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Angus Foundation scholarships totaling \$225,500 awarded during the 2013 NJAS.

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The National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) is much more than an opportunity to get involved in the Angus breed. Thanks to generous donors through the Angus Foundation, it's also an opportunity for juniors to continue their education. At this year's NJAS in Kansas City, Mo., the Angus Foundation presented 98 scholarships totaling \$225,500 to undergraduate and graduate students.

"Angus members recognize that today's youth play an important role in the future of our industry," says Milford Jenkins, Angus

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Foundation president. "Whether they pursue a degree in agriculture or not, these scholarships help Angus youth in following their dreams."

A five-member committee evaluates the scholarship applications and considers NJAA

involvement, state association participation, leadership and other criteria. Since 1998, the Angus Foundation has awarded nearly \$1.9 million in graduate and undergraduate scholarships to Angus youth.

A complete list of scholarship winners follows.

New this year

Howard and JoAnne Hillman/Bon-View Farms Angus Scholarship. Funded during the *Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus*, a capital campaign for the Angus breed that concluded in 2011, the Howard and JoAnne Hillman/Bon-View Farms Angus Scholarship Endowment Fund initially will allow for one \$1,000 scholarship to a South Dakota Angus junior.

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 through ups and downs, financial prosperity and hard economic times, and the sacrifices of many. They had many successful appearances in national showings through the years and offered genetic advancements to the Angus breed through annual production sales.

Even after their dispersal sale in 1999, Howard and JoAnne have continued to support Angus cattle through volunteering their time in the American Angus Association and Angus Foundation. Howard served as chairperson of the Leadership Cabinet for the *Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus*.

Receiving the first Bon-View Farms scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000, was Alex Rogen of Brandon, S.D.

Pennsylvania Angus Youth

Undergraduate Scholarship. The Pennsylvania Angus Youth Undergraduate Scholarship was initiated and supported by the Pennsylvania Angus Association and Angus breeders from that state.

Fundraising efforts are under way to build



► **Alex Rogen** (right), Brandon, S.D., receives the first-ever Howard and JoAnne Hillman/Bon-View Farms Angus Scholarship from Howard and JoAnne Hillman.



► **Kate Livingston**, Dover, Pa., received the first Pennsylvania Angus Youth Undergraduate Scholarship. Sarah Lownes (left) received the award on Kate's behalf from Cheryl Fairbairn, Pennsylvania Angus Ass'n president.



► Three juniors won "In a League of Our Own" Scholarships endowed by the 2012 NJAS. Pictured are (from left) Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president; Charlie and Paula Boyd, 2012 NJAS host committee; **Hannah Rowlett**, Hurricane Mills, Tenn., recipient; **Lauren Grimes**, Hillsboro, Ohio, recipient; **Colby Myers**, Harrodsburg, Ky., recipient; and Joanie and John Grimes, 2012 NJAS host committee.

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Next Generation



►Thirty juniors received a \$1,000 Angus Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship. Pictured are (front row, from left) **Gabrielle Lemenager**, Clifton, Ill.; **Shyla Kreager**, Newark, Ohio; **Jacob Chicola**, Deville, La.; **Colleen Jones**, Kinston, N.C.; **Emily Velisek**, Gaithersburg, Md.; **Renae Tokach**, Saint Anthony, N.D.; **Brittany Bush**, Britton, S.D.; **Aliesha Dethlefs**, North Platte, Neb.; **Shannon Yokley**, Jefferson City, Mo.; Megan Ahearn, NJAA Foundation director; (back row, from left) Phil Trowbridge, American Angus Association president; **Jacob Heimsoth**, Cameron, Mo.; **Chris Kahlenbeck**, Union, Mo.; **Jackson Wingert**, Ottawa, Kan.; **Evan Woodbury**, Quenemo, Kan.; **Jacob Coon**, Bethel, Mo.; **Julie Williams**, Idalou, Texas; **Clayton McGuire**, Waverly, Ala.; **John Rosman**, Creston, Wash.; and Jenkins. Not pictured are **Kelsea Arnold**, Horner, W.Va.; **Ty Bayer**, Ringle, Wis.; **Nancy Bickham**, Saint Francisville, La.; **Justin Clopton**, Covington, Texas; **Robert Dolson**, Hico, Texas; **MacKenzie Flory**, Baldwin City, Kan.; **Andrea Foore**, Seven Valleys, Pa.; **Colton Kreager**, Newark, Ohio; **Ruth Myers**, Harrodsburg, Ky.; **Elizabeth Nixon**, Rapidan, Va.; **Tyler Ottensmeier**, McLouth, Kan.; **Kyrsten Retherford**, Indianapolis, Ind.; and **Joshua Scott**, Loranger, La.

