

# JUNIORS AWARDED ANGUS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

More than \$235,000 in scholarships awarded at 2023 National Junior Angus Show.

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An ambitious group of young cattlemen and women were awarded Angus Foundation scholarships at the 2023 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Grand Island, Neb. Students from across the country were recognized for their work in the classroom and commitment to the breed.

“Being a part of an organization that supports its juniors’ educational goals is an incredible feeling,” says Reese Anderson, a recipient from Chrisman, Ill. “The support from this scholarship will allow me to focus less on the financial aspects of college and more on my studies.”

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

“The [American] Angus Association has given me the opportunity to make friends from all over the country and a foundation to grow into the person I am today,” says Blake Long, a recipient from Big Cabin, Okla. “To receive an Angus Foundation scholarship means that the Angus family believes in me

and has faith that I can be a strong leader for the Angus breed.”

Since 1998, The Angus Foundation has awarded more than \$4.2 million in undergraduate and graduate scholarships.

“The donors who provide scholarship opportunities for Angus youth are committed to investing in our future industry leaders,” says Jaclyn Boester, Angus Foundation executive director. “We’re proud to assist these outstanding students and grateful to our supporters who make it possible.”

## ANGUS FOUNDATION GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS

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

## UNDERGRADUATE ANGUS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS — \$2,000

Receiving \$2,000 Undergraduate Angus Foundation Scholarships were Reese Anderson, Chrisman, Ill.; J. Gordon Clark, Gretna, Va.; Trey Conley, Clarksdale, Mo.; Addison Cotton, York, Neb.; Seth Cox, Eagle Point, Ore.; Hailey Jentz, Belmont, Wis.; Kyli Kraft, Fort Collins, Colo.; Mackenzie Malson, Parma, Idaho; Ashlyn Mool, Lexington, Ill.; Jordan

Oliver, Buncombe, Ill.; Alyson Schulze, Woodbine, Md.; Bryanna Smith, Russell Springs, Ky.; Tucker Stagemeyer, Page, Neb.; Kelsey Theis, Leavenworth, Kan.; Emma Vanhoy, Catawba, N.C.; James Voight, Fredericksburg, Pa.; Mary Wood, Willow Spring, N.C.; and Baylee Wulfkuhle, Lawrence, Kan.



Bryanna Smith (front row from left), Russell Springs, Ky.; Mary Wood, Willow Spring, N.C.; Kelsey Theis, Leavenworth, Kan.; Emma Vanhoy, Catawba, N.C.; Jordan Oliver, Buncombe, Ill.; Reese Anderson, Chrisman, Ill.; Addison Cotton, York, Neb.; Baylee Wulfkuhle (back row from left), Lawrence, Kan.; Hailey Jentz, Belmont, Wis.; Kyli Kraft, Fort Collins, Colo.; Tucker Stagemeyer, Page, Neb.; Ashlyn Mool, Lexington, Ill.; Seth Cox, Eagle Point, Ore.; J. Gordon Clark, Gretna, Va.; and Colter Pohlman, Hereford, Texas, received the Angus Foundation Undergraduate \$2,000 Scholarships.

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

Receiving \$5,000 graduate Angus Foundation Scholarships are Lindsey Decker, Philo, Ill.; Kallie Knott, Laotto, Ind.; Kristina Scheurman, Warsaw, Ohio; Reagan Skow, Palisade, Neb.; and Claire Stevenson, White Sulphur Springs, Mont.



Lindsey Decker (from left), Philo, Ill.; Kallie Knott, Laotto, Ind.; Kristina Scheurman, Warsaw, Ohio; and Reagan Skow, Palisade, Neb., received the Angus Foundation Graduate Student \$5,000 Scholarships. Also pictured is Jaclyn Boester, Angus Foundation executive director, presenting.

## 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 Bryanna Smith, Russell Springs, Ky., and Alexandra Duckworth, Afton, Tenn.



