

# INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL

88th

OCTOBER  
16-19, 2025  
Crowley, LA



*Alaina*  
International Rice Festival Queen IXXXVII

# Gold Star

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Sale ends Thursday, Oct. 16th @ 5pm

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all 4 days of the Rice Festival

DAILY BRACELET PRICES:  
THURSDAY - SATURDAY: \$30 PER DAY  
SUNDAY SAVER SPECIAL: \$25

### Carnival Times:

Thursday 6-10  
Friday & Saturday 10-10  
Sunday 12-6

### Mega Pass Times:

\*\*PLEASE NOTE END TIME FOR MEGA PASS/BRACELET  
Thursday 6-10  
Friday & Saturday 10-10  
Sunday 12-6

# 2025 Official Program | 88th International Rice Festival

“Rice Capital of America” Crowley, Louisiana | October 16-19, 2025

## Festival Officers & Board of Directors



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*Festival Coordinator*



**Jeff Cavell**



**Romona Credeur**



**Sean Devillier**



**Blane Faulk**



**Ronda Richard**

## Festival Events

### Saturday, October 11, 2025

#### *Annual Queen's Ball / Honoree Social*

The annual event will be held at the International Rice Festival Building. The event includes the presentation of the 87th International Rice Festival Queen & the 88th Festival Honoree, International Rice Festival President, Farmer of the Year, Jr. Farmer of the Year, Parade Marshals and Festival Queens from around the state of Louisiana.

### Thursday, October 16, 2025

Opening night of the 88th International Rice Festival begins at 6:00 pm with entertainment, carnival rides and most food booths.

### Friday, October 17, 2025

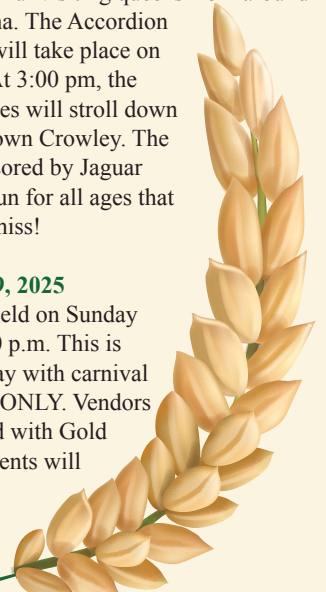
The first full day of the 88th International Rice Festival is recognized as “Children’s Day.” Special events include the official opening of the festival by the 88th IRF President, the crowning of the 2025 Junior King and Queen and the Children’s Parade. The Rice & Creole Cookery contest and Rice Eating contest are also exciting events happening during the day on Friday. Make plans to visit the Arts & Crafts Booths at Levy Park and of course, entertainment can be heard on both festival stages following the parade until Midnight.

### Saturday, October 18, 2025

The second full day of the festival will begin with the crowning of the 88th International Rice Festival Queen by the 88th IRF Honoree. Special guests during the contest are the beautiful visiting queens from around the State of Louisiana. The Accordion and Fiddle Contest will take place on Saturday morning. At 3:00 pm, the grandest of all parades will stroll down the streets of downtown Crowley. The Grand Parade, sponsored by Jaguar Energy Services is fun for all ages that you do not want to miss!

### Sunday, October 19, 2025

Family Fun Day is held on Sunday from noon until 6:00 p.m. This is an alcohol free day with carnival rides and games ONLY. Vendors only associated with Gold Star Amusements will be open.





# Welcome

**Julian LeBlanc**  
2025 International Rice Festival President

I am honored to welcome everyone to the 88th International Rice Festival and to the home of the oldest, largest and free agricultural festival in the State of Louisiana, our hometown of Crowley.

We come to celebrate the rice harvest, farmers and all involved in getting rice in the hands of cooks and homes of families everywhere.

I invite everyone to come and enjoy everything that the festival offers, from our carnival to the parade to the wonderful music. While visiting with us, don't miss our culture's famous cuisine, topped off with the reigning golden grain, RICE! Favorites like boudin, gumbo, jambalaya, etouffee and much more are what they are because of the crop we all hold so dear.

As an active member of the International Rice Festival since 2000, I have learned and am still learning what it takes to organize and run the festival. The International Rice Festival means so much to me, it is both an honor and a privilege to serve as the 88th President. This organization comes together as one big family every third full weekend in October to celebrate such a special event, bringing together locals and visitors alike and I am so blessed to be a part of it.

To the Honorees and the 87th International Rice Festival Queen, Alana Abshire, thank you for representing this great Festival. Finally, to the Board of Directors, members, volunteers, sponsors and vendors... I thank you!! It is because of all of you that we will continue the celebration of rice forever.



## Past Rice Festival Presidents

- 1937 R.E. Schlicher & Justin Wilson
- 1938 R.E. Schlicher & Justin Wilson
- 1939 J. Bruce Barousse
- 1940 W.J. Cleveland
- 1941 Jerry Ashley
- 1942-45 War Years
- 1946 Jerry Ashley & R.E. Schlicher
- 1947 W.E. Trimble & W.M. Loving
- 1948 W.M. Loving
- 1949 A.B. Dore & W.D. Harmon
- 1950 Guy Gardiner & Millard Roberts
- 1951 Clyde Hodges

- 1952 Harry Redman & B.W. Hoyt
- 1953 W.J. Cleveland
- 1954 J.W. Barnett
- 1955 George Geesey
- 1956 Ralph Cowen
- 1957 Edwin Edwards
- 1958 Henry Cowen
- 1959 Alvin A. Brinker
- 1960 Edmund M. Reggie
- 1961 Joe Gielen
- 1962 Louis M. Basso
- 1963 Marion Edwards
- 1964 A.B. Dore
- 1965 T. Barrett Harrington
- 1966 J.B. Broussard
- 1967 Kenneth Faulk
- 1968 Dr. H. Rouse Caffey
- 1969 S.L. Wright II

- 1970 Dr. John Davis
- 1971 Bill Williams
- 1972 Dan Rogers
- 1973 Mike McBride
- 1974 Lyle Fogleman, Sr.
- 1975 Julius Meaux
- 1976 Rita Nicholson
- 1977 John E. Broussard
- 1978 L.J. Dailey
- 1979 Macon D. Faulkner
- 1980 JoAnn Broussard
- 1981 Stephen Stefanski
- 1982 John E. Hains
- 1983 Harry Benoit
- 1984 Phil Lizotte
- 1985 Keith Broussard
- 1986 Bill Williams
- 1987 Larry Trahan