this scholarship endowment toward its goal of \$25,000, Jenkins says. “Visionary and unselfish Angus breeders in Pennsylvania wanting to help their state’s next generation pursue their dreams of attending college are funding this scholarship endowment.”

Along with other Pennsylvania cattlemen, Bob Hay, manager of ErReR Hill Farms, Friedens, Pa., has helped lead the scholarship fundraising efforts.

“I think it is very important to support our youth, as they are the future of our industry,” Hay says. “I am really impressed with all the projects and contests the juniors are involved in at the national junior show. These contests teach them a lot about the industry and help train them to be future leaders of the Angus breed. Anything we can do to support them will pay dividends in the future.”

Kate Livingston, Dover, Pa., received the

first-ever Pennsylvania Angus Youth Undergraduate Scholarship in the amount of \$500.

“**In a League of Our Own**” **Angus Foundation Scholarships**. The Angus Foundation awarded three new scholarships made possible by the 2012 NJAS host states, including Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee. Excess funds raised for last year’s NJAS in

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►Twenty juniors received a \$3,000 Angus Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship. Pictured are (front row, from left) **Erin Steele**, Anita, Iowa; **Cody Theis**, Leavenworth, Kan.; **Katlyn Tunstill**, Fayetteville, Ark.; Sydney Thummel accepting on behalf of **Chase Thummel**, Sheridan, Mo.; **Brittany Eagleburger**, Buffalo, Mo.; **Bryanne Duckett**, New Liberty, Mo.; **Tylee Jo Williams**, Rio Vista, Texas; **Kendra Merriman**, Lowell, Mich.; (back row, from left) Trowbridge; **Alex Rogan**, Brandon, S.D.; **Jared Radcliffe** and **Jessica Radcliffe**, both of Weston, Wis.; **Morgan Alexander**, Berryville, Va.; **Daniel McFarland**, Keithville, La.; **Mollie Lastovica**, Fredericksburg, Texas; Ahearn; and Jenkins. Not pictured are **Sheldon Burks**, Park City, Ky.; **Maggie Jasper**, Versailles, Ky.; **Taryn Shaw**, Jennings, La.; **Wade Wells**, Hamilton, Texas; **Clay Williams**, Bishop, Ga.; and **Katelyn Wilson**, Orleans, Ind.

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Louisville, Ky., themed "In a League of Our Own," allowed funding of a \$15,000 scholarship endowment to benefit Angus youth from those three states. Funds will be used to support three undergraduate scholarships at \$500 each for a total expenditure of \$1,500 annually.

The announcement of this scholarship fund was made during the 2013 National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colo., where the 2012 NJAS host states presented \$115,000 to the Angus Foundation. In addition to making \$15,000 available for youth scholarships, the donation allowed for \$5,000 to help support the 2013 NJAS; \$5,000 for the Angus Foundation's use for education, youth and research; and the balance of \$90,000 for a future NJAS involving Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee.

The 2012 NJAS Committee included Charlie and Paula Boyd of Mayslick, Ky.; John and Joanie Grimes of Hillsboro, Ohio; and Lydell and Holly Meier of Clinton, Tenn.

"We received nationwide financial support for the [2012] NJAS, and it was the consensus of the committee to do as much as we could to support the Angus Foundation," says Charlie Boyd, co-chair of the 2012 NJAS Committee.

Another co-chair, Joanie Grimes, says this support is all about providing more opportunities.