Bryanna Smith (right) received the 2012 NJAS — In A League of Their Own — Kentucky Scholarship. Also pictured is Paula Boyd, presenting.



Alexandra Duckworth (right) received the 2012 NJAS — In A League of Their Own — Tennessee Scholarship. Also pictured is Jaclyn Boester, presenting.

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

Established by Bob and Hollyce Neumeyer of Jaybee 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 Kady Vejraska, Omak, Wash.



Kady Vejraska (right) received the Jean Ann (Neumeyer) Bojorquez Memorial and Robert and Hollyce Neumeyer Angus \$1,000 Scholarship. Also pictured is Jaclyn Boester, presenting.

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

The \$1,500 Certified Angus Beef/NJAA Scholarship was awarded to Colter Pohlman, Hereford, Texas.



Colter Pohlman (right), Hereford, Texas, received the CAB/NJAA \$1,500 Scholarship. Also pictured is Jaclyn Boester, presenting.

## C.L. COOK ANGUS SCHOLARSHIP — \$2,000

In admiration of C.L. and Joyce Cook of Bricton 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 2023 C.L. Cook Angus Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 was Hannah Williams, Milan, Ga.



Hannah Williams (left), Milan, Ga., received the C.L. Cook Angus \$2,000 Scholarship. Also pictured is Taylor Gazda, presenting.

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### **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's, Angus farm where she raised and showed cattle. The family members have been longtime members of the Association, Michigan Angus Association and 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 Blake Pillars, Martin, Mich.



Blake Pillars (center), Martin, Mich., received the Adam & Julie Conover Angus \$500 Scholarship. Also pictured are Adam (left) and Julie Conover, presenting.

### **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 Kelsey Vandeberghe, Cleveland, N.D.



Kelsey Vandeberghe (right) received the Pat Goggins Memorial Angus \$1,000 Scholarship. Also pictured is Jaclyn Boester, 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 Oliver A. Hansen/Laudmere Farms Angus Scholarship was awarded to Allie Bieber, Waukon, Iowa.



Allie Bieber (right) received the Oliver A. Hansen/Laudemere Farm Angus \$500 Scholarship. Also pictured is Jaclyn Boester, presenting.

### **JAMES AND MARY LOU HENDERSON/ BRADLEY 3 RANCH ANGUS SCHOLARSHIP — \$1,250**

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 \$1,250 was Jeremiah Steph, Tatum, Texas.



Jeremiah Steph (right) received the James and Mary Lou Henderson/Bradley 3 Ranch \$1,250 Angus Scholarship. Also pictured is Jaclyn Boester, presenting.

### **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 Lexi Knapp, Bloomfield, Iowa, and Adam Miller, Gridley, Ill.



Lexi Knapp (center), Bloomfield, Iowa, received the Howard and JoAnne Hillman/Bon View Farms \$1,000 State Scholarship. Also pictured are Howard (left) and JoAnne Hillman, presenting.



Adam Miller (center), Gridley, Ill., received the Howard and JoAnne Hillman/Bon View Farms \$1,000 State Scholarship. Also pictured are Howard (left) and JoAnne Hillman, presenting.

### **JAMES E. HORTON, JR. ANGUS SCHOLARSHIPS — \$2,250**

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 CAB brand, and he led the efforts for the eventual creation of the Angus Foundation. The \$2,250 James E. Horton, Jr. Angus Scholarships were awarded to Nelson Allen, Lexington, Ala., and Makayla Walker, Toney, Ala.



Nelson Allen (right) received the James E. Horton Jr. Angus \$2,250 Scholarship. Also pictured is Jaclyn Boester, presenting.



Makayla Walker (right) received the James E. Horton Jr. Angus \$2,250 Scholarship. Also pictured is Jaclyn Boester, presenting.

### **GORDON AND ROBIN KEYS AND FAMILY ANGUS SCHOLARSHIPS — \$1,250**

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 \$1,250 Gordon and Robin Keys and Family Angus Scholarships were Avery Dull, Westminster, Md., and Mandy Bramhall, Lovettsville, Va.