- 1988 Robert Istre
- 1989 Glynn Mayard
- 1990 Ken Goss
- 1991 Debbie Doré
- 1992 Gene Williams
- 1993 Esther Trahan
- 1994 Diane E. Miller
- 1995 Larry G. Broussard
- 1996 E. Skip Smith
- 1997 Ronald Levy Jr.
- 1998 J. Elliot Doré
- 1999 Mellie W. James
- 2000 Gil Pinac
- 2001 Dolores Nutt
- 2002 Doris Reiners
- 2003 Harry Walker
- 2004 Patty K. Simon
- 2005 Tracy Wirtz
- 2006 Bradley LaCombe
- 2007 Jeremy "Jay" Suire

- 2008 Blane Faulk
- 2009 Janet Hebert
- 2010 Albert Leleux
- 2011 JC Webb
- 2012 Brady Williams
- 2013 Romona Credeur
- 2014 Connie Nutt
- 2015 Troy Perry
- 2016 Elisabeth Leleux
- 2017 Suzy B. Webb
- 2018 Elizabeth Monk
- 2019 Deborah Nutt Whiting
- 2021 Gilles Piron
- 2022 Louis "Buddha" Romero Jr.
- 2023 Kevin Spell
- 2024 Joshua Spell
- 2025 Julian LeBlanc



# Queen

**Miss Alana Abshire**  
87th International  
Rice Festival Queen



There is no place like home here in my hometown of Crowley, Louisiana; the Rice Capital of America during rice season. It is the sight of combines working day in and day out to collect their harvest. It is the sight of the rice fields that glow golden. It is a celebration of every farmer, miller, and family who work tirelessly to feed the world.

The International Rice Festival is here, one of the Cajun's favorite holidays where RICE truly REIGNS. It is my honor to welcome you to the 88th International Rice Festival, held annually every third full weekend in October. I have been apart of this festival for many years as I have danced as an International Rice Festival dancer (a Ricette.) I was a part of a group of girls who entertained at Queen's balls and on the very stage that the Queen's pageant will be held. I have watched many young women before me gain the title of Rice Queen as I stood on the sidelines. Dreaming of one day becoming one of those lucky young women who took home the title, 358 days ago that little girl's dream finally became a reality; "and your 87th International Rice Festival Queen is...".

This year has brought to me many opportunities of a lifetime as I have traveled the country as an advocate for our festival and most importantly, the rice industry. I have also gone to many fairs and festivals sharing my love for all things rice. Some of my favorite travels include traveling to Washington D.C. for the Mystic Krewe of Louisianians Mardi Gras Ball, Little Rock, Arkansas for the USA rice conference, Colorado Springs, Colorado for the Rice Millers Association Conference, and Winnie, Texas for the Texas Rice Festival. I have also had the amazing opportunity of being chosen by this year's festival Honoree, Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser, to be apart of the first ever women's group to ride in the Krewe of Bacchus parade in New Orleans, Louisiana as their theme this year was "Louisiana Fairs and Festivals." Along with my many travels, I have made the best memories and even better friends, those of which I have shared nearly every weekend with traveling the state of Louisiana. With only six weekends off the entire year and over 14,500 miles traveled, I proudly say that I have done as much as I possible could have done this past year to be the best advocate I could be. I am proud to be apart of a legacy who honors those who work so hard for you and me.

Now it is time to celebrate our farmers, millers, and the golden grain itself! I walk out of my front door welcomed by the smell of a fresh harvest and combines at work in the field across the highway. We welcome YOU to be apart of our favorite celebration. At our festival, in the heart of Cajun Country, we have not one, but two stages with a toe-tapping lineup you won't forget as you dance each night away. Our festival has something for everyone as we have a Rice and Creole Cookery contest, 5k run, car show, carnival rides, a fiddle and accordion contest, arts and crafts, car show, a children's parade, AND the Grand parade. There are so many opportunities for you in Downtown Crowley on festival weekend!

We hope to see you celebrating with us at the oldest and largest FREE agricultural festival in the state of Louisiana, where you may walk in as a stranger but forever and always leave as family.

Wishing you a Rice and Easy time  
International Rice Festival Queen LXXXVII

*Alana Nicole Abshire*

## Past Rice Festival Queens

- 1937 Mrs. Estelle Bonin Fleming
- 1938 Mrs. Cecile Trahan Larcade
- 1939 Mrs. Lucille Jones Brodbeck
- 1940 Mrs. Melba Keller Hoffpauir
- 1941 Mrs. Ann Meridith Van Ness
- 1942-45 War Years
- 1946 Carolyn Breaux Martin
- 1947 Mary Alice Tosso
- 1948 Mrs. Ioycelyn Aube Heming
- 1949 Mary Barbara Rodriguez
- 1950 Jackie Hoffpauir
- 1951 Lorraine Lott
- 1952 Angie Branch
- 1953 Mrs. Betty David Billiard
- 1954 Mrs. Cady Gardiner Privot
- 1955 Carolyn Leonards replaced by Wanda Peterson
- 1956 Mrs. Margie Moore Hanisee
- 1957 Patricia Lormand
- 1958 Mrs. Carolyn Cherry Moore
- 1959 Judith Ann Haydell
- 1960 Virginia O'Brien
- 1961 Marilyn Ann Adams
- 1962 Vickie Lee Nutting replaced by Sharon Elliott
- 1963 Brenda Daigle
- 1964 Valerie Oustalet
- 1965 Dianne Everett Miller
- 1966 Linda Leoty
- 1967 Mrs. Debbie Carpenter Noble
- 1968 Susan Garcia
- 1969 Deborah Elizabeth Jones replaced by Lydia Breaux
- 1970 Paula Bergeron
- 1971 Bridget Parsley
- 1972 Sally Fall
- 1973 Mrs. Renee Duplechin Tauzin
- 1974 Karen Bollich
- 1975 Patricia Cran
- 1976 Tara Ann Hargrove
- 1977 Betty Aliee
- 1978 Cynthia Gossen
- 1979 Beth Meaux
- 1980 Donna Pousson Hebert
- 1981 Danette Trahan
- 1982 Gwendolyn Dugas
- 1983 Michelle Meche
- 1984 Camille Bourgeois
- 1985 Anna Christine Arceneaux
- 1986 Tonya Stoute
- 1987 Catherine Arceneaux
- 1988 Dana Randolph
- 1989 Jean Marie LeJeune
- 1990 Tonii Ann Adock
- 1991 Tiffany Shannon McDaniel
- 1992 Christine Lawson Gil
- 1993 Heather Hedrick
- 1994 Yvonne Gilder Anderson
- 1995 Keisha Benoit Rue
- 1996 Jennifer Broadus
- 1997 Angela Marie Abate Fay
- 1998 Courtney Terrell
- 1999 Amy Catherine Pastor Bergeron
- 2000 Elizabeth Jane Lawson Monk
- 2001 Melanie Rene Falcon Daigle
- 2002 Lauren Elise Barry Naquin
- 2003 Aleigha Evan Trahan Singer
- 2004 Joelle Elisabeth Benoit Guidry
- 2005 Krystle Lynn Todd Blue
- 2006 Marissa Champagne
- 2007 Amber Thibodeaux Hargrove
- 2008 Devin Angelle Babineaux
- 2009 Amber Comeaux Landry
- 2010 André Elizabeth Lyons Bruce
- 2011 Macy LeBlanc
- 2012 Sarah Mouton
- 2013 Hailey Claire Hensgens
- 2014 Allison Hoffpauir
- 2015 Camille Elise Quebodeaux
- 2016 AnnaLisa Meredith
- 2017 Kathryn Shea Duncan
- 2018 Victoria Marie Callahan
- 2019 Jimi Madison Joubert
- 2021 Caroline Elizabeth Hardy
- 2022 Sadie Renee Zaunbrecher
- 2023 Isabella Hardy
- 2024 Alana Abshire





