

# 2021

# NATIONAL JUNIOR ANGUS SHOW

## Young Cattlemen Awarded Angus Foundation Scholarships

*More than \$179,000 in scholarships and awards given at the  
2021 National Junior Angus Show.*

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The bar was high for young Angus breeders awarded Angus Foundation scholarships at the 2021 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Grand Island, Neb.

Students from across the United States were recognized for their hard work in the classroom and beyond.

“It’s very rewarding to read the applications of young Angus breeders,” says Thomas Marten, Angus Foundation executive director.

“Their enthusiasm for the industry and desire to tackle the world should give us optimism for our future.”

A five-member committee consisting of industry experts, Angus Foundation Board members, Angus breeders and National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) board members evaluate the applications. The committee considers involvement, participation, leadership, service, career goals and other criteria set

forth in the scholarships’ fund agreements.

“These opportunities for youth wouldn’t be possible without our generous donors,” Marten says. “Year after year, through both endowments and Angus Fund gifts, they step forward to encourage our Angus youth in their studies as well as in leadership and career development programs and cutting-edge research to advance the breed.”



Receiving the \$2,500 Undergraduate Angus Foundation Scholarship (from left) are Ryan Borer, Buchanan, Va.; Lynae Bowman, Germantown, N.C.; Avery Dull, Westminster, Md.; Bree Gaffney, Barneveld, Wis.; Marcie Harward, Richfield, N.C.; Alex Vieselmeyer, Amherst, Colo.; Amelia Miller, Gridley, Ill.; Colby Perry, Prather, Calif.; Isaac Rhode, Stewartville, Mo.; and Elizabeth Rone, Courtland, Miss. Also pictured is Barry Pollard, American Angus Association Board member and Angus Foundation chair.

Since 1998, the Angus Foundation has awarded more than \$3.9 million in undergraduate and graduate scholarships.

## Angus Foundation general scholarships

Generous unrestricted Angus Fund donors make possible the general undergraduate and graduate scholarships earned each year.

### UNDERGRADUATE ANGUS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS — \$2,500

Receiving \$2,500 Undergraduate Angus Foundation Scholarships were Ryan Borer, Buchanan, Va.; Lynae Bowman, Germantown, N.C.; Avery Dull, Westminster, Md.; Bree Gaffney, Barneveld, Wis.; Marcie Harward, Richfield, N.C.; Stuart Lastovica, Salado, Texas; Amelia Miller, Gridley, Ill.; Colby Perry, Prather, Calif.; Isaac Rhode, Stewartville, Mo.; Cammie Rone, Courtland, Miss.; Eric Schafer, Owaneco, Ill.; Kristina Scheurman, Warsaw, Ohio; Jeremiah Steph, Tatum, Texas; Claire Stevenson, White Sulphur Springs, Mont.; Alex Vieselmeyer, Amherst, Colo.; and Jordyn Wickard, Greenfield, Ind.

### GRADUATE ANGUS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS — \$5,000

Graduate Angus Foundation Scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 were awarded to Ryan Callahan, Edmond, Okla.; Jaden Carlson, Pipestone, Minn.; Keegan Cassady, Bloomington, Ill.; Cale Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, Kan.; and Kallie Knott, LaOtto, Ind.



Receiving an Angus Foundation Graduate Student Scholarship (from left) are Keegan Cassady, Bloomington, Ill.; Cale Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, Kan.; and Jaden Carlson, Pipestone, Minn. Also pictured is Thomas Marten, Angus Foundation executive director.

### COMMERCIAL CATTLEMEN SCHOLARSHIPS — \$1,500

The Angus Foundation awards three scholarships to undergraduate or graduate students who use Angus genetics in a commercial cattle operation breeding program or whose parents use Angus genetics. Emphasis is placed on applicants' knowledge of the cattle industry and perspective of the Angus breed. Owen Gustafson, Browning, Mont.; Everett Paul, Faith, S.D.; and Avery Roth, New Leipzig, N.D.; received \$1,500 through the Commercial Cattlemen Scholarships.

