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**Miss Mississippi Becky Williams Presents 2025 Dixie National Parade Awards**  
***Awards Given to Participants from Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Neshoba, Rankin & Smith Counties***

**JACKSON, Miss.** – Miss Mississippi Becky Williams presented the 2025 Dixie National Parade awards to winning participants following the parade on Saturday, February 8, inside the Mississippi Farmers Market. The procession included an array of rodeo and other title queens, marching bands, floats, car and tractor clubs, riding groups, the famous Dixie National Wagon Train and more.

Every year, first and second place winners are chosen within each category of parade participants including best motorized club, marching group, float and riding group, as well as first, second and third place winners from the Dixie National Wagon Train. In addition, the coveted Commissioner’s Award goes to the best overall best group chosen from 46 parade entries.

A panel of local celebrity and distinguished guests determined the 2025 winners. “Your Hometown Country” US 96.3’s Hannah Lane, Kim Allen and Bree Gray, as well as Mississippi 4-H President John Clayton Kitchens and Mississippi FFA Association President Laynie Dodson served as this year’s judges.

For best motorized club, the Central Mississippi Antique Tractor Association was awarded first place, and the Mississippi Army National Guard Recruiting & Retention Battalion, based in Hinds County, took home second place. In marching groups, the Mucho Gusto Wagon Team of Hinds County, earned first place and the Tishomingo Avengers of Rankin County took home second place. In best riding clubs, the Chula Homa Hounds of Madison County were awarded first place, and the Dixie National Rodeo Queens and Flag Girls took home second. For best decorative floats, the Mystic Wind Choctaw Dancers from Neshoba County received first place and the Spirit Horse Therapeutic Riding Club of Hinds County received second place.

In addition, the Mystic Wind Choctaw Dancers’ originality, uniformity and creativity stood out to the judges panel and their group was named the best overall participant within the procession and received the Commissioner’s Award.

Eight individual wagon trains from around the state of Mississippi make up the famous Dixie National Wagon Train. This year, Miss Mississippi Becky Williams awarded third place to the Wesson Wagon Train, second place went to the Smith County Wagon Train, and the Mt. Olive Wagon Train took home first place.

For more information and a full event schedule on the 60th Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo, visit [www.dixienational.org](http://www.dixienational.org) and follow the Dixie National Livestock Show & Rodeo on Facebook, Instagram and X.

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**Photos attached.**



**Mississippi Agriculture and Commerce Commissioner Andy Gipson, and his wife, Leslie, led out the annual Dixie National Parade on Saturday, February 8th, in downtown Jackson. The 2025 Dixie National Parade included an array of rodeo and other title queens, marching groups, floats, car and tractor clubs, riding groups and the Dixie National Wagon Train.**



**Following the parade, Miss Mississippi Becky Williams presented the 1st Place Award in Best Motorized Clubs to the Central MS Antique Tractor Association. (pictured here)**



**Following the parade, Miss Mississippi Becky Williams presented the 2nd Place Award in Best Motorized Clubs to the Mississippi Army National Guard Recruiting and Retention Battalion. (pictured here)**



**Following the parade, Miss Mississippi Becky Williams presented the 1st Place Award in Best Marching Group to the Mucho Gusto Wagon Team of Hinds County. (pictured here)**



**Following the parade, Miss Mississippi Becky Williams presented the 2nd Place Award in Best Marching Group to the Tishomingo Avengers of Rankin County. (pictured here)**



**Following the parade, Miss Mississippi Becky Williams presented the 1st Place Award in Best Float to the Mystic Wind Choctaw Dancers of Neshoba County. This group also took home the Commissioner's Award for best overall group! (pictured here)**



**Following the parade, Miss Mississippi Becky Williams presented the 2nd Place Award in Best Float to the Spirit Horse Therapeutic Riding Center of Hinds County. (pictured here)**



**Following the parade, Miss Mississippi Becky Williams presented the 1st Place Award in Best Riding Clubs to the Chula Homa Hounds of Madison County. (pictured here)**



**Cont.... Following the parade, Miss Mississippi Becky Williams presented the 1st Place Award in Best Riding Clubs to the Chula Homa Hounds of Madison County. (pictured here)**



**Following the parade, Miss Mississippi Becky Williams presented the 2nd Place Award in Best Riding Clubs to the Dixie National Rodeo Queens and Flag Girls. (pictured here)**



**Following the parade, Miss Mississippi Becky Williams presented the wagon train awards. This year, 1st Place went to the Mt. Olive Wagon Train of Covington County; 2nd Place went to the Smith County Wagon Train; and the Wesson Wagon Train of Covich County took home 3rd place.**



**Following the parade, Miss Mississippi Becky Williams presented 1st Place in Best Wagon Trains to the Mt. Olive Wagon Train of Covington County. (pictured here)**