# Honoree

**Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser**  
2025 International Rice Festival Honoree



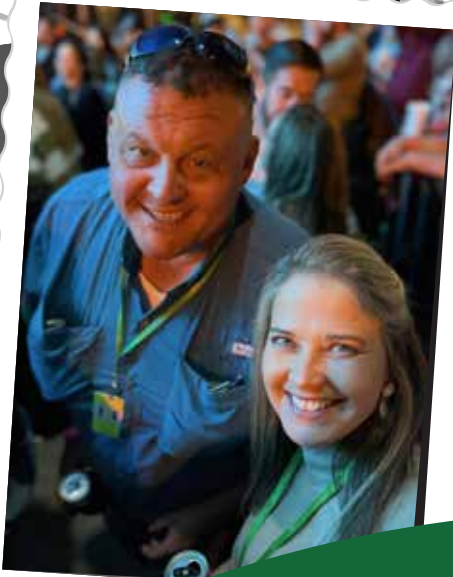
The 88th International Rice Festival has selected Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser as the Honoree for the 2025 festivities. The annual event is the oldest and largest agricultural festival in Louisiana.

Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser is an outspoken voice for all of Louisiana.

Billy Nungesser is the 54th Lieutenant Governor. Since taking office in 2016, he and his team have guided the state to record-breaking tourism numbers of 53 million visitors prior to the pandemic, cut wasteful spending, and revitalized the State Park system in which several are self-sustaining and profitable.

Under his leadership, the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism has worked non-stop to revive Louisiana's 4th largest industry – hospitality industry - welcoming tens of millions of visitors annually to enjoy Louisiana's variety of cultural experiences, history, music, celebrations and culinary excellence.

In October 2023, Lt. Governor Nungesser was re-elected to a third term and, for the second time, with more votes than any other elected official. He is the longest- serving Republican lieutenant governor in Louisiana's history. He truly is a Lieutenant Governor for ALL of Louisiana.



## Past Rice Festival Honorees

- |                          |                                     |                              |  |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| 1946 J.M. Jenkins        | 1957 C.A. Brewer                    | 1974 H. Rouse Caffery        | 1993 Charles Miia                            |
| 1947 Frank Godchaux      | 1958 Nelson Jodon                   | 1975 J.P. Gains              | 1994 Leonard Hensgens                        |
| 1948 C.J. Freeland, Sr.  | 1959 Harry G. Chalkley              | 1976 Cong. John Breaux       | 1995 Linda G. Zaunbrecher                    |
| 1949 W.M. Reid           | 1960 William Hinkle                 | 1977 Dr. T.H. (Ted) Johnston | 1996 William A Doré                          |
| 1950 J.E. Broussard      | 1961 Leonard B. Ellis               | 1978 Jack M. Kaplan          | 1997 Nolan J. Guillot                        |
| 1951 W.M. Hoyt           | 1962 R.E. Schlicher & Justin Wilson | 1979 Wayne G. Robinson       | 1998 Curtis E. Wolf                          |
| 1952 Mrs. May Hayes      | 1963 Joseph Doré                    | 1980 Winston Atteberry       | 1999 Cong. Chris John                        |
| 1953 Dr. J.N. Efferson   | 1964 Mrs. Salmon Wright II          | 1981 J.B. Broussard          | 2000 Joseph A. Musick                        |
| 1954 Alonzo E. Udell     | 1965 August A. Busch                | 1982 Lewis C. Hill           | 2001 John Denison                            |
| 1955 Cong. T.A. Thompson | 1966 Makota Saito                   | 1983 Ben A. Baldwin          | 2002 John Creed                              |
| 1956 W.D. Smith          | 1967 George Luthke                  | 1984 Macon D. Faulkner       | 2003 Al Doré                                 |
|                          | 1968 Gov. Edwin Edwards             | 1985 Steve Gabbert           | 2004 Mary Reid                               |
|                          | 1969 Howard Alderson                | 1986 Charles R. Godchaux     | 2005 Charles & Mona Falcon Trahan            |
|                          | 1970 Henry M. Beachell              | 1987 Dr. Charles Bollich     | 2006 James William Warshaw                   |
|                          | 1971 Cong. Otto E. Passman          | 1988 Marcel J. Damiens       | 2007 Jimmy Hoppe                             |
|                          | 1972 Gordon E. Doré                 | 1989 Jean Royby Vincent      | 2008 Jackie Paul Loewer, Jr.                 |
|                          | 1973 William J. Cleveland           | 1990 Harold "Rod" Rodriguez  | 2009 Dr. Steven Linscombe                    |
|                          |                                     | 1991 Raymond Hensgens        | 2010 Robert "Bobby" Hanks                    |
|                          |                                     | 1992 Bill Goldsmith          | 2011 Drs. Sue & Tim Croughan                 |
|                          |                                     |                              | 2012 Randy Jemison                           |
|                          |                                     |                              | 2013 Wayne & Michael Hensgens                |
|                          |                                     |                              | 2014 Congressman Charles Boustany, Jr., M.D. |
|                          |                                     |                              | 2015 Herbert E. Schilling II                 |
|                          |                                     |                              | 2016 Charles William Abell, Jr.              |
|                          |                                     |                              | 2017 Dr. Rustum Ernest "Ernie" Girouard, Jr. |
|                          |                                     |                              | 2018 John E. Broussard                       |
|                          |                                     |                              | 2019 Thibodeaux Ag Group                     |
|                          |                                     |                              | 2021 Adrienne Vidrine                        |
|                          |                                     |                              | 2022 Ronnie Levy                             |
|                          |                                     |                              | 2023 Joseph "Bubba" Morgan                   |
|                          |                                     |                              | 2024 Bradley Reed                            |
|                          |                                     |                              | 2025 Lt. Governor Billy Nungessor            |



# Farmer of the Year

Eric Unkel

A lifelong advocate for agriculture and a respected leader in the rice industry, Eric’s story is one rooted in family, faith, and a deep love for farming. Eric, 54, is the youngest of five sons born to Charles “Buddy” Unkel and Ruth Kuntz. Alongside his brothers Hine, Kurt, Pete, and David, all of whom are involved in the family farm in some form or fashion, Eric has helped continue a proud agricultural legacy in southwest Louisiana.

