Students compete for Miss UNCP 2011

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Her talent was clogging, and her platform was “Understanding Children with Educational Differences.”

The $150 Jessica Reed and Family Community Services Scholarship was given to sophomore Amanda Hooker, and the Cheryl A. Walters Pageant Spirit Award went to junior Rhyanique Hunt.

All non-finalists were given a $150 scholarship, which was sponsored by the University Center and Programs.

“Celebrating Our Diversity: Strength Though Diversity” was the theme of the pageant, and it featured Walters and the six Miss UNCP 2011 contestants.

Walters said that being Miss UNCP 2010 has changed her life in many positive ways.

“I have learned the values of being a role model and an ambassador of this university,” Walters said. “These are qualities that I will forever cherish.”

Walters’ advice to Chavis was to enjoy every day of her reign, and she said that she was proud of Chavis and this life changing accomplishment.

“You never know when you’re making a difference in someone else’s life just by being you,” Walters said.

Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening was Miss North Carolina 2010 Adrienne Leigh Core, and Master of Ceremonies was Lane Ragsdale of Asheboro, N.C.

Chancellor Kyle R. Carter made welcoming remarks and kicked off the pageant at 7 p.m. According to GPAC Box Office Manager Dedra Sanderson, 1,028 tickets were sold with 725 student tickets, 119 general public tickets, 158 complementary and visiting queens’ tickets and 26 faculty and staff tickets.

The general public tickets were $5, and all the other tickets were free of charge.

Chasity Chavis waves to the audience as the newly crowned Miss UNCP 2011. As the new Miss UNCP Chavis was awarded several scholarships including a $1,000 academic scholarship and the opportunity to compete for the Miss North Carolina 2011 title.

Jenna Walters has her last walk as Miss UNCP 2010. After a full year of fulfilling her duties as Miss UNCP, Walters helps to introduce and crown the new Miss UNCP 2011 Chasity Chavis.

First runner-up and winner of the Miss Congeniality award Courtney Lewis dresses her best for the evening wear portion of the competition.

Second runner-up Ashton Young clogs during the talent portion of the competition. As second runner-up Young was awarded a $300 scholarship while representing her platform “Understanding Children with Educational Differences.”