Mandy Bramhall (right), received the Gordon and Robin Keys and Family Virginia Angus \$1,250 Scholarship. Also pictured is Jaclyn Boester, presenting.



Avery Dull (right) received the Gordon and Robin Keys and Family Maryland Angus \$1,250 Scholarship. Also pictured is Jaclyn Boester, presenting.

### **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 Bryanna Smith, Russell Springs, Ky.



Bryanna Smith (right) received the Joe Bill Meng Memorial Angus \$750 Scholarship. Also pictured is Jaclyn Boester, presenting.

### **JOHN R. MROTEK FAMILY TECHNICAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP — \$1,750**

Established in 2020 with a gift of transferred stock, John Mrotek established the John R. Mrotek Family Technical Education Scholarship Endowment Fund to provide academic scholarships

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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 \$1,750 was awarded to Ty Gaffney, Barneveld, Wis.

#### **NJAA ALUMNI AND FRIENDS SCHOLARSHIP — \$2,000**

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 \$2,000 went to Alexis Koelling, Bowling Green, Mo.



Alexis Koelling (right) received the NJAA Alumni and Friends \$2,000 Scholarship. Also pictured is Jaclyn Boester, presenting.

#### **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 Sam Greiman, Perry, Iowa.



Sam Greiman (right) received the Mack C. Olson Memorial \$500 Scholarship. Also pictured is Jaclyn Boester, presenting.

#### **MIKE MCCRAVY/MM CATTLE CO. SCHOLARSHIP — \$2,000**

The late Mike McCravy, Bowdon, Ga., was more than just a past American Angus Association Board member. He was a leader who pushed for progress while serving on various influential boards around the state of Georgia. Fellow Angus cattlemen helped establish this scholarship in his memory. Receiving the \$2,000 Mike McCravy/MM Cattle Co. Scholarship was Craig Becker, Atlantic, Iowa.



Craig Becker received the Mike McCravy/MM Cattle Co. \$2,000 Scholarship. Pictured (from left) are Cortney George, holding Annie George, presenting; Becker; and Christy McCravy, 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 David Bell, Nottingham, Pa.



David Bell (right) received the Roscoe L. Richardson Memorial \$500 Scholarship. Also pictured is Jaclyn Boester, presenting.

#### **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. The \$1,250 John Rucker Family Angus Scholarship was awarded to J. Gordon Clark, Greta, Va.



J. Gordon Clark (right) received the John Rucker Family Angus \$1,250 Scholarship. Also pictured is Monica Jordan, presenting.

### 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. The Joseph and Ruby Schaff/Schaff Angus Ranch Scholarship in the amount of \$500 was awarded to Kelsey Vandeberghe, Cleveland, N.D.



Kelsey Vandeberghe (right) received the Joseph & Ruby Schaff/Schaff Angus Ranch \$500 Scholarship. Also pictured is Jaclyn Boester, presenting.

### RAY SIMS ANGUS SCHOLARSHIP — \$1,500

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 \$1,500 Ray Sims Angus Scholarship was awarded to Jordyn Wickard, Greenfield, Ind.



Jordyn Wickard (right) received the Ray Sims Angus \$1,500 Scholarship. Also pictured is Jaclyn Boester, presenting.

### 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 Allison Davis, Shelbyville, Tenn., and Paige Lemenager, Hudson, Ill.



Allison Davis (right) received a \$5,000 scholarship in memory of Richard L. "Dick" Spader, former American Angus Association executive vice president. Also pictured is Sheri Spader, presenting.



Paige Lemenager (right) received a \$5,000 scholarship in memory of Richard L. "Dick" Spader, former American Angus Association executive vice president. Also pictured is Sheri Spader, presenting.

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**ANGUS/TALON YOUTH EDUCATIONAL LEARNING PROGRAM UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP — \$5,000 AND \$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.