## Named scholarships

### "IN A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN" SCHOLARSHIPS — \$500

"In a League of Their Own" scholarships are made possible by the 2012 NJAS host states Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee. Scholarships in the amount of \$500 went to Catherine Cowles, Rockfield, Ky.; and Ellie Kidwell, Walhonding, Ohio.



Catherine Cowles, Rockfield, Ky., (center), received the 2021 NJAS - In a League of Their Own Kentucky Scholarship. Pictured presenting are Paula Boyd (left) and Charlie Boyd (right).

### JEAN ANN (NEUMEYER) BOJORQUEZ MEMORIAL AND ROBERT AND HOLLYCE NEUMEYER ANGUS SCHOLARSHIP — \$1,000

Established by Bob and Hollyce Neumeyer of Jaynbee Ranch, Bonners Ferry, Idaho, in memory of their daughter, the \$1,000 Jean Ann (Neumeyer) Bojorquez Memorial and Robert and Hollyce Neumeyer Angus Scholarship was awarded to Matthew Rosman, Creston, Wash.



Matt Rosman, Creston, Wash., received the Jean Ann (Neumeyer) Bojorquez Memorial Angus Scholarship.

### JOSEPH AND SUSANNE BUSH/J&S RANCH SCHOLARSHIP — \$500

Joe and Susanne Bush of J&S Ranch, Gatesville, Texas, have a passion for the Angus industry, which fueled their decision to name the Angus Foundation as the primary charitable beneficiary for the bulk of their estate. A charitable gift established the Joseph and Susanne Bush/J&S Ranch Scholarship and Junior Activity Endowment Fund.

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Each year a different Angus junior from either Texas or Mississippi receive a \$500 scholarship. Cooper Free, Salado, Texas, received the 2021 Joseph and Susanne Bush/J&S Ranch Scholarship.

## **CERTIFIED ANGUS BEEF®/NJAA SCHOLARSHIP — \$1,500**

The \$1,500 *Certified Angus Beef*® brand/NJAA Scholarship was awarded to Cutter Pohlman, Hereford, Texas.

## **C.L. COOK ANGUS SCHOLARSHIP — \$1,500**

In admiration of C.L. and Joyce Cook of Brifton Farms, Social Circle, Ga., Stacey and Melanie Britt and other longtime friends of the Cooks initiated a fundraising drive to establish the C.L. Cook Angus Scholarship. Applicants from Georgia are given first preference for the undergraduate scholarship, which has no restrictions to academic major or student year classification. Receiving the 2021 C.L. Cook Angus Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 was Daniel Williams, Milan, Ga.

## **ADAM & JULIE CONOVER ANGUS SCHOLARSHIP — \$500**

The Adam and Julie Conover Angus Scholarship Endowment Fund was started in 2017 with a gift from Adam and Julie Conover of Holden, Mo. Julie grew up on her parents', Steve and Nancy Thelen, Angus farm where she raised and showed cattle. The family members have been longtime members of the Association, the Michigan Angus Association and the American Angus Auxiliary. Adam grew up in Iowa

and developed a true passion for the Angus Breed with the assistance of his father, Al Conover. Adam and Julie now reside in Missouri where Adam works for the Association as a regional manager, and Julie works for the Missouri Angus Association as the general manager. Scholarships are available to youth from Iowa, Michigan and Missouri. The Adam and Julie Conover Angus Scholarship was awarded to Lexi Knapp, Bloomfield, Iowa.



Lexi Knapp, Bloomfield, Iowa, (center), received the Adam & Julie Conover Angus Scholarship. Also pictured are Adam Conover (left) and Julie Conover.

## **PAT GOGGINS MEMORIAL ANGUS SCHOLARSHIP — \$1,000**

The family of Pat Goggins provided a generous gift for the Pat Goggins Memorial Angus Scholarship Endowment Fund. Goggins was a publisher, columnist, auctioneer, livestock market owner, real-estate broker and longtime Angus breeder from Billings, Mont. Selection criteria for the scholarship include first preference given to Angus youth from Montana. The Pat Goggins Memorial Angus Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000, went to Alexis Vandeberghe, Cleveland, N.D.



Alexis Vandeberghe, Cleveland, N.D., (left), received the Pat Goggins Memorial Angus Scholarship. Also pictured is Bill Cook, presenting.

