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## More Than A Crown



For Lexy Schenk of Irene, a decision she randomly made in high school, is for the second time leading her to a national stage.

Schenk, Miss South Dakota 2015, will be competing at the Miss USA pageant in Baton Rouge, Louisiana starting on June 28, culminating with the live pageant on July 12 on NBC.

"I ran for my first pageant when I was a freshman in high school," Schenk said. "I got a brochure in the mail and I was so involved in different events that I thought why not do something different. Irene didn't have dance, but I have always wanted to do something



different and this was a good opportunity for me. Schenk said that she has learned confidence and humbleness by being involved in the pageants. "I competed in the Miss South Dakota Teen event for two years and I won my second year (2011),"

she said. "So, I was a teen title holder in high school. After that I decided I wanted to continue because I loved the competitions and being up on stage."

And, while she believes having competed in

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