His passion for farming began early. As a child, Eric could often be found in his father’s back pocket—sometimes literally—as he would sleep on the floorboard of the tractor or combine until he was big enough to drive one himself. His interest in rice farming was evident even as a youth, growing four to five acres of rice in a 4-H project in 1982. In high school, he remained active in 4-H and FFA, where he earned the Star Greenhand Chapter Award.

Eric graduated from McNeese State University in 1993 with a degree in Agricultural Business. After college, he began his professional career with the Federal Grain Inspection Service, but soon returned to pursue his true calling—farming. He started with 300 acres of rice and 100 acres of soybeans. Today, he farms 1,200 to 1,500 acres on his own, and a total of 2,800 acres in partnership with his family. In addition to rice and soybeans, he also produces crawfish and raises cattle.

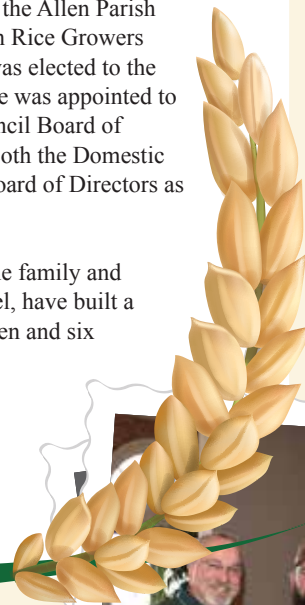
Eric’s commitment to conservation and sustainable agriculture is evident through his participation in numerous programs. He completed the Louisiana Master Farmer Program in 2007, was a member of the USA Rice Leadership Development Program (Class of 2007), and participated in the USA Rice International Leadership Class in 2009, 2016, 2022, and is participating in 2025. His dedication to land stewardship includes the installation of over 125 drop pipes, five miles of underground irrigation, and active participation in the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) with Ducks Unlimited and USDA NRCS.

In addition to his farming achievements, Eric has served his community and industry in numerous leadership roles. Locally, he served 10 years on the Parish County Committee and 11 years on the Allen Parish Soil and Water Conservation District Board. He currently serves on the Allen Parish Rice Growers Association and has held leadership roles at both the state and national levels. He was elected to the Louisiana Rice Council in 2010 and has served as Chairman since 2014. In 2024, he was appointed to the Louisiana Rice Promotion Board. Nationally, Eric serves on the USA Rice Council Board of Directors and was past chair 2021 - 2023. Additionally, he is an active member of both the Domestic and International Promotion Committees of USA Rice and USA Rice Federation Board of Directors as well as serves on the USA Rice Farmers Board of Directors.

Eric is also deeply rooted in his Catholic faith, and he credits all of his success to the family and friends who have supported him along the way. He and his wife, Cathy Yantis Unkel, have built a life centered on faith, family, and hard work. They are proud parents of three children and six grandchildren, and Eric continues to inspire future generations with his example of leadership, humility, and dedication to agriculture.

## Past Rice Farmers of the Year

- 1960 W.M. Bill Prather
- 1961 A.M. Moore
- 1962 William W. Walton
- 1963 Robert E. Harrington
- 1964 Paul R. Langlinais
- 1965 M.W. Mickey Scanlan
- 1966 Al Reiners
- 1967 Ashton Petitjean
- 1968 Leonard Hensgens
- 1969 Thomas Mayes
- 1970 Chester Faulk
- 1971 Rustum E. Girouard
- 1972 Ralph Cowen
- 1973 Grant Link
- 1974 Weston P. Monceaux
- 1975 Lyle O. Fogleman, Jr.
- 1976 Paul E. Wild
- 1977 Francis Duplachan, Jr.
- 1978 Euric “Bill” Savant, Jr.
- 1979 Edwin J. Leonards
- 1980 Larry Sarver
- 1981 Vincent J. Berken
- 1982 Glenn Zaunbrecher
- 1983 Jake Ardoin
- 1984 Austin W. Bollich
- 1985 Leonard L. “Buck” Leonards
- 1986 Kern Ardoin
- 1987 Buford Perry
- 1988 Errol Lounsberry
- 1989 C.A. Fabacher
- 1990 Herman L. Berken
- 1991 James Hoppe
- 1992 Edward H. Wild
- 1993 John Denison
- 1994 Glen Ray Trahan
- 1995 Dennis Leonards
- 1996 Dwight Hardee
- 1997 Chester Boudreaux
- 1998 Paul Jackie Loewer
- 1999 Dr. Ernest Girouard
- 2000 Kim Frey
- 2001 Davis Lacour
- 2002 Randy Thibodeaux
- 2003 Neil Lejeune
- 2004 Wayne Smith
- 2005 John Aaron Duhon
- 2006 Fred Zaunbrecher
- 2007 Richard B. Fontenet
- 2008 Jeff Durand
- 2009 Clarence Berken
- 2010 Glenn Simon
- 2011 Kevin Berken
- 2012 Gerald “Jerry” Leonards, Jr.
- 2013 Donald Berken
- 2014 John “Bubba” Leonards
- 2015 Jeffery Sylvester
- 2016 Donald Leonards
- 2017 Kent Brown
- 2018 Gerard Frey
- 2019 Alan Lawson
- 2021 Philip Lamartiniere
- 2022 Reece Guillot
- 2023 Christian & Julie Richard
- 2024 Troy Fruge
- 2025 Eric Unkel