"The Angus Foundation has provided tremendous opportunities for our young people," Grimes says. "It only seemed logical to work with the Angus Foundation to offer scholarships to the youth of Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee who helped to make the 2012 NJAS possible, and assist with the Foundation's efforts to help further their education."

The three first winners of the 2012 NJAS "In a League of Our Own" scholarships were Colby Myers, Harrodsburg, Ky.; Lauren Grimes, Hillsboro, Ohio; and Hannah Rowlett, Hurricane Mills, Tenn.

Foundation general scholarships

Generous unrestricted gifts to the *Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus* and other support to the Angus Foundation through the Angus Foundation Heifer Package at Denver, silent auction, golf tournament, annual fund, Angus credit card program, Angus breeder fundraising events, merchandise sales and Foundation activities in Louisville are the reason the Foundation is able to award the level of general undergraduate and graduate scholarships it does each year.

Angus Foundation Undergraduate Scholarships of \$1,000 went to Kelsea Arnold, Horner, W.Va.; Ty Bayer, Ringle, Wis.; Nancy Bickham, Saint Francisville, La.; Brittany Bush, Britton, S.D.; Jacob Chicola, Deville, La.; Justin Clopton, Covington, Texas; Jacob Coon, Bethel, Mo.; Aliesha Dethlefs, North Platte, Neb.; Robert Dolson, Hico, Texas; MacKenzie Flory, Baldwin City, Kan.; Andrea Foore, Seven Valleys, Pa.; Jacob



► From left, **Sally Yon**, Ridge Spring, S.C.; **Lindsey Grimes**, Hillsboro, Ohio; **Bailey Harsh**, Radnor, Ohio; and **JanLee Rowlett**, Stillwater, Okla., receive Angus Foundation Graduate Student Scholarships presented by Ahearn. Not pictured is **Clinton Lafflin**, Eureka, Kan.



► Two \$5,000 scholarships were given in memory of Richard L. "Dick" Spader, former American Angus Ass'n executive vice president. Pictured are (from left) Jenkins; Jill, Slade, Brett, Alyssa and Sheri Spader, presenting; **Lauren Grimes**, Hillsboro, Ohio, recipient; **Corbin Yon**, Ridge Spring, S.C., recipient; and Trowbridge.



► Continuing to receive the Angus/Talon Youth Education Learning Program Undergraduate Scholarships are (from left) **Hannah Wright**, Spring City, Tenn.; **Lindsay Upperman**, Chambersburg, Pa.; **Katy Satrie**, Montague, Texas; **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove, Ark.; **Kassandra Pfeiffer**, Orlando, Okla.; **Esther McCabe**, Elk City, Kan.; **Brazos Williams**, Rio Vista, Texas; and **Blake Boyd**, Mayslick, Ky. Not pictured are **Kaley Bockhop**, Belmont, Wis., and **Paige Tribble**, Pochahontas, Ark.

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Heimsoth, Cameron, Mo.; Colleen Jones, Kinston, N.C.; Chris Kahlenbeck, Union, Mo.; Colton Kreager and Shyla Kreager, both of Newark, Ohio; Gabrielle Lemenager, Clifton, Ill.; Clayton McGuire, Waverly, Ala.; Ruth Myers, Harrodsburg, Ky.; Elizabeth Nixon, Rapidan, Va.; Tyler Ottensmeier, McLouth, Kan.; Kyrsten Retherford, Indianapolis, Ind.; John Rosman, Creston, Wash.; Joshua Scott, Loranger, La.; Renae Tokach, Saint Anthony, N.D.; Emily Velisek, Gaithersburg, Md.; Julie Williams, Idalou, Texas; Jackson Wingert, Ottawa, Kan.; Evan Woodbury, Quenemo, Kan.; and Shannon Yokley, Jefferson City, Mo.