## **OLIVER A. HANSEN/LAUDMERE FARMS ANGUS SCHOLARSHIP — \$500**

Oliver A. Hansen grew up in Dixon, Iowa, and helped his father with the Angus herd at Laudmere Farms, established in 1931. He held several leadership roles in the Eastern Iowa Angus Association and was an advocate for Angus cattle and the ag industry. The recipient must be an Iowa resident and a member or past member of the Iowa Junior Angus Association for at least four consecutive years. The \$500 2021 Oliver A. Hansen/Laudmere Farms Angus scholarship was awarded to Allie Bieber, Waukon, Iowa.



Allie Bieber, Waukon, Iowa, received the Oliver A. Hansen/Laudmere Farms Angus Scholarship.

## **JAMES AND MARY LOU HENDERSON/BRADLEY 3 RANCH ANGUS SCHOLARSHIP — \$1,000**

James and Mary Lou (Bradley) Henderson, with Mary's mother, Minnie Lou Bradley, own and operate Bradley 3 Ranch in Memphis, Texas. James and Mary Lou established the James and Mary Lou Henderson/Bradley 3 Ranch Angus Scholarship Endowment Fund in

2013. Applicants from New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas majoring in agriculture and business fields of study will be given first preference for this scholarship. Receiving the James and Mary Lou Henderson/Bradley 3 Ranch Angus scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 was Dylan Denny, Lubbock, Texas.



Dylan Denny, Lubbock, Texas, received the James and Mary Lou Henderson/Bradley 3 Ranch Angus Scholarship.

#### HOWARD AND JOANNE HILLMAN/BON VIEW FARMS SCHOLARSHIPS — \$1,000

Howard and JoAnne Hillman of Sioux Falls, S.D., are no strangers to the Angus breed. From 1908-1999, their Angus seedstock operation, Bon View Farms of Canova, S.D., produced quality, elite cattle. Howard and JoAnne have continued to support Angus cattle by volunteering their time to both the Association and Angus Foundation. The scholarship fund provides two \$1,000 scholarships annually. One scholarship is awarded to a South Dakota Junior Angus member and the other to a junior member from any state. The \$1,000 Howard and JoAnne Hillman/Bon View Farms scholarships were awarded to Reagan Skow, Palisade, Neb.; and Zach McCall, Greenville, Va.

#### JAMES E. HORTON, JR. ANGUS SCHOLARSHIPS — \$1,750

Gregg and Lile Blythe established the James E. Horton, Jr. Angus Scholarship Endowment Fund to honor Gregg's longtime friend,

mentor and Angus partner, James Edwin Horton, Jr. Horton served as a director and president of the American Angus Association during the '70s. He was instrumental in the acquisition of the *Angus Journal* and establishing the *Certified Angus Beef*<sup>®</sup> (CAB<sup>®</sup>) brand, and he led the efforts for the eventual creation of the Angus Foundation. The \$1,750 James E. Horton, Jr. Angus Scholarships were awarded to Aspen Adams, Union Springs, Ala.; and Layton Adams, Union Springs, Ala.

#### GORDON AND ROBIN KEYS AND FAMILY ANGUS SCHOLARSHIPS — \$1,000

The donation from Gordon and Robin Keys of Middleburg, Va., to the Angus Foundation created two scholarship endowment funds in 2015 providing opportunities to Angus youth from Virginia and Maryland because of the family's roots — Gordon is originally from Maryland, and Robin is from Virginia. Winners of the \$1,000 Gordon and Robin Keys and Family Angus Scholarships for 2021 were Avery Dull, Westminster, Md.; and Jenna Hamilton, Buena Vista, Va.



Avery Dull, Westminster, Md., (left), received the Gordon and Robin Keys and Family Angus Scholarship.

Also pictured is Pam Velisek, American Angus Auxiliary president.

#### JOE BILL MENG MEMORIAL ANGUS SCHOLARSHIP — \$750

The late Joe Bill Meng was a devoted Angus breeder. He worked and lived on the Meng family farm in Woodburn, Ky. Meng served on

the boards of both the Kentucky and American Angus Association and was an inductee in the Angus Heritage Foundation. Selection criteria for the Joe Bill Meng Memorial Angus Scholarship include first preference being given to Angus youth from Kentucky. Receiving the \$750 Joe Bill Meng Memorial Angus Scholarship was Catherine Cowles, Rockfield, Ky.

