



## IF Bluegrass Youth Day April 21st 2016 EKU Center for the Arts

### Keynote Speaker, Miss Kentucky



Miss Kentucky, Clark Janell Davis, entered the Miss Kentucky pageant in July 2015 as one of 31 qualifiers for the state title. Competing at the Singletary Center for the Arts. Davis sang "Summertime" from the opera Porgy and Bess by George Gershwin in the talent portion of the program. Her public service platform is increasing public awareness of dyslexia, a learning disability that Davis has worked to overcome since childhood.

Davis won the competition on Saturday, July 4, 2015. She earned more than \$15,000 in scholarship money and other prizes from the state pageant. As Miss Kentucky, Davis' activities include public appearances across the state of Kentucky and the country sharing her struggles with dyslexia, plus her message of determination and perseverance, which allowed her to graduate a year early from high school and attend the University of Kentucky on full scholarship. Clark created the Best Me I Can Be Foundation as a way to promote dyslexia awareness. The foundation helps to provide testing for students and training for educators.



Davis was Kentucky's representative at the Miss America 2016 pageant in Atlantic City, New Jersey in September 2015. In the televised finale on September 13, 2015. Davis was the youngest competitor. She was awarded a \$3,000 scholarship prize as her state's representative.

Davis is a native of Lexington, Kentucky and attended the School for the Creative and Performing Arts, as a drama major from the 4th to the 8th grade. She is a 2014 graduate of Lafayette High School. Davis is a student at the University of Kentucky where she studies vocal performance and political science.

### TED-Style Talk Student Speakers:

**\* Rosalyn Huff: *Just Take Your Hood Off***

**\* Jessica Bailey: *The Shakespearean Experience for Children***

**\* Xavia Ganz and Thail Beard: *From Trials to Triumph: Transforming Adversity to Ambition***

**\* Tamron Keith: *The Super "I"***

**\* Will Kimmerer: *Computer Driven Machine***

**\* Thomas Callahan: *Expanding the Scientific Horizons of Kentucky's South Eastern Region Through Youth Engagement***