Angus Foundation Undergraduate Scholarships of \$3,000 went to Morgan Alexander, Berryville, Va.; Sheldon Burks, Park City, Ky.; Bryanne Duckett, New Liberty, Iowa; Brittany Eagleburger, Buffalo, Mo.; Maggie Jasper, Versailles, Ky.; Mollie Lastovica, Fredericksburg, Texas; Daniel McFarland, Keithville, La.; Kendra

Merriman, Lowell, Mich.; Jared Radcliffe and Jessica Radcliffe, both of Weston, Wis.; Alex Rogen, Brandon, S.D.; Taryn Shaw, Jennings, La.; Erin Steele, Anita, Iowa; Cody Theis, Leavenworth, Kan.; Chase Thummel, Sheridan, Mo.; Katlyn Tunstill, Fayetteville, Ark.; Wade Wells, Hamilton, Texas; Clay Williams, Bishop, Ga.; Tylee Jo Williams, Rio Vista, Texas; and Katelyn Wilson, Orleans, Ind.

Angus Foundation Graduate Student Scholarships of \$5,000 were awarded to Lindsey Grimes, Hillsboro, Ohio; Bailey Harsh, Radnor, Ohio; Clinton Laflin, Eureka, Kan.; JanLee Rowlett, Hurricane Mills, Tenn.; and Sally Yon, Ridge Spring, S.C.

Named scholarships

Angus Foundation Richard L. Spader Scholarship. 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, started with the auctioning of the first five copies of *A Historic Angus Journey*, written by Keith Evans, and expanded through contributions from members across the country.

Receiving \$5,000 scholarships in remembrance of the late Dick Spader were Lauren Grimes, Hillsboro, Ohio; and Corbin Yon, Ridge Spring, S.C.

Angus/Talon Youth Educational Learning Program Scholarships. Camron “Cam” Cooper, owner of the Talon Ranch located in Twin Bridges, Mont., is a woman who loves the land and Angus cattle. She believes in educating our children, who are the future of the beef industry. At the Angus Foundation’s Supporter Recognition Event in Louisville, Ky., in 2009, Cooper announced that she had made a significant bequest gift by naming the Angus

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► **Gabrielle Lemenager** (left), Clifton, Ill., and **Katelyn Wilson** (right), Orleans, Ind., receive the Gary Brost LEAD Conference Award from Cathy Watkins, American Angus Association treasurer.



► **Jessica Radcliffe** (left), Weston, Wis., receives the CAB/NJAA Scholarship presented by Bryce Schumann, American Angus Association CEO.



► **Bryanne Duckett** (right), New Liberty, Iowa, receives the Oliver A. Hansen/Laudmere Farm Angus Scholarship presented by Todd Duckett, former manager of Laudmere Farms.



► **Clayton McGuire** (left), Waverly, Ala., receives the James E. Horton Jr. Angus Scholarship presented by Schumann.



► **John Rosman** (left), Creston, Wash., receives the Jean Ann Neumeyer Bojorquez Memorial Angus Scholarship presented by Jenkins.



► **Erin Steele** (left), Anita, Iowa, receives the Mack C. Olson Memorial Angus Scholarship presented by Kyla Olson.



► **Katlyn Tunstill** (right), Fayetteville, Ark., receives the NJAA Alumni and Friends Scholarship presented by JanLee Rowlett, NJAA chairman.



► **Gabrielle Glenister** (right), Pulaskee, N.Y., receives the Roscoe L. Richardson Memorial Scholarship presented by Trowbridge.

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Foundation as a charitable beneficiary of her estate.

Cooper established the Angus/Talon Youth Educational Learning Program Endowment Fund with outright cash gifts through the Angus Legacy Society to give \$5,000 undergraduate scholarships in 2010 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, and with the \$5,000 scholarships renewable up to four years contingent on the recipient's continuing to meet the requirements.

Ten individuals were recognized in 2013 to receive Angus/Talon undergraduate scholarships: Esther McCabe, Elk City, Kan.; Will Pohlman, Prairie Grove, Ark.; Kassandra Pfeiffer, Orlando, Okla.; Hannah Wright, Spring City, Tenn.; Blake Boyd, Mayslick, Ky.; Kaley Bockhop, Belmont, Wis.; Lindsay Upperman, Chambersburg, Pa.; Brazos

Williams, Rio Vista, Texas; Paige Tribble, Pocahontas, Ark.; and Katy Satree, Montague, Texas.