## SOUNDSTAGE SCHEDULE OF BANDS

*Thursday, October 16, 2025*

6:00-7:30pm

**KALEB OLIVIER**

*Sponsored by Jaguar Energy Services*

8:00-9:30pm

**DUSTN SONNIER**

*Sponsored by The Bank*

10:00pm-MIDNIGHT

**80's EXPERIENCE**

*Sponsored by The Wright Group*

*Friday, October 17, 2025*

3:00-4:15pm

**PHILLIP HEBERT**

*Sponsored by The Wright Group*

4:30-6:00pm

**ADAM LEGER**

*Sponsored by Coca-Cola*

6:30-8:00pm

**SWAMPLAND REVIVAL**

*Sponsored by The Bank*

8:30-10:00pm

**WAYNE TOUPS**

*Sponsored by Jaguar Energy Services*

10:30-MIDNIGHT

**BAG OF DONUTS**

*Sponsored by Shop Rite*

*Saturday, October 18, 2025*

5:00-6:15pm

**RYAN BRASHER**

*Sponsored by Step-Ko Products*

6:30-8:00pm

**LEIF MECHE BAND**

*Sponsored by Jaguar Energy Services*

8:30-10:00pm

**CATEGORY 6**

*Sponsored by EL Habetz Builders*

10:30-MIDNIGHT

**AARON TIPPIN**

*Sponsored by Supreme Rice*



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

*Friday, October 17, 2025*

**10:00am... OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE RICE FESTIVAL**  
Supreme Rice Soundstage

**10:15am... 2025 JR. KING AND QUEEN CONTEST**  
Supreme Rice Soundstage

**11:30am... CROWNING OF THE 88th INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL JR. KING AND QUEEN**  
Supreme Rice Soundstage

**12:00pm... INTERNATIONAL RICE EATING CONTEST**  
Supreme Rice Soundstage  
Lions Club

**1:15pm... AWARD PRESENTATIONS**  
Supreme Rice Soundstage  
Rice and Creole Cooking Contest Awards

**1:30pm... CHILDREN'S PARADE**  
Sponsored by The Bank

*Saturday, October 18, 2025*

**9:00am... OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE RICE FESTIVAL**  
Supreme Rice Soundstage

**9:15am... AWARD PRESENTATIONS**  
Supreme Rice Soundstage  
Millworkers of the Year

**10:00am... ACCORDIAN & FIDDLE CONTEST**  
Cajun Country Rice Soundstage

**10:15am... 2025 INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL QUEEN'S CONTEST**  
Supreme Rice Soundstage

**10:30am... PRESIDENT'S CHOICE AWARD**  
Supreme Rice Soundstage

**10:45am... CROWNING OF THE 88th INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL QUEEN**  
Supreme Rice Soundstage

**11:00am... FROG DERBY**  
Supreme Rice Soundstage

**3:00pm... GRAND PARADE**  
Sponsored by Jaguar Energy Services





# CAJUN COUNTRY RICE

## 4TH STREET SOUNDSTAGE SCHEDULE OF BANDS

### Thursday, October 16, 2025

6:00-8:00pm

**TJ GAUTREUX**

*Sponsored by Shop Rite*

8:30-10:00pm

**MAIS QUI!**

*Sponsored by Coca-Cola*

10:30pm-MIDNIGHT

**GENO DELAFOSSE**

*Sponsored by The Wright Group*

### Friday, October 17, 2025

3:00-5:00pm

**DAMON TROY**

*Sponsored by Coca-Cola*

5:30-7:30pm

**COLBY LATIOLAIS**

*Sponsored by The Bank*

8:00-9:30pm

**THAT 90's SHOW**

*Sponsored by Jaguar Energy Services*

10:00-MIDNIGHT

**KEITH FRANK**

*Sponsored by Cajun Country Rice*

### Saturday, October 18, 2025

12:30-2:00pm

**CHUBBY CARRIER**

*Sponsored by The Wright Group*

5:30-7:30pm

**THE VERMILLIONAIRES**

*Sponsored by Coca-Cola*

8:00-9:30pm

**SPARE PARTS**

*Sponsored by Air Evac/Med Express*

10:00-MIDNIGHT

**JAMIE BERGERON**

*Sponsored by Thib's Auto Titles & Tags*



## OTHER LOCATIONS

### Wednesday, October 15, 2025

7:00pm... **SENIOR CITIZENS BALL**  
Rice Festival Building 717 West Mill Street

### Friday, October 17, 2025

9:00am-6:00pm... **OPENING OF OUTDOOR ARTS & CRAFTS**  
Levy Park between 3rd & 4th Street

9:30am... **RICE & CREOLE COOKING CONTEST**  
LSU AG Center, 157 Cherokee Dr., Crowley

### Saturday, October 18, 2025

8:00am... **RICE FESTIVAL 5K RUN**  
Crowley Court House, 505 Court Circle  
*Sponsored by Northside Christian School*

9:00am-6:00pm... **OPENING OF OUTDOOR ARTS & CRAFTS**  
Levy Park between 3rd & 4th Street

1:00pm... **RICE THRESHING DEMONSTRATION**  
First Baptist Church, 4th Street & Avenue G

### Sunday, October 19, 2025

Noon-6:00pm... **FAMILY FUN DAY**  
Alcohol Free



# Jr. Farmer of the Year

**Joseph William Dore**



The 88th International Rice Festival will recognize Joseph William Dore as the 2025 Junior Farmer of the Year. This award is given to a young rice farmer actively contributing to the industry, selected from a pool of nominees put forth by FFA and Ag teachers from local schools.

Joseph's selection highlights his deep-rooted family legacy in rice farming. At just 18 years old, Joseph hails from Egan and is the son of Jake Dore and Gretchen Francois Dore. He shares his family lineage with two brothers, Jacob and Michael, and is the grandson of Bill and Debbie Dore of Crowley, as well as Allen and Jackie Francois of Mowata.

The Dore family operates a substantial farm that encompasses 750 acres dedicated to rice and another 750 acres for crawfish. Currently a senior at Iota High School, Joseph is actively engaged with the basketball team, Beta Club, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He will be graduating in May 2026.

Rice farming is more than a profession for Joseph; it is a cherished family tradition that has flourished for generations. His great-great-grandfather, also named Joseph Dore, founded the Supreme Rice Mill in 1936, with significant contributions from his great-grandfather Gordon Dore and grandfather Bill Dore. For the past 34 years, Joseph's father, Jake, has devoted himself to farming and supplying rice to the family mill. As part of this legacy, Joseph has taken on vital roles in the family business, with aspirations to continue the tradition after graduation.

Beyond his agricultural pursuits, Joseph enjoys hunting, fishing, playing golf, and spending quality time with family and friends. Family is central to his life, and he actively strives to be a positive role model for his younger cousins and members of his community.



