

On January 21st 2018, Summer Weldon was honored to bring the title of Miss Rodeo USA 2018 to her home state of Tennessee. The twenty year old native of Martin, Tennessee is a sophomore at the University of Tennessee at Martin where she is currently studying cell and molecular biology with hopes of attaining a dual degree in physical and occupational therapy. Summer is also a member of the prestigious UT Martin rodeo team where she competes in barrel racing. She is the daughter of Cameron and Beth Weldon, and has one brother, Chance, who is her biggest supporter.

Summer grew up competing in the sport of rodeo from an early age. Rising through the ranks of junior and high school rodeo prior to her college career, she competed in barrel racing, pole bending, break away roping, ribbon roping, goat tying, and girls' cutting. As a six time qualifier for the National Junior High and National High School Finals Rodeos, Summer is no stranger to the national stage. Rodeo has been a way of life for Weldon for many years, and she has represented the sport of rodeo well by holding fourteen rodeo queen titles across five states prior to her Miss Rodeo USA win.

During her year as Miss Rodeo USA 2018, Summer will be speaking on her platform, "Living Beyond Boundaries". As a future physical and occupational therapist, Summer hopes to help individuals coping with disability by encouraging them to set goals and work hard to achieve them. Through involvement in special needs rodeos, she also hopes to actively work with individuals with special needs.

Summer is extremely honored to represent the International Professional Rodeo Association cowboys and cowgirls as she travels across the country during 2018. Becoming Miss Rodeo USA is the culmination of a life-long dream for Weldon. As she embarks on the nearly 100,000-mile journey, Summer is looking forward to meeting new people, making new friends, and creating memories that will last a lifetime as she promotes the greatest sport in the world.

Short Bio:

On January 21, 2018, Summer Weldon brought home the Miss Rodeo USA crown to her home state of Tennessee. Only one other Tennessee native has ever brought home the coveted title. Summer is from the small town of Martin, Tennessee, where she is a sophomore at the University of Tennessee at Martin, majoring in cell and molecular biology with hopes of attaining a dual degree in physical and occupational therapy. Throughout the year, Summer will be promoting her platform of "Living Beyond Boundaries" and encouraging individuals with disabilities to set goals and work hard to achieve them. Summer is honored and blessed to have the opportunity to represent the International Professional Rodeo Association as Miss Rodeo USA 2018, and looks forward to promoting the sport that she loves as she travels across the nation.