#### ED AND WILMA MINIX/BLACK WITCH FARM ANGUS YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP — \$3,000

Established in 2014 by Wilma Minix, Black Witch Farm, Athens, Ga., this scholarship is in honor of her late husband, Ed Minix, and herself. The fund generates an annual scholarship, and the balance of the annual investment earnings is used for youth activities, including the Raising the Bar conference and Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference. Receiving the \$3,000 Ed and Wilma Minix/Black Witch Farm Angus Youth Scholarship for 2021 was Hannah Williams, Milan, Ga.



Hannah Williams, Milan, Ga., (right), received the Ed and Wilma Minix/Black Witch Farm Angus Youth Scholarship. Also pictured is Carolyn Gazda, presenting.

#### JOHN R. MROTEK FAMILY TECHNICAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP — \$500

Established in 2020 with a gift of transferred stock, John Mrotek established the John R. Mrotek Family Technical Education

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Scholarship Endowment Fund to provide academic scholarships for Angus youth pursuing vocational training in career and technical programs ranging from farm/ranch management and precision agriculture to welding, diesel mechanics and veterinary technicians. This is the first Angus Foundation scholarship fund to specifically target trade schools and supporting vocational careers and students seeking a terminal, technical degree or certificate program. The John R. Mrotek Family Technical Education Scholarship of \$500 was awarded to Maguire Rohr, Elbert, Colo.



Maguire Rohr, Elbert, Colo., (center), received the John R. Mrotek Family Technical Education Angus Scholarship. Pictured presenting the scholarship are John Mrotek, (left) and Linda Alexander.

## NJAA ALUMNI AND FRIENDS SCHOLARSHIP — \$1,750

Developed by the 2009-2010 National Junior Angus Board (NJAB), the objective of the NJAA Alumni and Friends Scholarship Endowment Fund is to create more scholarship opportunities for deserving Angus youth of the NJAA and to inspire other juniors and alumni to give back to the NJAA. Bob and Margaret Duprey of Cherry Knoll Farm, West Grove, Pa., pledged a total of \$25,000 in matching funds to support the

endowment fund. The NJAA Alumni and Friends Scholarship of \$1,750 went to Hailey Roye, Fayetteville, Ark.

## MACK C. OLSON MEMORIAL ANGUS SCHOLARSHIP — \$500

A fund drive led by friends in the Angus breed ensured the late Mack C. Olson's legacy would be carried on in perpetuity after a fatal automobile accident in December 2007. Mack was a member of the American Angus Association, Montana Angus Association and Western Montana Angus Association and served as a director for the Western Montana Stockgrowers Association. The Olson family continues to raise cattle in the Mission Valley area of Saint Ignatius, Mont. The Mack C. Olson Memorial Angus Scholarship of \$500 was awarded to Craig Becker, Atlantic, Iowa.



Craig Becker, Atlantic, Iowa, received the Mack C. Olson Memorial Angus Scholarship. Pictured (from left) are Miss American Angus Ellie Kidwell and Wylee Simenson, presenting; Becker, recipient; and Kyla McCabe, Hudson McCabe and KayLeann Greer, presenting.

## ROSCOE L. RICHARDSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP — \$500

The late Roscoe L. Richardson, Dracut, Mass., was a longtime member and officer of the New England Angus Association. He loved

Angus cattle and the associations he developed from being an Angus breeder. Continuing his ideals of helping young people remain in agriculture, the selection criteria for this scholarship is to support Angus youth from New England states. The \$500 Roscoe L. Richardson Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Grant Fitzgerald, Seven Valleys, Pa.

## JOHN RUCKER FAMILY ANGUS SCHOLARSHIP — \$1,250

Hill Crest Farm at Delaplane, Va., was started in 1924 by John Rucker's father, Bayard Ambrose Rucker. John; his wife, Marjorie; and their three daughters, Connie, Sue and Penny, were also involved in positions of leadership and service to the Angus breed. In honor of the Rucker family, Dwight and Carolyn Houff of Holly Hill Farm, Mount Sidney, Va., created the John Rucker Family Angus Scholarship Endowment Fund to provide educational scholarships to deserving youth of the Virginia Junior Angus Association. Zach McCall, Greenville, Va., received the \$1,250 John Rucker Family Angus Scholarship.