Continuing to receive the \$10,000 Angus/Talon Youth Educational Learning Program Graduate Scholarship was Zebadiah Gray of Toledo, Iowa.

Gary Brost LEAD Award. In honor of his accomplishments in the Angus breed, friends and family of the late Gary Brost of Harrodsburg, Ind., have created the Gary Brost Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Award Endowment Fund. Brost, an Angus breeder for many years, was a pioneer in the Angus business. In addition to raising two national champion Angus bulls, he was named a Master Breeder at The All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity.

This Fund will annually award two NJAA members with funds necessary to defray registration costs to attend the LEAD conference. Preference will be given to applicants with a farm/ranch background from the states of Indiana and Illinois. The Angus Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship Program application will be used to select recipients, who remain eligible to receive other scholarships from the Angus Foundation or local, state, regional and national Angus-related entities.

Receiving the Gary Brost LEAD Award for 2013 is Gabrielle Lemenager, Clifton, Ill.; and Katelyn Wilson, Orleans, Ind.

Certified Angus Beef LLC/National Junior Angus Association Scholarship. A long-standing scholarship awarded through the Angus Foundation is the CAB/ NJAA Scholarship. To be eligible to receive this scholarship, applicants must have at one time

been an NJAA member and must currently be a junior, regular or life member of the American Angus Association, along with being an incoming sophomore, junior or senior in college majoring in animal science, meat science, food science, agricultural communications or a related field of academic study.

This year's recipient of the \$1,000 CAB/ NJAA Scholarship is Jessica Radcliffe, Weston, Wis.

Oliver A. Hansen/Laudmere Farm Angus Scholarship. Thanks to members of the Hansen family and their Laudmere Farm of Durant, Iowa, the legacy of Oliver A. Hansen will continue through a \$10,000 scholarship endowment that will each year provide one college or college-bound Angus junior member from Iowa a scholarship.

Hansen was an active member of the American Angus Association. He grew up in Dixon, Iowa, and assisted his father with the Angus herd at Laudmere Farm, which was established in 1931. He held several leadership roles in the Eastern Iowa Angus Association and was a strong advocate for Angus cattle and the agricultural industry. In 2009, he was inducted into the Angus Heritage Foundation. Oliver's sons, Ron Hansen of Durant, Iowa, and Tom Hansen of Enoch, Utah, chose to honor their father and family by creating the scholarship endowment in the name of their father and the farm.

The recipient of the Oliver A. Hansen Family/Laudmere Farm Angus Scholarship must have at one time been an NJAA member and must currently be a junior, regular or life member of the American Angus Association. The recipient must also



► **Michael Cropp** (left), Damascus, Md., and **Cory Watt** (right), Iva, S.C., receive the Rising Star Youth Scholarship presented by Susan McMahon Taylor.



► **Morgan Alexander** (right), Berryville, Va., receives the John Rucker Family Angus Scholarship presented by Monica Jordan.



► **Renae Tokach** (right), Saint Anthony, N.D., receives the Joseph and Ruby Schaff/Schaff Angus Scholarship presented by Cathy Watkins, American Angus treasurer.



► **Maggie Jasper** (right), Versailles, Ky., receives the Ray Sims Angus Scholarship presented by (from left) Carla Sims, Virginia Daye Sims, Tully Sims and Melva Sims.

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be a resident of Iowa and a member or past member of the Iowa Junior Angus Association for at least four consecutive years. Graduating high school seniors or students currently enrolled in college are eligible. The scholarship must be applied to undergraduate studies and is applicable to any field of study.

Bryanne Duckett, New Liberty, Iowa, receives the \$500 Oliver A. Hansen Family/Laudmere Farm Angus Scholarship.

James E. Horton Junior Angus Scholarship Endowment Fund. Gregg and Lile Blythe established the James E. Horton Angus Scholarship Endowment Fund to honor Gregg's longtime friend, mentor and Angus partner, James Edwin Horton Jr. The fund was started with a gift of \$20,000 in 2006. Today it is funded at more than \$30,000 as Alabama Angus breeders and other family members have continued to contribute to the fund in tribute to "Mr. Ed," as he was fondly known.

