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Kansas City high school names transgender homecoming queen, stirring debate

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Oak Park High School in Kansas City, Missouri. (Photo: Oak Park High School via Facebook)



KANSAS CITY, Miss. (CITC) — Social media ignited in debate Tuesday over a Missouri high school's inauguration of a new homecoming queen.

the title.

It is reportedly the second time the school has named a transgender student as its homecoming queen since 2015.

Several users of X, the platform formerly known as Twitter, criticized Young's inauguration, including prominent women's sports advocate Riley Gaines.

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"So stunning & brave," Gaines [mocked](#). "Another reminder to all girls that men make the best women. I wonder if a female will win homecoming king or if it's understood that both of these spots are reserved for males. Who's to blame here?"

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Gaines also [retweeted](#) a comment speculating that "it would be just fine if a girl were crowned homecoming KING."

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Others X users accused Oak Park High School of trying to pander to a target audience.

"The fact that @NKCSchools immediately locked down comments is telling," one user said. "They know this is nonsense pandering to the mentally ill. And they want everyone to play along."

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Some users came to Young's defense, stating that the student did nothing to deserve such criticism.



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narrative. She was the nicest person I've ever had the pleasure of performing with."

"I want to pause and congratulate Tristan for being crowned Oak Park High School's Homecoming Queen!" LGBTQ Commission of Kansas City Chair Justice Horn [said](#). "I uplift this against the transphobic comments against this young person who was named queen by their peers. I'm thankful the next generation of Kansas City is so kind."

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Congratulations to @Northmen_OPHS Homecoming Queen Tristan Young! 🥳👑



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