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As you can see, Logan West is awfully pretty and she's bi-racial, but she's paid the price for being an awfully pretty, bi-racial person.

She was bullied like there was no tomorrow as a youngster. Now, she's been crowned Miss Teen USA and she has a platform to use to speak out against Bullying, an important and welcomed stance.

Beginning when she was 12 years old, Logan West endured being relentlessly bullied for being a biracial child.

Six years later, West has made history as the first contestant from Connecticut to be crowned Miss Teen USA, an honor that she received during a ceremony in the Bahamas on Saturday. With her increased visibility, West looks to use her platform to continue speaking out against bullying after having spent the past two years talking to elementary and middle school students in Connecticut about the issue.

"This is a huge issue to me," West told TODAY.com. "Students have been very receptive to the message because it's a difference between being talked at by a teacher than hearing it from me. I'm a teenager, and I've been through it. I was bullied starting at 12 years old and look what I am now."

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As a middle-schooler and high school freshman, West said she was bullied for "not acting her skin color." She was punched, kicked and stabbed with umbrellas by a group of bullies until it escalated into a fight where she was suspended from school. During her suspension, she came up with her own anti-bullying program that she began promoting around the state after winning the Connecticut Outstanding Teen Pageant in 2010.{jcomments on}