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Miss N.C. 2008 to emcee pageant

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“She’s lovely,” said Miss UNCP 2008 Jamee Hunt. “She’s a very humble person.”

Watson appeared on the “Miss America Countdown to the Crown” reality television series every Friday night during the month of January on TLC.

Hunt said the pageant is going to be, “really upbeat” in order to get more students interested in coming to the event.

The theme for the 2009 pageant is “To The Beat Of The Crown” and represents the four points of the Miss America crown – style, service, success and scholarship.

“We’ve gained a wide range of talent, as far as contestants,” Hunt said.

“There will be seven to eight girls.”

According to Hunt, the contestants have already had their mock interviews and are busy rehearsing in preparation for the pageant.

The contestants are: Alaina Grady, Shalhime Haire, Jocelyn Locklear, Aylin Nunez, Victoria Smith and Vulic.

Hunt was first runner-up at the 2008 Miss North Carolina Pageant, having never won an official preliminary before Miss UNCP.

“I was first runner-up a few times but never won,” Hunt joked.

Hunt’s advice for contestants: “Be natural, be themselves, be prepared during the interview process and let this be an enjoyable process. Have fun and that will come out on stage.”

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