Zach McCall, Greenville, Va., right, received the John Rucker Family Angus Scholarship. Pictured presenting (from left) are Ellie Kidwell and Monica Jordan.

### JOSEPH & RUBY SCHAFF/ SCHAFF ANGUS RANCH SCHOLARSHIP — \$500

The Joseph and Ruby Schaff/Schaff Angus Ranch Scholarship Endowment Fund was funded initially with a gift in 2006 from Joseph and Ruby Schaff of Schaff Angus Ranch of Saint Anthony, N.D. Angus youth from North Dakota who meet the qualifications and requirements for the Angus Foundation Scholarship Program are eligible for this scholarship. The first scholarship was awarded at the 2006 NJAS. Kourtney Schaff, Saint Anthony, N.D., was awarded the Joseph and Ruby Schaff/Schaff Angus Ranch Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



Kourtney Schaff, Saint Anthony, N.D., received the Joseph & Ruby Schaff/Schaff Angus Ranch Scholarship. Pictured (from left) are Ellie Kidwell, presenting; Schaff; Barry Pollard, American Angus Association Board member and Angus Foundation chair; and Megan Pelan, NJAB Foundation director, presenting.

### RAY SIMS ANGUS SCHOLARSHIP — \$1,250

In 2010, Ray Sims became the first auctioneer in more than 50 years to receive the prestigious Saddle & Sirloin Club's Portrait Award. During his 46-year career, Sims traveled throughout the United States, selling for both large- and small-scale livestock breeders, including U.S. senators and three U.S. presidents,

at more than an estimated 7,000 auctions with the majority of these being registered Angus cattle sales. Once expenses were satisfied for the portrait painting of Sims now on display in Louisville, Ky., the Ray Sims Portrait Committee generously donated the remaining funds to establish the scholarships. The \$1,250 Ray Sims Angus Scholarship was awarded to Kelsey Vejraska, Omak, Wash.



Kelsey Vejraska, Omak, Wash., (right), received the Ray Sims Angus Scholarship. Pictured presenting the award are Ellie Kidwell (left) and Richard Dyar (center), American Angus Association Board member.

### RICHARD L. SPADER SCHOLARSHIPS — \$5,000

Richard L. "Dick" Spader was responsible for starting the Angus Foundation during his tenure as executive vice president of the American Angus Association. Upon his death, his family established a scholarship fund in his memory. Receiving \$5,000 scholarships in remembrance of the late Dick Spader were Mattie Harward, Richfield, N.C.; and Jace Stagemeyer, Page, Neb.



Jace Stagemeyer, Page, Neb., (left) and Mattie Harward, Richfield, N.C., (right) received the Richard L. "Dick" Spader Scholarship. Pictured presenting is Sherri Spader (center).

### ANGUS/TALON YOUTH EDUCATIONAL LEARNING PROGRAM UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS — \$5,000, AND GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP — \$10,000

Camron "Cam" Cooper, owner of the Talon Ranch located in Twin Bridges, Mont., established the Angus/Talon Youth Educational Learning Program Endowment Fund. The endowment gives undergraduate scholarships to 10 Angus youth who satisfied the first preference for field of study in animal science and range management, had a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA, with pre-veterinary medicine students specializing in bovine (large) animal practice also given strong preference. The scholarships are renewable for up to four years, contingent upon the recipients' meeting the requirements.

The individuals receiving the \$5,000 Angus/Talon Youth Education Learning Program undergraduate scholarships in 2021 include Gordon Clark, Gretna, Va.; Madison Cox, Eagle Point, Ore.; Alexandria Cozzitorto, Olathe, Kan.; Eva Hinrichsen, Westmoreland,

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Receiving an Angus/Talon Youth Educational Learning Program Undergraduate Scholarship (front row, from left) are Eva Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, Kan.; Rylie Philipello, Bryan, Texas; and Clay Pelton, Paradise, Kan. Pictured back row (from left) are Jim Brinkley, American Angus Association Board member; Madison Cox, Eagle Point, Ore.; Nicholas Pohlman, Prairie Grove, Ark.; Cutter Pohlman, Hereford, Texas; Emma Grace Nowotny, New Braunfels, Texas; Alexandria Cozzitorto, Olathe, Kan.; and J. Gordon Clark, Gretna, Va.

