

Kirstin Drozd



As a hometown girl, Kirstin Drozd has deep roots in Ponchatoula and Tangipahoa Parish. Since she was 16 years old, her goal was to wear the crown as the Louisiana Strawberry Queen. When Kirstin won, she knew she had turned the corner to honor her late grandfather Julian Dufreche, who was the 2004 Strawberry King.

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In 2022, she decided it was time for her to take that leap of faith and turn the corner and officially compete for the title. With the guidance of her “Queen’s Team,” her family, friends, and guardian angel, she was crowned the 51st Louisiana Strawberry Queen and there is no doubt in her mind that Granddaddy was bragging in heaven and smiling down on her!

Drozd also praises her community’s family of farmers, “Over the years, I have been impressed with the passion and tradition of our strawberry growers. From hurricanes to ice storms to the 2016 floods, our strawberry farmers have always been able to turn the corner when faced with adversity to pivot and to get their strawberries to the market.” Drozd adds, “They are a modern-day testament to the hard work and commitment of the generations of strawberry growers that came before them.”

A 2018 honors graduate of Loranger High School, Kirstin is currently a marketing major with a concentration in Professional Sales at Southeastern Louisiana University. She volunteers for the Richard Murphy Hospice Gala and the local chapter of the Louisiana Coastal Conservation Association.

Her parents are Corey and Melissa Dufreche and Master Sergeant USMC (retired) Eugene and Bobbi Jo Drozd.