## Past Rice Festival Jr. Farmers of the Year

- |                           |                         |                                  |                                 |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1962 Wavey Martin         | 1974 Trent Fogleman     | 1992 Thomas Kim Frey             | 2010 Phillip John Reiners       |
| 1963 Kenneth Colligan     | 1975 Bradley Leger      | 1993 Chris Humble                | 2011 Philip James Leonards      |
| 1964 Girard Hoffpauir III | 1976 Randall K. Johnson | 1994 Kristie Janee Pellerin      | 2012 Clint Daniel Faul          |
| 1965 Jack A. Hoffpauir    | 1977 Danny L. Richard   | 1995 Monica Lyons                | 2013 Christopher Garrett Klumpp |
| 1966 Freddy LeDoux        | 1978 Zachary Cart       | 1996 Seth L. Zaunbrecher         | 2014 Matthew Paul Doré          |
| 1967 Edmund Regan         | 1979 Jeffrey C. Faulk   | 1997 Blaine T. Walton            | 2015 Tyler Joseph Breaux        |
| 1968 Renae Trumps         | 1980 Wade P. Richard    | 1998 Ashley C. Frugé             | 2016 Jacob Zaunbrecher          |
| 1969 James Habetz, Jr.    | 1981 Michael W. Faulk   | 1999 Bridget Lyons               | 2017 Michael Paul Zaunbrecher   |
| 1970 Katry Martin         | 1982 Richard Heinen     | 2000 Andrew Richard              | 2018 Benjamin Joseph Faulk      |
| 1971 Kim Frey             | 1983 Troy A. Frugé      | 2001 Jeffery Michael Regan       | 2019 Jake John Reiners          |
| 1972 Elliott Wimberly     | 1984 Charles B. Reiners | 2002 Benjamin Laurence Leonards  | 2021 Ethan Anthony Zaunbrecher  |
| 1973 Lyle Fogleman, Jr.   | 1985 Spencer G. Smith   | 2003 Chester Faulk               | 2022 Hudson Charles LeBlanc     |
|                           | 1986 Patrick L. Reiners | 2004 Jason Lorenz Zaunbrecher    | 2023 Kynlee Fruge               |
|                           | 1987 Travis J. Pellerin | 2005 Michael Charles Hundley Jr. | 2024 Christian Leonards         |
|                           | 1988 Barrett P. Lyons   | 2006 John Raymond Leonards       | 2025 Joseph William Dore        |
|                           | 1989 James P. Leonards  | 2007 John Edward Hundley         |                                 |
|                           | 1990 Robert Leonards    | 2008 Bryant Matthew Gossen       |                                 |
|                           | 1991 Steven Theriot     | 2009 Jack Thomas Hundley         |                                 |

## Past Young Farmers of the Year

- |      |                  |
|------|------------------|
| 1963 | Philip J. Habetz |
| 1964 | Robert A. Gossen |



# Grand Parade Marshal

**Shanna Comeaux Monk**

Shanna is the daughter of Wendell Comeaux and Ramona Ogima. She was born and raised in Crowley where she is a proud alumni of the Crowley High School Class of 2000. After high school, she attended the University of Louisiana at Lafayette where she obtained her bachelor's degree in Public Relations with a minor in Business Marketing. Shanna is happily married to Jared Monk and is the proud mother of two sons, Maddox and Jace.

Shanna's love for the International Rice Festival began at an early age, not only as a visitor to the festival, but as an International Rice Festival Ricette, the official dance troupe of the International Rice Festival for many years. Under the direction of Mrs. Delores Nutt, the Ricettes offered her a "backstage view" of the festival providing entertainment during festival activities throughout the weekend. Shanna's fondest memories of the festival are those from the parades she participated in beginning at early age. Even now, she looks forward to Saturday afternoon at three o'clock when the sirens begin and parade rolls down her hometown.

Attending the festival since she can remember, in 2015, her role changed and Shanna began volunteering, serving as co-chair of the Queen's Contest Committee alongside her close friend, Tessa. She enjoyed spending time with the young ladies vying to become the next Rice Festival Queen. But, in April of 2018, then festival chairman, Chad Monceaux, offered Shanna the position of Festival Coordinator, a position that would forever change her life and her outlook on the festival she held so close to her heart. She gladly accepted as a volunteer, working with the board to learn about all facets of the festival. On October 21, 2018, Shanna completed her first festival as coordinator but there was a long road of work ahead to improve the festival for all involved, especially the volunteers and festival goers.

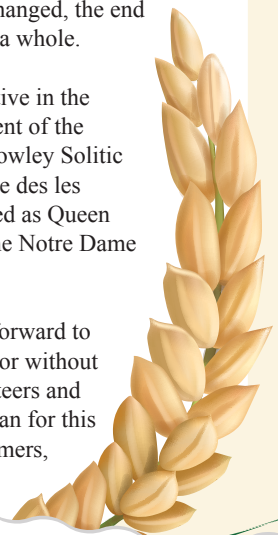
In 2020, the Board of Directors were faced with the decision to cancel the festival but promised it would be back in 2021, better than before. And that they did. With the hard work of the Board and Coordinator, along with the support of the community, they grew the sponsorships from \$150,000 to over \$300,000. More importantly, solid relationships were built with volunteers, vendors, sponsors and festival goers. These relationships are still going strong today and although the members of the board have changed, the end goal still remains the same... a celebration to honor our farmers and the rice industry as a whole.

Shanna's community involvement is certainly not limited to the IRF. She stays very active in the community. She is a member of the Acadia Parish Chamber Board of Directors, president of the Crowley Professional Women's Club, an associate member and past president of the Crowley Solitic Club, member and past president of the Crowley Town Club and a member of the Krewe des les Dames. She is also active with the Krewe de Joi Vie of Acadiana where she was honored as Queen Anna VII, is the current President of the St. Michael Saints Parent Club, a member of the Notre Dame Pio Parent Club and a member of the Mystik Krewe of Louisianians.

"I am humbled to have been selected as Grand Marshal of the grand parade and I look forward to celebrating the third weekend in October", says Shanna. "I cannot fully accept this honor without thanking those who are the backbone of this festival...our board of directors, our volunteers and our community who continue to support this long-standing tradition." "Thank you, Julian for this honor and thank you to those who work tirelessly in the rice industry, especially our farmers, because without you, there would be no celebration."