Kan.; Emma Grace Nowotny, New Braunfels, Texas; Clay Pelton, Paradise, Kan.; Rylie Philipello, Bryan, Texas; Cutter Pohlman, Hereford, Texas; Nicholas Pohlman, Prairie Grove, Ark.; and McKayla Raines, Seaman, Ohio.

Receiving the \$10,000 Angus/Talon Youth Educational Learning Program Graduate Scholarship was Maci Mueller, Davis, Calif.

### VANCE UDEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP — \$1,000

Vance Uden; his wife, Connie; and their two sons, Ty and Dru, built TC Ranch, producing numerous well-known Angus sires. An animal science graduate of the University of Nebraska, Vance was also a respected cattle judge for many breeds and had judged all the major shows. He was also a strong supporter of youth. Continuing students majoring in animal science or

agribusiness with plans to return to production agriculture are given first preference for this scholarship. The \$1,000 Vance Uden Memorial Angus Scholarship for 2021 went to Cassidy Bremer, Redfield, Iowa.

### CORY WATT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP — \$2,000

The Cory Watt Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund was established following the Feb. 19, 2015, passing of Cory Watt, 22, of Iva, S.C., after a prolonged battle with cancer. A lifelong Angus breeder, Watt was halfway through his term as chairman of the NJAB. He was a faithful steward of Angus cattle and a positive role model for Angus youth. The 2021 recipient of the \$2,000 Cory Watt Memorial Scholarship was Nicole Stevenson, Joliet, Mont.



Nicole Stevenson, Joliet, Mont., (right), received the Cory Watt Memorial Scholarship. Pictured presenting are Ellie Kidwell (left) and Will Fiske (center).

### RICHARD AND WANDA WILSON SCHOLARSHIP — \$1,000

The Richard and Wanda Wilson Scholarship Endowment Fund was established to recognize Rich's distinguished 48 years of service to the American Angus Association and its members. Through his exemplary leadership and guidance as the Association's longtime CFO, the organization's consolidated net assets grew to more than \$65 million from 1968-2017. The Richard and Wanda Wilson Scholarship Endowment Fund will provide scholarships to Angus youth enrolled in a finance, business management, economics or accounting academic major. First preference will be given to continuing students who have completed two years of college. The recipient of the Richard and Wanda Wilson Scholarship of \$1,000 was Samuel Henderson, East Troy, Wis.



Samuel Henderson, East Troy, Wis., received the Richard and Wanda Wilson Scholarship. Pictured (from left) are Ellie Kidwell; Henderson; and Barry Pollard, American Angus Association Board member and Angus Foundation chair.

#### DEETTA WOOD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP — \$1,500

DeEtta (Jones) Wood and her family have enjoyed raising purebred Angus cattle at their Wood Angus Farm in Willow Spring, N.C. DeEtta was a leader, serving the North Carolina Angus Auxiliary and as an advisor for the North Carolina Junior Angus Association. Established in 2016, her legacy will be carried on in perpetuity in the Angus breed through the DeEtta Wood Memorial Scholarship. This year's winner of the \$1,500 scholarship is Justin Wood, Willow Spring, N.C.



Justin Wood, Willow Spring, N.C., received the DeEtta Wood Memorial Scholarship. Pictured from left are Ellie Kidwell; Riley, Charlotte and Mary Wood, presenting; Justin Wood, recipient; and Ava Wood, Jeff Wood and Kasey Harrison, presenting.

#### WOODLAWN FARMS ANGUS SCHOLARSHIP — \$1,250

Blanford and Joan Pierce of Creston, Ill., established the Woodlawn Farms Angus Scholarship Endowment Fund through the Angus Foundation in 2005. Angus cattle resided at Woodlawn Farms for 125 years, from 1881-2005. The Pierce family's legacy is carried on through this scholarship. The Woodlawn Farms Angus Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,250, was awarded to Jenna Hamilton, Buena Vista, Va.

