

Crash victim found strength to compete in Miss Alabama pageant

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Tragedy strikes everyone equally. Not even beauty queens are safe from suffering a severe injury due to someone's recklessness. That's the scary thing about driving. No matter how safe a driver is, the driver next to her might have no respect for the rules of the road or life.

Recently, a young woman was on her way back to college after winning a preliminary pageant for Miss Alabama when she was in a terrible car accident. She sustained a serious [back injury](#) after her car completely flipped off of the road, and doctors thought she would be paralyzed for life. Fortunately, they were wrong.

The 19-year-old hit-and-run victim was put in a back brace and has gone through extensive physical therapy over the past few months since the crash. With her resilience and the support of her doctors, family and friends, she was still able to compete in the Miss Alabama pageant earlier this month.

Even though the young and passionate contestant did not win the pageant, the fact that she was able to even walk across the stage makes her victorious. "I'm so happy to be here," said the victim about the pageant, though she is likely happy just to be alive first and foremost.

Every day people on the brink of doing extraordinary things have their dreams cut short by a car accident. While this victim is finding a way to follow her dreams, not everyone is as fortunate. Reports do not mention whether the liable driver in this Alabama case was ever identified, charged with a crime or sued by the victim.

Source

The Birmingham News (al.com, blog): "[Miss Alabama hopeful Sara Hix competes with grace, grit](#)," Matthew Busch, 11 Jun. 2011