

2014 Miss American

Catherine Harward, North Carolina, will serve the Angus breed during the next year.

by *Carrie Heitman, American Angus Association*

During the weeklong Miss American Angus competition, Catherine Harward, Richfield, N.C., says, she kept thinking back just two years ago when her older sister, Brooke, was vying to become the 2012 Miss American Angus.

"I can still hear Brooke's name being called out as she stood on the green chips at the North American," Harward says. "We were all so excited for her."

Déjà vu hit the Harward family Monday, Nov. 18, when Catherine's name was announced as the next Miss American Angus. She was crowned prior to the naming of the grand champion during the Super-Point Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus Bull Show at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE).

"After watching Brooke's experience, I

knew this was something I wanted," Harward says. "This next year as Miss American Angus is more than simply wearing the jacket and crown. It's my opportunity to give back to the organization that has shaped my life, and a year of experience I will never be able to replace."

A freshman at North Carolina State University, Harward is pursuing a degree in animal science with a business emphasis. She is the daughter of Marcus and Patricia Harward and has five sisters — Lorie, Brooke, LeAnn, Marcie and Mattie. Together, they own a show cattle business named the Harward Sisters.

The annual Miss American Angus contest and program is hosted by the American Angus Auxiliary, and provides one Angus junior an opportunity to serve as a breed

ambassador for a yearlong term. Miss American Angus assists with shows, educational events and field days to educate others about the beef industry and the benefits of Angus genetics.

"The Auxiliary is proud to have Catherine representing the breed as the 2014 Miss American Angus," says Auxiliary President Cortney Holshouser. "We know she has a very exciting year ahead and we can't wait to see her in action."



►Above: Contestants Julie Williams, Idalou, Texas; Katlyn Tunstill, Fayetteville, Ark.; Catherine Harward, Richfield, N.C.; Brittany Eagleburger, Buffalo, Mo.; and Morgan Alexander, Berryville, Va., line up in the ring for the announcement of the 2014 Miss American Angus.



►Left: 2013 Miss American Angus Esther McCabe officially pins Catherine Harward as the new reigning Miss American Angus for 2014. Catherine is the 46th Miss American Angus, and will travel the country as an ambassador for the breed.

►Right: Judging this year's competition were (from left) Jim Shirley, Hamburg, Iowa; Mary McCurry, Burrton, Kan.; and Jamie King, Republic, Ohio.



►Catherine Harward follows in her sister Brooke's footsteps as Miss American Angus, being crowned before the naming of the grand champion bull at the NAILE Super-Point ROV Angus Show.



Angus Crowned

The five young women vying for the crown were selected through the Auxiliary scholarship contest, and completed a written test, delivered a prepared speech, completed an interview and answered impromptu questions from a panel of judges.

Competing with Harward this year were Morgan Alexander, Berryville, Va.; Brittany Eagleburger, Buffalo, Mo.; Katlyn Tunstill, Fayetteville, Ark.; and Julie Williams, Idalou,

Texas. The Miss American Angus contest was judged by Mary McCurry, Burrton, Kan.; Jamie King, Republic, Ohio; and Jim Shirley, Hamburg, Iowa.

Harward succeeds 2013 Miss American Angus Esther McCabe, Elk City, Kan.



Editor's Note: Carrie Heitman is the communications coordinator for the American Angus Association.



►The American Angus Auxiliary sponsors the Miss American Angus contest, hosted annually at the NAILE. Auxiliary officers (from left) Cortney Hill-Dukehart Cates, advisor; Cortney Holshouser, president; Lynne Hinrichsen, president-elect; and Carla Malson, secretary-treasurer are pictured with Harward.



►Judges (from left) Jamie King, Jim Shirley and Mary McCurry crown Harward as the 2014 Miss American Angus.

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