#### State-funded scholarships

##### ARKANSAS ANGUS AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP — \$500

The \$500 Arkansas Angus Auxiliary Scholarship was presented to Hailey Roye, Fayetteville, Ark.

##### IOWA JUNIOR ANGUS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS — \$750

In 2009 the Iowa Junior Angus Association established two scholarships, one state and one national. The \$750 Iowa Junior Angus Association State Scholarship went to Morgan Knapp, Bloomfield, Iowa; and the \$750 Iowa Junior Angus Association National Scholarship went to Samantha Wallace, Kansas, Ohio.

##### KANSAS ANGUS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP — \$1,000

In 2007, sale proceeds from donated heifers, memorial gifts and other contributions from Angus breeders and friends in

Kansas helped the Kansas Angus Association establish the Kansas Angus Association Scholarship Endowment Fund. The fund provides scholarships to Angus youth from Kansas attending college and/or supports sponsorships for Kansas youth to attend the national LEAD Conference. The \$1,000 Kansas Angus Association Scholarship was awarded to Kady Figge, Onaga, Kan.

##### MONTANA ANGUS YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP (MAYS) — \$2,000

The Montana Angus Association and Montana Angus Auxiliary's creation of a scholarship endowment within the Angus Foundation to establish the Montana Angus Youth Scholarship (MAYS) was based upon the two organizations' shared goal to award a scholarship to a student continuing at least his or her second year of higher education. Receiving the \$2,000 MAYS was Nicole Stevenson, Joliet, Mont.



Nicole Stevenson, Joliet, Mont., (left), received the Montana Angus Youth Scholarship. Also pictured is Cory Poser, presenting.

##### PENNSYLVANIA ANGUS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP — \$500

The Pennsylvania Angus Association Scholarship was initiated and supported by the Pennsylvania Angus Association and Angus breeders from the state. Madison Weaver, Ephrata, Pa., received the \$500 Pennsylvania Angus Association Scholarship.

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## TEXAS ANGUS ASSOCIATION "TEXAS CHALLENGE" SCHOLARSHIPS — \$1,000

As a feature of an \$11 million national fundraising initiative, Texas Angus breeders raised funds to match a challenge gift of \$75,000 from Klaus and Bonnie Birkel, Camp Cooley Ranch, Franklin, Texas, to create the Texas Angus Association (TAA) Scholarship Endowment Fund. Continuing to build on this success, the TAA and Angus breeders in Texas raised their goal to \$1 million in 2008. Receiving scholarships for 2021 were Dylan Denny, Lubbock, Texas; Stuart Lastovica, Salado, Texas; and Kristen Massingill, Hamilton, Texas.



Receiving the Texas Angus Association Scholarship are Dylan Denny, Lubbock, Texas; Kristen Massingill, Hamilton, Texas; and Colter Pohlman, accepting on behalf of Stuart Lastovica, Salado, Texas. Pictured (from left) are Mike Ettredge, presenting; and Denny, Massingill and Pohlman, recipients.

## WESTERN STATES NATIONAL JUNIOR ANGUS SHOW SCHOLARSHIP — \$500

In 2009, the WSNJAS organization established a fund in the Angus Foundation to support a future NJAS to be hosted by their organization and to provide for undergraduate scholarships. To be eligible to receive these scholarships, recipients must be from states in the WSNJAS

organization. Receiving the \$500 WSNJAS scholarship for 2021 was Rachel Smith, Osceola, Neb.



Rachel Smith, Osceola, Neb., (left) received the Western States National Junior Angus Show Scholarship. Also pictured is Kathi Creamer, presenting.

## LEAD awards

### GARY BROST LEAD AWARD

The late Gary Brost, Harrodsburg, Ind., an Angus breeder for many years, was a pioneer in the Angus business. In addition to raising two national champion Angus bulls, he was also named a master breeder at the All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity. This fund awards two or more NJAA members with resources to defray registration costs to attend the LEAD conference. Preference is given to applicants with a farm/ranch background from the states of Indiana and Illinois. Receiving the Gary Brost LEAD Award for 2021 were Tanner Mickey, Taylorville, Ill.; Amelia Miller, Gridley, Ill.; and Jordyn Wickard, Greenfield, Ind.



