



2016 Gilroy Garlic Festival
July 29, 30, and 31, 2016
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Kyle Perez-Robinson Crowned 2016 Miss Gilroy Garlic Festival Queen

May 9, 2016 (Gilroy, CA): Kyle Perez-Robinson was crowned the 2016 Miss Gilroy Garlic Festival Queen at the annual scholarship pageant held on May 1. Queen Kyle and her court will represent the 38th annual Gilroy Garlic Festival at numerous pre-Festival activities and throughout the three days of the Festival, July 29, 30 and 31, 2016.

Perez-Robinson also won the Talent portion of the competition with a vocal performance of “Don’t Rain on My Parade” from the musical *Funny Girl*. A graduate of Christopher High School in Gilroy, Kyle is currently a sophomore studying Human Biology at Stanford University. In her spare time, she is actively involved in musical theater as both a performer and staff member. She hopes to pursue a master's degree in Community Health and Preventative Research and has the long-term goal of attending medical school to pursue an M.D.



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Queen Kyle Perez-Robinson
Photo by Lora Schraft

The rest of the 2016 royal garlic court will include First Runner-Up Lorena Garnica, Second Runner-Up Marielle Gomez, and Princesses Brittini Bombino, Julia Chizanskos, Jasmine Cruz, Amber Harding, Angelique Lucero, and Vanessa Martinez. Cruz won the Speech portion of the pageant with a skit titled “Marjorie Summers: Garlic Festival News Reporter.”

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Despite a power outage during dress rehearsals, the pageant was a great success. Over 200 people attended the event, which was held at the Gavilan College Theater and emceed by 2009 Gilroy Garlic Festival President Kirsten Carr. Over \$20,000 in scholarships were awarded to this year's contestants.



Back Row: Princesses Brittini Bombino, Jasmine Cruz, Angelique Lucero, Julia Chizanskos, Vanessa Martinez, Amber Harding
Front Row: Second Runner-Up Marielle Gomez, Queen Kyle Perez-Robinson, First Runner-Up Lorena Garnica
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About the Gilroy Garlic Festival

The 38th Annual Gilroy Garlic Festival will be held July 29, 30, and 31, 2016, at Christmas Hill Park in Gilroy, California. Presented by Raley's, Bel Air, and Nob Hill Foods, this annual event draws tens of thousands of guests from around the world for a three-day celebration of great garlicky food, live entertainment, and fun for the whole family. For more information, see www.gilroygarlicfestival.com.

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