

Atchison native named Ms. Wheelchair KS

(KAIR)--A Kansas educator, formerly from Atchison, has been named Ms. Wheelchair Kansas 2023.

23-year-old Daija Coleman was informed of her win during the Ms. Wheelchair Kansas Crowning Competition held Sunday at the DoubleTree Hilton Hotel, in Lawrence.

According to the organization, Ms. Wheelchair Kansas, Inc. annually selects an adult and youth titleholder, who are wheelchair mobile, that successfully advocate, educate, and empower all people on a state level.”

Following Sunday- crowning, a release announcing Coleman- win calls her “a teacher in many different aspects,” saying “she has been educating others about disability, perseverance, and advocacy from the day that she was born.”

Coleman, a native of Atchison, is a 1st grade elementary school teacher, in Topeka, and a graduate of Washburn University.

Ms. Wheelchair Kansas was founded in 2004 as a chapter of Ms. Wheelchair America, which was established in 1972 by a Columbus, Ohio physician “as a forum for the promotion of the achievements, as well as the needs, of people who are wheelchair mobile.”

According to the Atchison Public Schools of USD 409, Coleman was a member of the class of 2018.

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