A leader in the Angus breed for many years, Horton served as a director and president of the American Angus Association during the 1970s. He was instrumental in the acquisition of the *Angus Journal* and establishing CAB, and he led the efforts for the eventual creation of the Angus Foundation.

The \$1,000 James E. Horton Junior Angus Scholarship was awarded to Clayton McGuiire, Waverly, Ala.

Jean Ann (Neumeyer) Bojorquez Memorial Angus Scholarship. In October 2007, Bob and Hollyce Neumeyer of Jaynbee Ranch, Bonners Ferry, Idaho, established the Jean Ann (Neumeyer) Bojorquez Memorial Angus Scholarship, in memory of their

daughter, with a \$10,000 gift to the Angus Foundation. Jean Ann was very active in the Angus breed, showing Angus cattle and competing in junior activities at local, state, regional and national levels. As a young adult, she continued her involvement in the Angus breed, owning cows with her parents at the ranch.

The 2013 Jean Ann (Neumeyer) Bojorquez Memorial Angus Scholarship, in the amount of \$500, was awarded to John Rosman, Creston, Wash.

Mack C. Olson Memorial Scholarship. More than \$17,000 was raised in a fund drive led by friends in the Angus breed across the country to ensure 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, the Montana Angus Association, the Western Montana Angus Association and a director for the Western Montana Stockgrowers Association. The Olson family raises cattle in the Mission Valley area at Saint Ignatius, Mont.

The Mack C. Olson Memorial Angus Scholarship of \$500 went to Erin Steele, Anita, Iowa.

NJAA Alumni and Friends Scholarship. Developed by the 2009-2010 NJAA Board of Directors, 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., have pledged a total of \$25,000 in matching funds to support the NJAA Board Alumni and

Friends Scholarship Endowment Fund. A different recipient will receive the scholarship each year. The Angus Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship Program application is used to select the scholarship recipient.

The NJAA Alumni and Friends Scholarship of \$500 went to Katlyn Tunstill, Fayetteville, Ark.

Roscoe L. Richardson Memorial Scholarship. The late Roscoe L. Richardson of 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 active Angus breeder. He always found time to support Angus activities in New England and to help other breeders.

Funded at his death in 1988 with in-memory contributions to the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation in Great Barrington, Mass., the Roscoe L. Richardson Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund of \$10,000 was later established with the Angus Foundation in early 2007. Established to continue his ideals of helping young people remain connected to agriculture, the primary selection criteria for this scholarship is to support Angus youth from New England states.

The \$500 Roscoe L. Richardson Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Gabrielle Glenister, Pulaski, N.Y.

Rising Angus Star Youth Scholarship. The Rising Angus Star Youth Scholarship, a four-year, full-tuition scholarship renewable each year upon the recipient's continuing to meet the requirements, was funded by Angus breeders who wanted to provide a

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► **Shelby Burrus** (right), Tacoma, Wash., received the Gary M. Stoller Jump Start Your LEADership award presented by (from left) Reagan Skow, McKinley Stoller, Brian Stoller and Tiffany Stoller.



► **Blake Boyd** (left), Mayslick, Ky., receives the Vance Uden Memorial Angus Scholarship presented by Jake Tiedeman, past NJAA board chairman.



► **Drake Yon**, Ridge Spring, S.C., receives the Woodlawn Farms Angus Scholarship.

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scholarship to eligible applicants based on financial need, personal and/or family hardship, physical handicap, medical disability, or other extenuating circumstances or combination of circumstances that would warrant special consideration by the Angus Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee.

David and Mary Ann McMahon of Belle Point Ranch, Lavaca, Ark., and other generous Angus breeders spearheaded this fundraising effort. Two scholarships were given this year.

Michael Cropp, Damascus, Md.; and Cory Watt, Iva, S.C., each received a \$10,000 Rising Angus Star Youth Scholarship.

John Rucker Family Angus Scholarship.