Receiving \$5,000 Angus/Talon Youth Educational Learning Program Undergraduate Scholarships are Ryan Borer, Buchanan, Va.; Suter Clark, Gretna, Va.; Jack Dameron, Towanda, Ill.; Avery Dull, Westminster, Md.; Victoria Gerken, Cashion, Okla.; Amanda Hoffman, Schertz, Texas; Ella Jordan, Savannah, Mo.; Stuart Lastovica, Salado, Texas; Blake Long, Big Cabin, Okla.; Amelia Miller, Gridley, Ill.; Emma Grace Nowotny, New Braunfels, Texas; Clay Pelton, Paradise, Kan.; Allie Perry, Fayetteville, Tenn.; Eric Schafer, Owaneco, Ill.; Lizzie Schafer, Owaneco, Ill.; Alexis Vandeberghe, Cleveland, N.D.; and Lauren Wolter, Aviston, Ill. Lindsey Decker, Philo, Ill., and Kallie Knott, Laotto, Ind., received the Angus/Talon Youth Educational Learning Program Graduate Scholarship.



Suter Clark (from left), Gretna, Va.; Avery Dull, Westminster, Md.; Victoria Gerken, Cashion, Okla.; Amanda Hoffman, Schertz, Texas; Ella Jordan, Savannah, Mo.; Blake Long, Big Cabin, Okla.; Amelia Miller, Gridley, Ill.; Clay Pelton, Paradise, Kan.; Allie Perry, Fayetteville, Tenn.; Eric Schafer, Owaneco, Ill.; Lizzie Schafer, Owaneco, Ill.; Alexis Vandeberghe, Cleveland, N.D.; Lauren Wolter, Aviston, Ill.; and Jack Dameron, Towanda, Ill., received the Angus/Talon Youth Education Learning Program Undergraduate \$5,000 Scholarship. Also pictured is Jaclyn Boester, presenting.

**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 recipient of the \$2,000 Cory Watt Memorial Scholarship was Colter Pohlman, Hereford, Texas.



Colter Pohlman (right) received the Cory Watt Memorial \$2,000 Scholarship. Also pictured is Holly Meier, presenting.

**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 Baylee Wulfkuhle, Lawrence, Kan.



Baylee Wulfkuhle (right) received the Richard and Wanda Wilson \$1,000 Scholarship. Also pictured is Jaclyn Boester, presenting.

**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 Lynae Bowman, Germanton, N.C.



Lynae Bowman (right) received the DeEtta Wood Memorial \$1,500 Scholarship. Also pictured is Mary Wood, 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 Kyra Meyer, Blue Hill, Neb.



Kyra Meyer (right) received the Woodlawn Farms Angus Scholarship. Also pictured is Casey Jentz, American Angus Association regional manager, presenting.

### STATE-FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS

#### 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 Eliza Patchin, Mitchellville, Iowa; and the \$750 Iowa Junior Angus Association National Scholarship went to Ava Leibfried, Hazel Green, Wis.



Eliza Patchin (right) received the Iowa Junior Angus Association State \$750 scholarship. Also pictured is Kurt Greiman, presenting.



Ava Leibfried (right) received the Iowa Junior Angus Association National \$750 Scholarship. Also pictured is Kurt Greiman, presenting.

#### KANSAS ANGUS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP — \$1,250

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 Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference. The \$1,250 Kansas Angus Association Scholarship was awarded to Ava Perrier, Eureka, Kan.

#### PENNSYLVANIA ANGUS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP — \$750

The Pennsylvania Angus Association Scholarship was initiated

and supported by the Pennsylvania Angus Association and Angus breeders from the state. Kierson Reasner, Neelyton, Pa., received the \$750 Pennsylvania Angus Association Scholarship.



Kierson Reasner (right) received the Pennsylvania Angus Association \$750 Scholarship. Also pictured is Gene Trowbridge, presenting.

#### 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 2023 were Emma Grace Nowotny, New Braunfels, Texas; Colter Pohlman, Hereford, Texas; and Jeremiah Steph, Tatum, Texas.



