

Auxiliary Awards 10 Scholarships to NJAA Members

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Ten outstanding members of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) were selected to receive \$8,000 in scholarships awarded by the American Angus Auxiliary. The recipients were chosen from among 23 NJAA member applicants representing 17 states. The scholarship program, which marks its 45th anniversary this year, provides financial support to incoming college freshmen.

Pat Grote, national scholarship chairwoman, presented the scholarships at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Denver, Colo.



Rebecca Nida, Red Rock, Okla., won the \$1,200 first-place scholarship in the girls' division. She is the daughter of Ronald Nida and Brenda Nida. Rebecca will be attending Oklahoma State University this fall, majoring in agricultural communications.

Rebecca has contributed to the Oklahoma Junior Angus Association for the past 10 years and has been an NJAA member for 18 years. During that time, she has served as the Oklahoma Angus queen and has shown her cattle in various state, regional and national shows, including the NJAS. She has enrolled cattle in the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) program for 13 years.



Jennifer Johnson, Tompkinsville, Ky., is the \$900 second-place scholarship winner in the girls' division. Jennifer is the daughter of Ken and Karen Johnson. She plans to attend Murray State University in Kentucky this fall. Her major is undecided.

Jennifer has been involved in the Kentucky Junior Angus Association and the NJAA for 10 years. In that time, she showed her cattle in various local and state shows and has been an active participant in the NJAS.

The third-place \$800 scholarship winner is **Minnie Roberts**, Sarcoxie, Mo. She is the daughter of Thomas Roberts and Linda Elderton. Minnie will be attending Missouri Valley College this fall. Her major is undecided.

Minnie has been involved with the Missouri Junior Angus Association and the NJAA for eight years. During that time, she has attended the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference, earned her Bronze and Silver awards from the NJAA, and participated in various cattle shows.



Cortney Hill-Dukehart, Sykesville, Md., received the \$600 fourth-place scholarship. Cortney is the daughter of Robert Hill and Marlene Dukehart. She will attend Howard Community College in Maryland this fall.

For five years Cortney has been active in the Maryland Junior Angus Association and the NJAA. She serves as an ambassador for Angus in her role as state queen and as chairwoman of the 2002 Eastern Regional.



The fifth-place \$500 scholarship recipient is **Emily Hogberg**, Mason, Mich. Emily is the daughter of Maynard and Anne Hogberg. She plans to attend Michigan State University this fall, majoring in animal science.

Emily has been involved in the Michigan Junior Angus Association and the NJAA for the past eight years. She served as a voting delegate at the NJAS in 2000 and is currently serving as the president of her state junior association. Emily has been an active participant in Angus activities and has received her Bronze and Silver awards.

Editor's note: *The five young ladies are eligible to compete for the 2002 Miss American Angus title. One of them will be crowned in November at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) Roll of Victory (ROV) super-point Angus show in Louisville, Ky.*



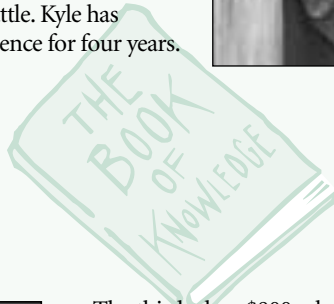
Jonathan Barnes, Dolphin, Va., is the first-place \$1,200 scholarship winner for the boys' division. He is the son of Charles and Lynn Barnes. Jonathan will be attending Elon University in North Carolina this fall, majoring in biology and pre-veterinary medicine.

Jonathan has been active in the Virginia Junior Angus Association and the NJAA for eight years. During that time, he has been selected as an outstanding member of his state association four times. He has attended the LEAD Conference, served as a voting delegate at the NJAS, and earned his Bronze and Silver awards.



Kyle Conley, Clarksdale, Mo., received the second-place \$900 scholarship. He is the son of Bill Conley and Tina Conley. Kyle plans to attend Butler County Community College in Kansas this fall, where he will major in agricultural business and meat science.

For the past 10 years, Kyle has been actively involved in the Missouri Junior Angus Association and the NJAA. A large portion of his Angus involvement has included excelling in the showing with his cattle. Kyle has attended the LEAD Conference for four years.



The third-place \$800 scholarship winner is **Kristopher Lynn**, Springfield, Ky. He is the son of Danny and Melisa Lynn. Kristopher will be a student at Western Kentucky University this fall, where he will seek dual degrees in agribusiness and business.

Kristopher has been involved in the Kentucky Junior Angus Association and the NJAA for the past nine years. He is the 2001 president of his state association and has a number of cattle enrolled in the AHIR program.



Adam May, Mineral Point, Wis., is the fourth-place \$600 scholarship recipient. He is the son of Gregg May and Cathryn Kaiser-May. He will attend Edgewood College in Madison, Wis., this fall, majoring in graphic design or landscaping.

Adam has been an active member of the Wisconsin Junior Angus Association and the NJAA for 10 years. He served on the Wisconsin junior board of directors for two years.



The fifth-place \$500 scholarship recipient is **Wrex Phipps**, Kearney, Neb. He is the son of William and Robin Phipps. Wrex will attend either Clarendon College or Casper College this fall, majoring in pre-veterinary medicine or livestock nutrition.

Wrex has been active in the Nebraska Junior Angus Association for five years and a member of the NJAA for 18 years. During his involvement, Wrex has participated in various activities for his state association and has shown his cattle in local, state and regional shows.

Those interested in applying for the Auxiliary's 2002 scholarship program should contact their state Auxiliary chairperson. A list of state Auxiliary scholarship contacts can be located in the Auxiliary Yearbook, published in the February issue of the *Angus Journal*.