Started in 1924 by John Rucker's father, Bayard Ambrose Rucker, Hill Crest Farm at Delaplane, Va., produced quality Angus cattle for more than 70 years. John and 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's stewardship and involvement, Dwight and Carolyn Huff of Holly Hill Farm, Mount Sidney, Va., decided to create the John Rucker Family Angus Scholarship Endowment Fund with a \$10,500 gift to the Angus Foundation to provide educational scholarships to deserving youth of the Virginia Junior Angus Association.

Morgan Alexander, Berryville, Va., received the 2013 John Rucker Family Angus Scholarship in the amount of \$500.

Joseph & Ruby Schaff/Schaff Angus Ranch Scholarship.

Funded initially with a

\$10,000 gift in 2006 from Joseph and Ruby Schaff of Schaff Angus Ranch of Saint Anthony, N.D., the Joseph and Ruby Schaff/Schaff Angus Ranch Scholarship will permanently carry the legacy of these long-time Angus breeders.

Angus youth from North Dakota who meet the qualifications and requirements for the Angus Foundation Scholarship Program will be eligible for consideration by the Angus Foundation Scholarship Committee for this scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded to a different recipient each year based on the Angus Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship Program application. The first scholarship was awarded at the 2006 NJAS. Recipients may also receive other scholarships from the Angus Foundation or local, state, regional and national Angus-related entities.

Renae Tokach, Saint Anthony, N.D., received the 2013 Joseph & Ruby Schaff/Schaff Angus Ranch Scholarship in the amount of \$500.

Ray Sims Angus Scholarship. In 2010, Ray Sims became the first auctioneer in more than 50 years to receive the prestigious Saddle and Sirloin Club's Portrait Award.

Sims, formerly of Raymore, Mo., helped develop purebred auctions into fast-paced and steady marketing venues. 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 — 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 the Saddle and Sirloin Portrait Collection in Louisville, Ky., the Ray Sims Portrait Committee generously donated the remaining funds of more than \$20,000 to the Angus Foundation to establish the Ray Sims Scholarship Endowment Fund for Angus youth scholarships.

The \$1,000 Ray Sims Angus Scholarship was awarded to Maggie Jasper, Versailles, Ky.

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 will be given to first- or second-year attendees to the LEAD Conference to cover registration fees and travel. Preference will be given to applicants from the western states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

Selection of the award recipient will be made by the Angus Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee. Interested applicants must have submitted a one-page typed essay that includes the following information: why attending LEAD conference is important to me, what I hope to gain by attending LEAD, and explanation of financial need.

Shelby Burrus, Tacoma, Wash., received the 2013 Gary M. Stoller Jump Start Your Leadership Award.

Vance Uden Memorial Angus Scholarship. Vance Uden purchased his first Angus heifer at age 12. From then on through his teenage years, he faithfully waited



► **Katlyn Tunstall** (left), Fayetteville, Ark., receives the Arkansas Angus Auxiliary Scholarship from Michelle Rieff, Arkansas Angus Auxiliary.



► **Cole Greiman** (right), Garner, Iowa, receives the Iowa Jr. Angus Ass'n Scholarship from Tim Mardesen, Iowa Jr. Angus Ass'n past president.



► **Esther McCabe** (right), Elk City, Kan., receives the Kansas Angus Ass'n Scholarship presented by Anne Lampe, Kansas Angus Ass'n secretary-manager.



► **John Rosman** (left), Creston, Wash., receives a Western States National Jr. Angus Show Scholarship from Kathi Creamer. Not pictured is recipient **Judson Hoffschneider**, Arlington, Neb.

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by the mailbox for his *Angus Journal*. He graduated from the University of Nebraska with a bachelor's degree in animal science. Vance; his wife, Connie; and their two sons, Ty and Dru, built the widely respected TC Ranch, producing numerous well-known Angus sires.

Vance was a respected cattle judge for many breeds and had judged all the major shows. He was a strong supporter of youth and guided many to their start in the Angus business.

Continuing students majoring in animal science or agribusiness with plans to return to production agriculture were given first preference for this scholarship.

The \$1,000 Vance Uden Memorial Angus Scholarship for 2013 went to Blake Boyd, Mayslick, Ky.