## Past Rice Grand Marshals

- 1974 P.J. "Rex" Mills
- 1975 Pierre Le Rat & Winston Wolf, Astroworld Characters
- 1976 Harve A Tabary
- 1977 Henson Moore (Congressman)
- 1978 Lottie J. Faulk
- 1979 Sen. Russell Long
- 1980 Laurent Boudreaux
- 1981 Robert Istre
- 1982 Shel Kanter
- 1983 Walt Garrison
- 1984 Charles Miia
- 1985 Norris Breaux
- 1986 Estelle Bonin Fleming  
1st Festival Queen
- 1987 No record of one
- 1988 Grady Primeaux & Marcel Suire
- 1989 Lawson Primeaux & Rogers Christman
- 1990 Herbert Lee Guillory & Norris Dronet
- 1991 Abbie Baronet & Donald Lee Robinson
- 1992 Shel Kanter & Bill Williams
- 1993 B.C. Delahoussaye
- 1994 Donald Shetler
- 1995 Joseph Musick, Jr.
- 1996 Robin Mattson
- 1997 Dr. Thomas H. Casanova III
- 1998 Lonnie Doré
- 1999 Cecil Picard
- 2000 Judges Don Aaron, John Trahan, and Glennon Everrett
- 2001 Patty Simon
- 2002 Mike McBride
- 2003 Ken Goss
- 2004 Gil Pinac
- 2005 Renee Revett
- 2006 Jo Cart
- 2007 Dave Petitjean
- 2008 David & Peter John
- 2009 Thomas Carver Voinche, Jr.
- 2010 Randy E. Falcon
- 2011 Governor Edwin W. Edwards
- 2012 Gene Williams
- 2013 Jack Montoucet
- 2014 Judges Melise & John Trahan
- 2015 Ernest Palmer Shreve  
Michael James Pastor
- 2016 Jason Monk  
Jared William Monk
- 2017 Sheriff K.P. Gibson  
Chief Jimmy Broussard  
Chief Jody Viator
- 2018 Mayor Greg Jones
- 2019 LJ & Chee Chee Gielen  
Kim Gielen Gattle
- 2021 Ryan Trahan
- 2022 H. "Butch" Browning
- 2023 Dwayne & Christine Fulton
- 2024 Pat Bordes II and Phillip J. Faul
- 2025 Shanna Comeaux Monk





# Children's Parade Grand Marshal

**Antoinette Pete**

Antoinette Chaffers Pete, "Ms. Pete" addressed by many, is a lifelong resident of Crowley, Louisiana and the daughter of the late Alvin and Odelia Clement Chaffers. She married and was blessed with thirty-eight years of marital bliss to the late Leonard Pete, which to this union, they became proud parents of Leonard Demond Pete of Oakland, California and Bethani (Eric) Pete Collins of Kenner, Louisiana. Ms. Pete's absolute joy comes from the love of her grandchild, Nova Arielle!

Ms. Pete is a graduate of the University of Southwestern Louisiana (USL), now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, where she received a Bachelor's, Master's and Educational Specialist Degree, all in the fields of Education and Educational Leadership. She taught and served as an administrator in the Acadia Parish School System for 48 years and presently serves as the District's Title I Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator. At the school and district level, Ms. Pete has always exhibited an untiring purpose and passion for Learning and Education, which was valued by her Family and instilled at an early age. The empathy, compassion, outreach and love for Education and Family are hallmarks of her personality. She has developed a strong value system of working with children and their parents, which is a guiding force of her belief that children benefit academically when parents, educators and community work together. Yes, without a doubt, "Families Matter"! She believes that all families and communities have something great to offer, doing whatever it takes to work closely together to make sure that every single student succeeds!

Ms. Pete is a faithful, lifelong member of St. Theresa Catholic Church where she serves as Director of Music and Pastoral Council Chairperson. Her faith along with her work ethics align with the ideals, values and public mission of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., holding Golden Life membership. She has been vigorously involved in numerous religious, educational, civic, and community outreach concerns: Crowley Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.; St. Theresa Knights of St. Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court #51; Crowley Rotarian; International Rice Festival Active Member; IRF Jr. King & Queen Emcee; United Way of Acadiana; and the Louisiana Department of Health Outreach, just to name a few.



## Past Rice Festival Grand Marshal of Children's Parade

- |      |                             |      |  |      |                           |
|------|-----------------------------|------|--|------|---------------------------|
| 1983 | World's Fair Mascot Pelican | 1994 | Alyson Habetz                                    | 2009 | Louis Cramer              |
| 1984 |                             | 1995 | Helen M. Zaunbrecher                             | 2010 | Edward "Ed" Dartez        |
| 1985 |                             | 1996 | Dr. Marietta "Mellie" James                      | 2011 | Steve Fontenot            |
| 1986 | Justin Wilson               | 1997 | Joey Webb Jr.                                    | 2012 | Ann Mire                  |
| 1987 | Joseph Baronet              | 1998 | Teachers of the Year                             | 2013 | Dolores Nutt              |
| 1988 | Oscar Johnson               |      | Tammie McGuidry, Ray O. Blum and Genita Domingue | 2014 | William Bryan Pinac       |
| 1989 | Dr. James M. Griffin        | 1999 | Donna S. Corley                                  | 2015 | Clarence Lee Woodard III  |
| 1990 | Barton W. Freeland, Sr.     | 2000 | Tim and Tony Robichaux                           | 2016 | Kelly Carl Leonards       |
| 1991 | Mary Alice Fontenot         | 2001 | (Coach Piz) Richard Pizzolatto                   | 2017 | Michael Christian Doughty |
| 1992 | Maria Placer                | 2002 | Doug Daigle                                      | 2018 | Ruthie Piron              |
| 1993 | Virginia Ruddock            | 2003 | Marlene LeBoeuf                                  | 2019 | Sandra Bourgeois Doré     |
|      |                             | 2004 | Kira O. Viator                                   | 2021 | Sullivan Reese Rue        |
|      |                             | 2005 | Stella Abshire Guidry                            | 2022 | Peter Kirsch              |
|      |                             | 2006 | Scott Brazda                                     | 2023 | Audry Spencer             |
|      |                             | 2007 | Chad Monceau                                     | 2024 | Letha Vincent             |
|      |                             | 2008 | Lewis Cook                                       | 2025 | Antoinette Pete           |



