Louisiana State University in the fall having earned 27 hours of college credit with six more credits pending through dual enrollment and Advanced Placement courses. She plans on majoring in performing arts with the career goal of being a working actress.

Mackenzie has been blessed to have attended a high school that afforded her the opportunity to receive a well-rounded education and also the ability to have been active in many clubs that promoted service and leadership. Some of her extra-curricular activities include serving as a senior mentor, reporter for the National Honor Society, president of the Beta Club, president of the Thespian Club, Yell Leader captain, parliamentarian of the student council, chairman of Linking Lives and a member of the advanced choir. She also lettered in both varsity volleyball and softball. Her peers honored her by electing her as their Homecoming queen in the fall. She has earned the distinction of being an Elks Most

Valuable Student State Finalist and a Red Hot Counselor at Broyhill Leadership Conference.

Mackenzie has won many honors including placing first in the Capital Area Human Services Public Service Announcement contest and in the VFW's Voice of Democracy essay contest. She was also the state champion of the Louisiana Beta Club Group Talent competition twice. She has also starred and directed in many productions at her high school including The Help, Cinderella, Hairspray and The Lion King.

According to Mackenzie, her most important work has been her service rendered to others in projects with Habitat for Humanity, tutoring of peers, volunteering with canned food drives, assisting in the financing of a school building in Uganda and volunteering throughout the local community in relief efforts during the recent historic flood.