Woodlawn Farms Angus Scholarship. In 2005, Blanford and Joan Pierce of Creston, Ill., donated \$25,000 to establish the Woodlawn Farms Angus Scholarship Endowment Fund through the Angus Foundation. Angus cattle resided at Woodlawn Farms for 125 years, from 1881 to 2005. The Pierce family's legacy is carried on through this scholarship. Blanford served on the *Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus* board and has been invaluable in helping the Angus Foundation raise money for the campaign.

The Woodlawn Farms Angus Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000, was awarded to Drake Yon, Ridge Spring, S.C.

State-funded awards

Arkansas Angus Auxiliary Scholarship. The Arkansas Angus Auxiliary's ambition to create more scholarship opportunities for Angus youth from Arkansas led to its donation of \$10,000 to the Angus Foundation to establish the Arkansas Angus Auxiliary Scholarship Endowment Fund. To be considered for this scholarship, applicants must be entering their sophomore, junior or senior year in college and be a current or past member of the Arkansas Junior Angus Association. Angus youth from Arkansas wishing to apply for this scholarship must complete the Angus Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship Program application. The Angus Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee chooses the scholarship winners.

Winner of the \$500 Arkansas Angus



► From left, Mark Ahearn, Texas Angus Ass'n president presents Texas Angus Ass'n scholarships to Texas juniors **Mollie Lastovica**, Fredericksburg; **Brazos Williams** and **Tylee Jo Williams**, both of Rio Vista; **Julie Williams**, Idalou; and **Wade Wells**, Hamilton. Also presenting is Megan Ahearn.

Auxiliary Scholarship for 2013 was Katlyn Tunstill, Fayetteville, Ark.

Iowa Junior Angus Association Scholarship. In 2009, the Iowa Junior Angus Association established two \$500 scholarships, one state and one national, with a gift of \$25,000 to the Angus Foundation. Both the \$500 Iowa Junior Angus Association State Scholarship and the \$500 Iowa Junior Angus Association National Scholarship went to Cole Greiman, Garner, Iowa.

Kansas Angus Association Scholarship. 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 at \$10,000. Subsequent gifts to the fund continue to be made. The fund provides scholarships to Angus youth from Kansas attending college and/or supports sponsorships for Kansas youth to attend the national LEAD Conference.

This year, the \$500 Kansas Angus Association Scholarship was awarded to Esther McCabe, Elk City, Kan.

Texas Angus Association Scholarships. As a feature of the \$11 million national fundraising initiative, Angus breeders in Texas raised \$250,000 to match a \$250,000 challenge gift by Klaus and Bonnie Birkel of Camp Cooley Ranch, Franklin, Texas, as part of The Texas Challenge in 2007. The Birkels committed \$75,000 of their gift to create the Texas Angus Association Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Continuing to build on this success, the Texas Angus Association and Angus

breeders in Texas raised their goal to \$1 million in 2008 through The Texas Challenge II. More than \$600,000 in outright cash gifts and pledges toward the state's goal have been contributed. From these contributions and continued support, five youths from Texas have received \$1,000 scholarships annually.

The \$1,000 Texas Angus Association "Texas Challenge" Scholarship Endowment Fund scholarships for 2013 went to Mollie Lastovica, Fredericksburg; Wade Wells, Hamilton; Brazos Williams, Rio Vista; Julie Williams, Idalou; and Tylee Jo Williams, Rio Vista.

Western States National Junior Angus Show (WSNJAS) Fund Scholarships. In 2009, the WSNJAS organization established a fund in the Angus Foundation to support a future NJAS to be hosted by their organization and provide for undergraduate scholarships. To be eligible to receive these WSNJAS scholarships, recipients must be from states in the WSNJAS organization. These states are Arizona, Colorado, California, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

Receiving \$500 WSNJAS scholarships were Judson Hoffschneider, Arlington, Neb.; and John Rosman, Creston, Wash.

For more information on how to apply for Angus Foundation scholarships or to learn more about the many ways to contribute to the Angus Foundation, contact the American Angus Association at 816-383-5100 or visit www.angusfoundation.org.