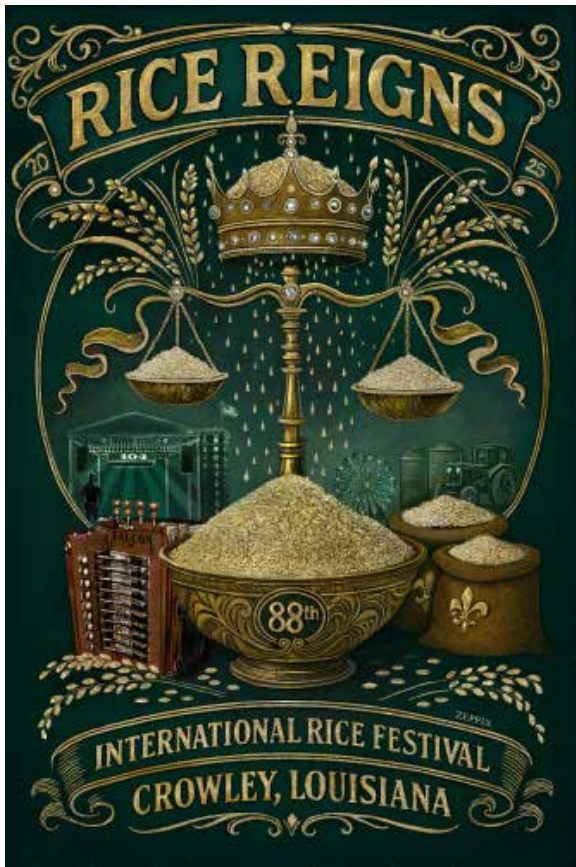
### Past Rice Festival Jr. King

- 1960 Paul C. Hannagrif, Jr.
- 1961 John Guidry
- 1962 Tim Robinson
- 1963 John Copeland Reed
- 1964 Dwayne Brasseaux
- 1965 Norman Oliver
- 1966 Girard Leger
- 1967 Keith Bieber
- 1968 Scot Anthony Guidry
- 1969 John Walter Gardiner
- 1970 Douglas Steen
- 1971 David Myers
- 1972 Emmett Parsley
- 1973 Lonnie Regan
- 1974 Larry James Daigle
- 1975 Douglas Mitchell Cormier
- 1976 Shane Thomas Schexnider
- 1977 Paul Jacob Koury
- 1978 Scott Patin
- 1979 Erin Scott Thomas
- 1980 Seth Adam Myers
- 1981 Casey Blair Foreman
- 1982 Nakia Lantz
- 1983 Joshua McGee
- 1984 Chad Sensat
- 1985 Bradley Arabia
- 1986 Michael Garret Ruppert
- 1987 Paul Maichael Stakes
- 1988 Derrick Antoine Credeur
- 1989 Joshua Clinton Viator
- 1990 Josh Melancon
- 1991 Shaun Ortego
- 1992 Jonah Benoit
- 1993 Cade Andrew Lejeune
- 1994 Trevor Thibodeaux
- 1995 William Lucas Breaux
- 1996 Andrew Randall Besse
- 1997 Caleb Jayce Steen
- 1998 Brent Joseph Cormier
- 1999 Eric John Miller
- 2000 Jerry Scott Menard
- 2001 Timothy Geerts
- 2002 Tyler Hayes
- 2003 Michael Anthony Herpin
- 2004 Jordon McDaniel Owens
- 2005 Kyle Adam Hebert
- 2006 Logan Jude Marks
- 2007 Luke Toepler
- 2008 Clay Benoit
- 2009 Gavin Vidrine
- 2010 Kyler Wingate
- 2011 Carson Armentor
- 2012 Ian Joseph Lyons
- 2013 Rusty Fulton
- 2014 Cameron Stelly
- 2015 Charlie Hensgens
- 2016 Cory Frugé
- 2017 Jackson Prevost
- 2018 Daxton Glen Broussard
- 2019 Nicolas Shaw Credeur
- 2021 Layne Oestricher
- 2022 Jax Cormier
- 2023 Henry Siebert
- 2024 Parker Nero

### Past Rice Festival Jr. Queen

- 1939 Thelma Goss
- 1940 Janelle Plattsmier
- 1941 Ella V. Ortego
- 1942-45 War Years
- 1946 ClaudeC Lyons
- 1947 Bernice Guillot
- 1948 Marjorie Devillier
- 1949 Mary Ann Gielen
- 1950 Mary Jeanne Perres
- 1951 Laura Ruth Baker
- 1952 Alura Kay Miller
- 1953 Barbara Gail Bellard
- 1954 Barbara Jean Antis
- 1955 Stephanie Abshire
- 1956 Julie Ann Prejean
- 1957 Jerrie Lynn Premeaux
- 1958 Susan Elaine Jabusch
- 1959 Beverly Jane Hebert
- 1960 Cynthia Comeaux
- 1961 Sharon Ann LeJeune
- 1962 Carolyn Elizabeth Mooney
- 1963 Jelaine Frey
- 1964 Lola Frances Perry
- 1965 Robin Danette Rea
- 1966 Denise Gossen
- 1967 Frances Marie Regan
- 1968 Cynthia Ann Hebert
- 1969 Catherine Christine Simon
- 1970 Angela Dawn Wilson
- 1971 Sharon Bouillion
- 1972 Monique Broussard
- 1973 Dee Ann Chappell
- 1974 Lisa Monica Boudreaux
- 1975 Katherine Maureen Menard
- 1976 Tia Lynne Cormier
- 1977 Ladonna Richard
- 1978 Shelly Lynn Pousson
- 1979 Nina Ann Melancon
- 1980 Jillane Annette Gotte
- 1981 Julie Allison Broussard
- 1982 Janee Romero
- 1983 Anne Louise Broussard
- 1984 Suzanne Herpin
- 1985 Alyne Nicole Richard
- 1986 Angelina Marie Miller
- 1987 Candice Rachelle Navarre
- 1988 Chrystal Nicole Vincent
- 1989 Courtney Lyn Ruppert
- 1990 Dolly Jean LeBlue
- 1991 Gretchen LaCombe
- 1992 Bonnie Wirtz
- 1993 Amber Nicole Thibodeaux
- 1994 Amy Michelle McClelland
- 1995 Anna Brittany Zaunbrecher
- 1996 Lindsey Paige Richard
- 1997 Leah Katelyn Johnson
- 1998 Leah Elizabeth Gossen
- 1999 Amelia Faul
- 2000 Chasity Nicole Hayes
- 2001 Erin Page Richard
- 2002 Chelsea Sattler
- 2003 Caroline Arysse Nugier
- 2004 Adrianna Hudson
- 2005 Hannah Kimble Doucet
- 2006 Brandi Abate
- 2007 Lily Claire Hoffpauir
- 2008 Bethani Chesterman
- 2009 Mary Katherine Lavergne
- 2010 Alaina Claire Miller
- 2011 Mary Ellen Hebert
- 2012 Elise Anne Gossen
- 2013 Phoebe Lynn Henry
- 2014 Vivian Barousse
- 2015 Emmy Claire Navarre
- 2016 Malari Navarre
- 2017 Noelle Gatte
- 2018 Blair Elizabeth Wallace
- 2019 Vivian Elaine Siebert
- 2021 Audrey Lasch
- 2022 Adilynn Simar
- 2023 Emma Bruce
- 2024 Kavery Hanks





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