Amelia Miller, Gridley, Ill., (center), received the Gary Brost LEAD Conference Award. Also pictured presenting the award are Ellie Kidwell (left), and Anne Patton Schubert.

### STAN J. PROX LEAD AWARD

Established in 2014 with contributions in memory of the late Stan Prox, the Stan Prox Memorial LEAD Award covers the registration cost for one NJAA member attending the LEAD conference. The recipient will be selected by random drawing from Illinois youth who have registered for the LEAD conference by the early registration deadline. Receiving the Stan Prox Memorial LEAD Award for 2021 is Reese Anderson, Chrisman, Ill.



Reese Anderson, Chrisman, Ill., (center) received the Stan J. Prox LEAD Conference Award. Pictured presenting are Ellie Kidwell (left), and Jerry Cassady, American Angus Association director of member services.

### GARY M. STOLLER JUMP START YOUR LEADERSHIP AWARD

Established with contributions from the Stoller family and friends to the Angus Foundation in memory of the late Gary M. Stoller in 2012, this \$500 cash award is given to attendees to the LEAD Conference to cover registration fees and travel. Preference will be given to applicants from Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Grace Tekansik, Minden,

Nev., received the 2021 Gary M. Stoller Jump Start Your LEADership Award.



Grace Tekansik, Minden, Nev., received the Gary M. Stoller Jump Start Your LEADership Award. Pictured (from left) are Ellie Kidwell; Brian, Mckinley and Tiffany Stoller, presenting; Tekansik; Scott Stoller; Barry Pollard, American Angus Association Board member and Angus Foundation chair; and Megan Pelan, NJAB Foundation director.

## Awards

### TOM BURKE YOUNG ANGUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

In 2017, Tom Burke of Smithville, Mo., was selected as the inductee into the Saddle and Sirloin Portrait Gallery, largely considered the highest honor in the livestock industry. Burke, a fourth-generation cattleman, was raised on his family's registered Angus operation in southeast Minnesota. He has spent more than 50 years of his life traveling the country as a sale manager for the American Angus Hall of Fame. Burke served on the American Angus Association Board of Directors from 2013-2016. Funded by gifts in Burke's honor from friends in the livestock industry and Angus breed, the Tom Burke Young Angus Achievement Awards Endowment Fund will support two awards of \$1,250, presented annually at the NJAS to one young boy and

girl, 8-13 years of age. The 2021 winners, selected for the award by a point system cumulating from their involvement in the NJAA's officially sanctioned and competitive show ring, are Daniel Humpert, Windthorst, Texas; and Payton Scott, Gordon, Neb.

### JOEL HARRISON MEMORIAL ANGUS SCHOLARSHIP

The family and many friends of the late Joel Harrison have created the Joel Harrison Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund. Joel loved ranching and Angus cattle and was a member of the American Angus Association and the Kansas Angus Association. The first Joel Harrison Memorial Angus Scholarship was awarded to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion Bred-and-Owned Cow-calf Pair at the 2017 NJAS in Des Moines, Iowa. The 2021 winner of the Joel Harrison Memorial Angus Scholarship was Miranda Raithel, Falls City, Neb.

### ROBERT AND MARILLYN SCHLUTZ ANGUS SCHOLARSHIP

In 1948, Robert (Bob) Schlutz bought his first registered Angus heifer as a 4-H project. Not long after, in 1953, Bob and his parents, Dale and Esther, formed a partnership that soon became known as Da-Es-Ro (Dale, Esther and Robert). Over the past 50 years, the herd has emerged into the current 125-cow purebred operation that focuses on producing seedstock that excel in economically important traits. The Schlutz family has pledged to continue the family tradition

of producing cattle that meet the demands of their customers. Because of their love for the youth of the NJAA, the Schlutzes established the Robert and Marillyn Schlutz Angus Scholarship Endowment Fund to annually provide a \$1,000 scholarship to the exhibitor of the Champion Bred and Owned Heifer at the NJAS. Winning the 2021 award was Kyra Meyer, Blue Hill, Neb. [AJ](#)