

The organization's annual Supporter Recognition Event recognizes generous donors who contribute to the Angus breed.

by Sarah Hill, special projects editor

For more than 35 years, the Angus Foundation, the not-for-profit arm of the American Angus Association, has championed the causes of youth, education and research for the Angus breed and the beef industry as a whole.

The Angus Foundation celebrated its many generous donors and accomplishments for 2016 at the annual Supporter Recognition Event hosted Nov. 4 at the Marriott in Indianapolis, Ind., prior to the start of the 2016 Angus Convention.

The evening event honored Angus Foundation supporters who have contributed \$250 or more during the past fiscal year (Oct. 1, 2015-Sept. 30, 2016).

"We have made great strides in advancing the Angus breed thanks to those who have served as champions for our organization," says Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president. "We're truly grateful for those champions' continued support over the past 36 years."

More than 300 attendees enjoyed a delicious meal featuring the *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) brand, while National Junior Angus Board (NJAB) Chairman Macy Perry, Prather, Calif.; NJAB Foundation Director Braden Henricks, Anadarko, Okla.; and Angus Foundation Board Chairman Leo McDonnell Jr., Columbus, Mont., emceed the evening's festivities.

"Looking back at the numerous champions the Angus Foundation has involved since its inception is a testament to our members and their will to give back and ability to look to the future," McDonnell says. "The champions of the Angus Foundation are evident throughout our Angus membership: the junior who excels in scholastics, the breeder who benefits from our progressive research programs and the member who becomes

more active by taking part in one of the Association's many educational programs."

During the event, tribute was given to the late David McMahon, one of the first champions of the Angus Foundation.

"David McMahon Sr. was truly a champion of the Angus breed, the Angus Foundation and especially Angus youth — a cause that inspired him to give of his time, talents and treasure," Jenkins says.

"It's impossible to measure the philanthropic impact McMahon has had on the Angus Foundation's progress over the years."

Honoring Angus champions

The Angus Foundation auctioned the original artwork, "Concerned Mothers" by nationally renowned Western artist Brian Asher, Snyder, Texas. The final bid of \$12,000 went to Whitestone Farm, Aldie, Va. The funds will benefit the Angus Foundation's education, youth and research initiatives.

The Angus Foundation was also proud to honor Lifetime Giving Supporters for their continued investment in the Angus breed. The individuals and families recognized have, over the lifetime of the Angus Foundation, contributed an accumulative \$25,000 or more.



► **Above:** Julie McMahon French shared remembrances of her father, David McMahon, and encouraged others to open their hearts to give to the Angus Foundation and its causes.

► **Left:** During its annual Supporter Recognition Event, the Angus Foundation showed its appreciation to donors "Championing a Cause" by giving \$250 or more in fiscal year 2016.

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► A tremendous crowd gathered at the Marriott in Indianapolis, Ind., to help the Angus Foundation celebrate its many generous donors and accomplishments at the annual Supporter Recognition Event Nov. 4.

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One distinguished Angus breeder has reached the level of Angus Visionary, having contributed an accumulative \$500,000-\$999,000: Charles W. and Judy Herbster, Herbster Angus Farms, Falls City, Neb.

Angus Builders, who contributed \$100,000 or more during the fiscal year, were Lawson and Debbie Hembree, Sugar Hill Farms Inc., Fort Smith, Ark.; and Kelly and Martie Jo Schaff, Schaff Angus Valley, Saint Anthony, N.D.

Honored as Angus Patrons for donations more than \$50,000 were Howard and JoAnne Hillman, Sioux Falls, S.D., and Sysco Corp., Houston, Texas.

Roy and Karen Jones, Jones & Gilliam Angus L.P., Gainesville, Mo., were also recognized as Angus Patrons. In 2006, the couple had anonymously donated \$50,000 to the Missouri Angus Association Scholarship Endowment Fund contingent on the Missouri Angus Association raising \$50,000 by Dec. 31, 2006 — a goal that Missouri Angus breeders met. Today, this scholarship fund stands at more than \$225,000. Earlier this year, the Joneses decided to publicly endorse the Angus Foundation, looking to inspire other Angus breeders to give to the Angus Foundation.

The lifetime Angus Benefactors, reaching \$25,000 in giving, were John Ames, Whispering Pines Cattle Co. LLC, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Terry Bailey and James Butler, High Roller Angus, Center, Texas; Ronald Hansen and Thomas Hansen, Oliver A. Hansen Family, Durant, Iowa; Milford and Peggy Jenkins, Saint Joseph, Mo.; Dave and Phyllis Nichols, Nichols Farms Ltd., Bridgewater,

2016 Angus Visionary Award for lifetime giving of \$500,000-\$999,999



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► **Charles W. and Judy Herbster**, Herbster Angus Farms of Falls City, Neb., received the 2016 Angus Visionary Award. Pictured are (from left) Macy Perry, chairman, National Junior Angus Board; Brittany Barker, executive vice president, Herbster Angus Farms, accepting on behalf of the Herbsters; Leo McDonnell Jr., chairman, Angus Foundation Board of Directors; and Milford Jenkins, president, Angus Foundation. Photo by Sarah Hill, Angus Media.

