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Atchison teacher excels at national competition

(KAIR)--An Atchison educator, named Ms. Wheelchair Kansas 2023 in March, is now named 1st runner up in the Ms. Wheelchair America National Competition, held last week in Grand Rapids, Iowa.

A congratulations post made by Atchison Public School District 409, where Daija Coleman works as a 5th grade teacher, says "she spent all week with 18 amazing women where she was able to continue spreading her platform, "Why not us? Why not now? Be an Advocate in Your Community!"

The Crowning Gala for the Ms. Wheelchair Amercia competition was held Saturday.

The 23-year-old Coleman uses a wheelchair for mobility because she has Cerebral Palsy.

Coleman volunteers at Exceptional Humans, a nonprofit organization that supports humans with diverse abilities to live self- determined lives.

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