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## Lab Ambassador prepares for national stage



*The Hygienic Laboratory's Environmental and Public Health Ambassador Anne Michael Langguth will be representing the state in the Miss America competition on Jan. 30. Photo courtesy of Gazette Communications.*

The Hygienic Laboratory's Environmental and Public Health Ambassador will be taking the national stage on Saturday, Jan. 30, when she competes in the Miss America Pageant. The pageant has awarded scholarships since 1945 and is the world's largest scholarship provider for women.

Anne Michael Langguth, from Iowa City, will represent the state as Miss Iowa in the program that airs live at 8 p.m. on TLC. That network also will host a one-hour preview special at 9 p.m. Jan. 29. Following this broadcast, viewers will have the chance to vote four contestants directly into the pageant's top 15.

A 2009 Harvard graduate who has been accepted to the University of Iowa Carver School of Medicine, Langguth became the

Laboratory's ambassador in November to bring awareness about a looming workforce shortage in public health. Since then, she has represented the Laboratory at several schools and public events, including the Iowa Academy of Science, the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) "Open Doors, Open Mind" conference and the FIRST Tech Challenge at the UI College of Engineering.

Upcoming events where Langguth will appear include Project Lead the Way, a bioscience and engineering symposium; Iowa Governor's Conference on Public Health; Children's Water Festival; Girl Scouts Go Global and the Association of Public Health Laboratories annual meeting.



*Hygienic Laboratory microbiologists Gina Kline and Brian Madigan visit with Miss Iowa during a tour of the Lab.*