Iowa; Barry and Roxanne Pollard, Pollard Farms LLC, Enid, Okla.; Allan and Cecelia Teixeira, John and Heather Teixeira, Teixeira Cattle Co., Pismo Beach, Calif.; Bob and Cathy Watkins, Beaver Ridge Farm, Middletown, Ind.; Dan and Staci Wilks and Farris and JoAnn Wilks, Wilks Ranch, Cisco, Texas; and Zoetis, Parsippany, N.J.

“We sincerely thank our generous supporters for being champions for the causes of Angus youth, education and research,” Jenkins says. “Because of these champions, the Angus Foundation can make a lasting positive impact on the Angus and beef industries.”

Additional highlights from the evening included a special presentation to the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) Steer Carcass Contest winners and recognition of Chairman McDonnell for his service and

leadership on the Angus Foundation Board of Directors.

For more news from the Angus Convention, visit the convention newsroom at www.angus.media/news/Angus-Convention. There you will find summaries, speaker presentations, photos, videos and much more.

For more information, contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100 or visit www.angusfoundation.org.



About the Angus Foundation: *Established as a 501(c)(3) organization in 1980, the Angus Foundation remains focused on its mission to support Angus education, youth and research. The organization has presented more than \$2.4 million in youth scholarships since 1998, and has also invested more than \$1 million in beef cattle research throughout the past decade.*

Digital extras



► **Championing a Cause:** The Angus Foundation salutes a true Angus champion, the late David McMahon of Belle Point Ranch, Lavaca, Ark., and his leadership legacy within the Angus breed. To watch, click the photo above or visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4KIZeMGYk0g>.



► **Research is a major initiative** behind the Angus Foundation. In this segment of *The Angus Report*, Chris Cassidy of the University of Illinois explains how an ongoing research project could influence ranch decisions, leading to greater cow herd efficiency. To watch, click the photo above or visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NAI7JZVGrIc>.



► **Video Year in Review:** The Angus Foundation celebrates its champions for education, youth and research in fiscal year 2016 with this video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W6qAWEAHDGM>). Visit www.angusfoundation.org for more information.

2016 Angus Patron Award for lifetime giving of \$50,000-\$99,999



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► **Roy and Karen Jones**, Jones & Gilliam Angus L.P. of Gainesville, Mo., received the 2016 Angus Patron Award. Pictured are (from left) Perry, Roy Jones, McDonnell and Jenkins.



► **Sysco Corp.** of Houston, Texas, received the 2016 Angus Patron Award. Pictured are (from left) Braden Henricks, Foundation director, NJAB; John Stika, president, Certified Angus Beef, accepting on behalf of Sysco; McDonnell; and Jenkins.

2016 Angus Builder Award for lifetime giving of \$25,000-\$49,999



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► **Terry Baily and James Butler**, High Roller Angus of Center, Texas, received the 2016 Angus Builder Award. Pictured are (from left) Henricks; Aaron Kiser, accepting on behalf of High Roller Angus; McDonnell; and Jenkins.



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► **Milford and Peggy Jenkins** of Saint Joseph, Mo., received the 2016 Angus Builder Award. Pictured are (from left) Perry, Peggy Jenkins, McDonnell and Milford Jenkins.



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► **Dave and Phyllis Nichols**, Nichols Farms Ltd. of Bridgewater, Iowa, received the 2016 Angus Builder Award. Pictured are (from left) Henricks; Dave Nichols; McDonnell; and Jenkins.



► **Barry and Roxanne Pollard**, Pollard Farms LLC of Enid, Okla., received the 2016 Angus Builder Award. Pictured are (from left) Henricks, Roxanne Pollard, Barry Pollard, McDonnell and Jenkins.



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► **Dan and Staci Wilks**, and **Farris and JoAnn Wilks**, Wilks Ranch of Cisco, Texas, received the 2016 Angus Builder Award. Pictured are (from left) Perry; Krystal Kiser; Aaron Kiser, ranch manager; McDonnell; and Jenkins.



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► **Zoetis** of Parsippany, N.J., received the 2016 Angus Builder Award. Pictured are (from left) Henricks; Jason Osterstock, senior director, global genetics strategic marketing, Zoetis; McDonnell; and Jenkins.