

Scholarship Awarded

Catie Wharton, Syracuse, Kan., named this year's \$1,000 Future Angus Stockmen Scholarship recipient.

by Sarah Hill, special projects editor

The American Angus Association launched the Future Angus Stockmen program to encourage the next generation of commercial cattle producers. This program awards a \$1,000 scholarship annually thanks to support from Allflex USA Inc.

Catie Wharton, Syracuse, Kan., was awarded the scholarship during the 2017 Angus Convention in Fort Worth, Texas.

Wharton is a freshman at Texas Tech University studying animal science with an emphasis in production. She fell in love with the beef industry as a young girl raising her first Angus bucket calf and now aspires to become a beef producer.

Wharton has served as treasurer,



Catie Wharton, Syracuse, Kan., was presented the Future Angus Stockmen Scholarship Nov. 6 during the American Angus Association's Awards Recognition Breakfast. Pictured are (from left) Ginette Gottswiller, Association director of commercial programs; Catie Wharton, recipient; Scott Holt, Allflex North American marketing manager and sponsor representative; and Allen Moczygemba, American Angus Association CEO.

vice president and president in her county 4-H program and has taken grand champion accolades in beef, sheep, horse and photography projects. During her 4-H and FFA

careers, Wharton has learned the value of utilizing high-quality Angus genetics.

"Using genetics on the ranch is important because the cattle have to fit their environment while producing the product that the consumer wants," Wharton says.

Future Angus Stockmen participants can enroll each year and take advantage of Association programs such as the Beef Records Service (BRS), MaternalPlus®, AngusSource® or AngusSource Genetic at a

reduced cost. Honorees also receive incentives for genomic testing.

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Association recognizes top showing winners

Angus showing winners were honored during the 2017 Angus Convention in Fort Worth, Texas.

Many Angus breeders aspire to take home the coveted win in the showing — grand champion of the show. The sires of those cattle are also a key part of the equation. The American Angus Association offers the Roll of Victory (ROV) Show Program to recognize show-winning animals, along with their sires and dams.

Outstanding Angus cattle and their breeders/owners who were winners during the 2016-2017 show season were recognized at the 2017 Angus Convention Nov. 4-6 in Fort Worth, Texas.

"These cattle are the best of the best in the showing," said Allen Moczygemba, Association CEO. "They are the trendsetters that will influence the types of herd bulls and females that other Angus breeders will look to buy in the coming months."

The ROV Show Heifer of the Year award was presented to Conley Sandy 5104, owned by David Smith, Boulder, Colo., and Conley Cattle, Sulphur, Okla.

DAJS Special Effects 044 was awarded the ROV Show Bull of the Year award. Special Effects is owned by Doug

Satree Angus, Montague, Texas.

Express Ranches, Yukon, Okla., took top honors as the ROV Breeder of the Year.

The ROV show season runs from June 1 through May 31, and points are accumulated on an annual basis. The program includes 19 shows, including six super-point shows and 13 point shows for 2018.

For more information about the Association ROV program, visit www.angus.org.