Receiving the Texas Angus Ass'n \$1,000 Scholarship are Kaylan Kiser (from left), accepting for Emma Grace Nowotny; Jeremiah Steph; and Colter Pohlman. Also pictured is Trevor Beuerlein, presenting.

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### WESTERN STATES NATIONAL JUNIOR ANGUS SHOW SCHOLARSHIP — \$750

In 2009, the Western States National Junior Angus Show (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 \$750 WSNJAS scholarship for 2022 was Kacie Vejraska, Omak, Wash.



Kacie Vejraska (right), Omak, Wash., received the Western States National Junior Angus Show \$750 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 2023 were Anne Dameron, Towanda, Ill.; Cheyenne Handsaker, Pearl City, Ill.; Morgan Hutchins, Charleston, Ill.; and Tanner Mickey, Taylorville, Ill.



Anne Patton Schubert (from left) presented Anne Dameron, Towanda, Ill.; Cheyenne Handsaker, Pearl City, Ill.; and Morgan Hutchins, Charleston, Ill., with the Gary Brost LEAD Award.

#### JOSEPH R. BUSH III LEAD AWARD

Established in 2023 by Joseph R. Bush III of Hamilton, Texas, this award goes to an Angus youth to advance their leadership skills through attending the LEAD conference. The award covers LEAD conference registration costs for one NJAA member. The recipient is selected by random drawing from Mississippi and Texas youth registered for LEAD conference by the early registration deadline. Receiving the Joseph R. Bush III LEAD Award was Elizabeth Rone, Courtland, Miss.



Elizabeth Rone (left) received the Joseph R. Bush III LEAD Award. Also pictured is Mark Ahearn, presenting.

#### THOMAS A. AND CATHERINE CHAMBERS LEAD AWARD

Thomas and Catherine Chambers of Chambers Angus, Ontario, Ore., established the Chambers Angus Endowment Fund to support Angus youth activities conducted by the NJAA. Additionally, two awards are given to attendees of the LEAD

Conference to cover registration fees and travel. Preference is given to applicants from Washington, Idaho and Oregon. Receiving the Thomas A. and Catherine Chambers LEAD Award were Anna Geddes and Kaine Geddes, both of Connell, Wash.



Kaine (center) and Anna (right) Geddes, both of Connell, Wash., received the Thomas A. and Catherine Chambers LEAD Award. Also pictured is Jaclyn Boester (left), presenting.

#### PAT GROTE LEAD AWARD

Pat Grote was dedicated to the members of the Texas Junior Angus Association and the NJAA. The Pat Grote Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund was established in 2002 to pay the registration fee for the LEAD conference to the overall winners in the intermediate steak division of the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American CAB Cook-off. The Illinois team won the Pat Grote LEAD Award.



The Illinois intermediate steak team won the Pat Grote LEAD Award. Pictured (from left) are Reese Anderson, Chrisman; Ella Brooks, Prophetstown; Macie Carroll, Mount Carroll; and Anne and Max Dameron, both of Lexington, recipients. Also pictured is Julie Conover, American Angus Auxiliary, presenting.

## AWARDS

### STAN PROX MEMORIAL 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 2023 is Charles Parr, Mason City, Ill.



Charles Parr (right) received the Stan Prox Memorial LEAD Award. Also pictured is Anne Patton Schubert, presenting.

### 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. Receiving the 2022 Gary M. Stoller Jump Start Your LEADership Award is Jackson Wood, Montague, Calif.

### 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 2022 winners, selected for the award by a point system cumulating from their involvement in the NJAA's officially sanctioned and competitive show ring, are Claire Kuipers, LeRoy, Ill., and Lane Toledo, Visalia, Calif.

### 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 (B&O)

cow-calf pair at the 2017 NJAS in Des Moines, Iowa. The 2022 winner of the Joel Harrison Memorial Angus Scholarship was Allison Davis, Shelbyville, Tenn.

### 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 B&O heifer at the NJAS. Winning the 2022 award was Amelia Miller, Gridley, Ill. 