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It took place earlier this month at the Chief Sepass Theatre at the Langley Fine Arts School.

"I had a lot of fun and I learned so much that in the end it wasn't about winning," said Tatomir, 15, who competed Aug. 21 to 23.

"It was a really awesome experience, but if I was to do it again I would definitely like to have more community support and sponsors," she said. "Olivia was amazing, she is a mature young woman who

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is a natural leader. She is an incredible role model for kids.

"I believe this is not the last time we or the community of Abbotsford will hear about her," said Top Teen of Canada producer Darren Storsley.

Tatomir and the 26 competitors representing each of Canada's 10 provinces and three territories, were prepared for the show through a series of professionally led workshops during the week leading up to the competition.

During the three-day national contest, the candidates went head-to-head in two public events: the first, Aug. 21, was a speech presentation and talent showcase and the second, Aug. 23, was on-stage interviews.

The Top Teen of Canada, who was awarded \$5,000 in cash scholarship prizes, is Meghan Price of Vernon and second place went to Hannah Seaman of Langley.

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