24th Annual Miss Texas Czech-Slovak Queen Pageant and 4th Annual CHS Youth Royalty Pageant 2026

Thank you for joining us for the 24th Annual Miss Texas Czech-Slovak Queen Pageant and 4th Annual CHS Youth Royalty Pageant 2026 hosted by Bexar County Czech Heritage Society at Garden Ridge Community and Event Center in San Antonio on June 6, 2026.

Congratulations to all our royalty:

Queens:

Misty Dvorak, CHS Miss Texas Czech-Slovak Queen 2026-2027; *On-Stage Interview and Kroj Modeling Awards.

Anslea Kaluza, CHS Miss Texas Czech-Slovak Queen 1st Runner-Up 2026-2027; *Talent and Heritage Involvement Awards.

Hayley Fleener, CHS Miss Texas Czech-Slovak Queen 2nd Runner-Up 2026-2027; *Private Interview Award.

Junior Queens:

Mabry Sustala, CHS Miss Texas Czech-Slovak Junior Queen 2026-2027; *Private Interview and On-Stage Interview Awards.

Pearl Gibson, CHS Miss Texas Czech-Slovak Junior Queen Runner-Up 2026-2027; *Kroj Modeling Award.

Audrina Mertz, CHS Miss Texas Czech-Slovak Junior Queen Runner-Up 2026-2027; *Heritage Involvement Award.

Junior King:

Lincoln Holecek, CHS Texas Czech-Slovak Junior King 2026-2027; *Private and On-Stage Interview, Kroj and Heritage Involvement Awards.

Little Princesses:

Caroline Campbell, CHS Texas Czech-Slovak Little Princess 2026-2027; *On-Stage Interview and Kroj Modeling Awards.

Alison Talley, CHS Texas Czech-Slovak Little Princess Runner-Up 2026-2027; *Private Interview and Heritage Involvement Awards.

Little Prince:

Ford Slovak, CHS Texas Czech-Slovak Little Prince 2026-2027; *Private and On-Stage Interview, Kroj and Heritage Involvement Awards

All royalty are winners and will continue their titled reign with their Texas and Chapter titles.

Presentation of Colors, Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags, US National, Czech and Slovak Anthems, Invocation and lunch prayers were led by our CHS Texas Royalty. Our pageant enjoyed

a beautiful Parade of Kroje led by Madelyn Karstedt, along with the performance of our Czech-Slovak Dancers of CHS and Maypole dance led by Destiny Hollingsworth, Production Manager.

We are thankful to our judges: Bruno Shimek, CHS Brazos Valley President; Destiny Hollingsworth, CHS, Miss Czech-Slovak US 2023-2024; and Isabel Sherman, Miss Czech-Slovak US 1st Runner-Up 2025-2026 of Iowa. Thank you to our auditors: Johana Dickerson, Harris County CHS/Executive Director Czech Center Museum Houston; and Bonny Karstedt, CHS Fayette County. Thank you to our Master of Ceremonies John Gerik, McLennan-Hill CHS.

As your Pageant Affairs and Youth Pageant Directors we extend our sincere thank you for supporting the success of our royalty pageant. Special thanks to our Pageant Committee and helpers in pageant preparations and our event: Molly Gerik, Maggie Grmela, Janis Hrncir, Kyle Stuckly, Danny Hughes, Richard Skopik and others with behind-the scenes assistance. Many thanks to Monika Prochazkova, Jasmine Kirby and Austin Sappington with the Bexar County Czech Heritage members for all the work to prepare and host our pageant. Special thanks to our loyal members and many families stepping up to help in all the set-up and take down at the pageant facility. Also, special thanks to Kyle Stuckly for the travel arrangements, delivery, set-up/take down and return of our stage set for the pageant.

Special thank you to all our chapters and individuals sending generous donations for gifts for all our royalty contestants honoring them for their hard work in preparations and continuing to serve as ambassadors for CHS of Texas Chapters. Please continue to keep us informed of invites and activities.

Also, we extend a reminder to join us in Nebraska this year in support of Kyla Jupe at the national pageant.

Please see a few pictures of our 2026-2027 CHS Texas Royalty (these are from my cell phone/not our CHS Photographer - those to come) and our royalty program.

We hope to have included all the information we can correctly at this time. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

Thank you,

Kathy Podsednik, CHS Director of Pageant Affairs

Lauren Gerik Castanon, CHS Youth Pageant