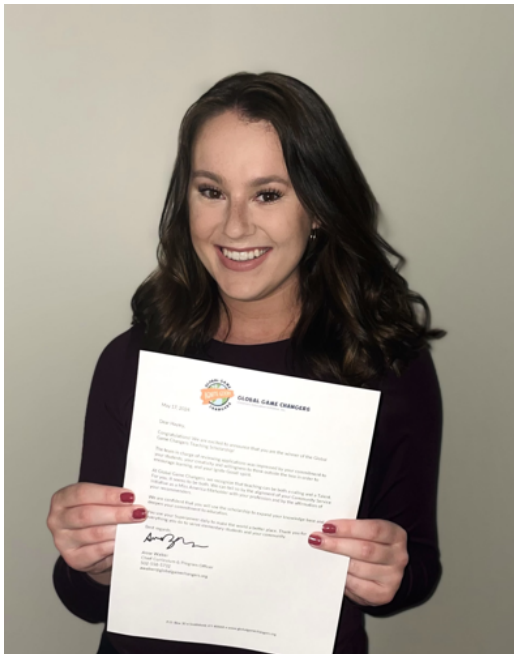


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Miss Greater Derry wins a scholarship through Miss America Foundation

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Miss Greater Derry Hayley Peters holds up a letter that says she received the Global Game Changers Teaching Scholarship.

Global Game Changers/Courtesy photo

DERRY — Through the Miss America pageant, Miss Greater Derry has received a \$2,500 scholarship to help pay down her college loans.

Hayley Peters, Miss Greater Derry, said it is amazing to be recognized by Global Game Changers, the organization partnering with Miss America Opportunity to give scholarships to title holders.

“It’s really surreal, to be honest,” Peters said. “I’m very grateful every day for the people along the way in my education who shaped me not only as a teacher and role model but also as a person.”

The \$2,500 Global Game Changers Teaching Scholarship will go toward paying her student loans for her undergraduate and master's degree, Peters said.

Peters is a second-grade teacher at Derry Village Elementary School and also serves on the school's data team and the PTA.

As part of being a competitor in the Miss New Hampshire and Miss America Opportunity, she had to complete a community service initiative. She founded the organization Turning the Page: The Need to Read, which has distributed more than 2,000 books to New Hampshire students.

Global Game Changers is a program that provides elementary curriculum and resources for free that develop children's social, emotional, leadership and academic growth both in and out of the classroom.

Peters said she loves that curriculum programs such as Global Game Changers give her an opportunity to show both sides of herself, Miss Peters, the teacher, and Miss Greater Derry.

"Although it's a hard job, it's a rewarding job and I put my heart and soul into each of my students and into the Miss America Opportunity," Peters said.

"To see those things overlap and to be recognized for my dedication and commitment is really special."