

Angus Juniors Receive Scholarships

Since 1998, scholarships administered by the Angus Foundation have totaled more than \$1.1 million.

by **Molly Witzel** and **Linda Robbins**

More than \$200,000 in college scholarships was awarded to 77 Angus juniors during the closing ceremonies of the 2010 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) July 16 in Denver, Colo.

The funds, managed and administered by the nonprofit Angus Foundation, are meant to assist deserving Angus juniors in paying for the cost of higher education. Angus breeders, allied industry interests and friends trust the Angus Foundation with their generous gifts of endowed and non-endowed monies.

“Credit for the Angus Foundation’s ability to make this record-setting level of undergraduate and graduate student scholarships available to our Angus youth can only be given to our generous supporters across the country,” says Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president. “It’s simply because of their generosity to Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus that we are able to make this possible.”

Since it was established in 1980 with \$6,000 from the first Angus Foundation heifer fundraiser at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS), the Angus Foundation has provided opportunities for Angus youth to further their education. The organization has administered more than \$1.1 million dollars in graduate and undergraduate scholarships to youth since 1998.

“Success begets success, and with every gift to our ever-increasing wide array of scholarship funds, we will only continue to achieve even higher levels of scholarship support through this exciting facet of our organization’s comprehensive mission of supporting education, youth and research activities for the advancement of the Angus breed and beef cattle industry,” Jenkins says.

A complete list of scholarship winners follows.

Two new endowments

Started in 1924 by John Rucker’s father, Bayard Ambrose Rucker, Hill Crest Farm at Delaplaine, 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.

The first recipient of the John Rucker Family Angus Scholarship in the amount of \$500 was Shane Clary, Brodnax, Va.

Vance Uden purchased his first Angus heifer at age 12. From then on through his teenage years he faithfully waited 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 first \$1,000 Vance Uden Memorial Angus

Scholarship was awarded to Jara Settles, Hoskins, Neb.

A significant contribution

Camron “Cam” Cooper, owner of the Talon Ranch located in Twin Bridges, Mont., loves the land and Angus cattle. She believes in educating our children, who are the future of the beef industry.

Last November, Cooper announced via video and formal letter that she had made a significant gift to the Angus Foundation, putting plans in place to provide support for an educational endowment fund.

In January of this year, with the establishment of the Angus/Talon Youth Educational Learning Program Endowment Fund, Cooper initially provided for 11 “one-time/one-semester” \$2,500 undergraduate scholarships for a total of \$27,500 to Angus youth majoring in animal science and range management. This fund will also support graduate student scholarships, educational internships for Angus youth at host Angus breeders’ farms across the United States, and the administration of this comprehensive program through the Association and the Angus Foundation.

In addition, through the Angus Foundation planned giving program, the Angus Legacy Society, Cooper has named the Angus

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► Recipients of the Angus/Talon Youth Educational Learning Program Undergraduate Scholarships include (from left) **Hannah Wright**, Spring City, Tenn.; **Paige Tribble**, Pocahontas, Ark.; **Katy Satree**, Montague, Texas; **Kelli Retallick**, Glen Haven, Wis.; **Tanner Rayl**, Hutchinson, Kan.; **Garrett Knebel**, Winamac, Ind.; and **Lindsey Grimes**, Hillsboro, Ohio.

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Foundation as a charitable beneficiary of her estate, formally bequeathing the Talon Ranch of 2,200 acres in its entirety, her Angus cow herd, equipment, home and other significant assets to the Angus Foundation. The hard assets will eventually be liquidated with the entire sale proceeds solely designated to further building the Angus/Talon Youth Educational Learning Program Endowment Fund.

Selected from the pool of applicants were 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 preveterinary medicine students specializing in bovine (large) animal practice also given strong preference, and with the \$5,000 scholarships renewable up to 4 years contingent on the recipient continuing to meet the requirements.

Recipients of the Angus/Talon Youth Educational Learning Program Undergraduate Scholarships were Paige Tribble, Pocahontas, Ark.; Garrett Knebel, Winamac, Ind.; Tanner Rayl, Hutchinson, Kan.; Jara Settles, Hoskins, Neb.; Lindsey Grimes, Hillsboro, Ohio; JanLee Rowlett, Hurricane Mills, Tenn.; Hannah Wright, Spring City, Tenn.; Katy Satee, Montague, Texas; Kaley Bockhop, Belmont, Wis.; and Kelli Retallick, Glen Haven, Wis.

Foundation undergraduate awards

Since 1998, the Angus Foundation has awarded nearly \$650,000 in general undergraduate scholarships to Angus youth who have been active in the Angus breed and the NJAA. Generous unrestricted gifts to the Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus and other support to the Angus Foundation through the Angus 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.

The 30 Angus juniors from across the country who received \$1,000 Angus Foundation Undergraduate Scholarships included Claire Taylor, Fort Smith, Ark.; Audrey Taylor and Christine Taylor, Lavaca, Ark.; Clay Williams, Bishop, Ga.; Samantha Schermer, Latimer, Iowa; Cole Pearson, Scott City, Kan.; Nikki Bugg, Burgin, Ky.; Taylor Flach, Harrodsburg, Ky.; Megan Cole, Lancaster, Ky.; Lauren Adcock, Moweaqua, Ill.; Kyle Greiman, Garner, Iowa; Jessica Clark, Rocky Ridge, Md.; Chelsea Ruggles, Kingston, Mich.; Justin Kennedy, Nashville, Mich.; Mark Mitteness, Benson, Minn.; Alissa Stai, New London, Minn.; Jon-Paul Whitlock, Iuka, Miss.; Nate Eagleburger, Buffalo, Mo.; Emily Kading, Billings, Mont.; Adam Sawyer, Bassett, Neb.; Cassandra Hanson, Enderlin, N.D.; Colton Kreager, Newark, Ohio; Hannah Grim, East Berlin, Pa.; Cally Thomas, Harrold, S.D.; Taylor Geppert, Kimball, S.D.; Meredith Mayfield, Pulaski, Tenn.; Tarlton Holloway, Stamford, Texas; Carrie Shirley, Yantis, Texas; Shane Clary, Brodnax, Va.; and Bailey Quam, Lodi, Wis.

Winners of \$3,000 Angus Foundation Undergraduate Scholarships were Hannah Barton, Dutton, Ala.; Hannah McCabe, Elk City, Kan.; Jacinda Dickinson, Glasco, Kan.; Parker Rayl, Hutchinson, Kan.; Courtenay DeHoff, Tonganoxie, Kan.; Caleb Sadler, Carlisle, Ky.; Jordan Paulsrud, Danbury, Iowa; Patricia Vaassen, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Erika Boehmer, Charlotte, Mich.; Kari Stai, New London, Minn.; Allison Dubs, Billings,

Mont.; Ellen Hoffschneider, Arlington, Neb.; Milo Lewis, Walstonburg, N.C.; Bailey Harsh, Radnor, Ohio; Kelsey Pfeiffer, Orlando, Okla.; Jaclyn Upperman, Chambersburg, Pa.; Katrina Frey, Quarryville, Pa.; Hannah Rowlett, Hurricane Mills, Tenn.; Zachary Wells, Hamilton, Texas; and Kelsi Retallick, Glen Haven, Wis.

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 Richard "Dick" Spader, were Paige Wallace, Stotts City, Mo.; and Sally Yon, Ridge Spring, S.C. The Spader family established the fund to honor the Association's former executive vice president for his life's work



► **Right: Paige Wallace** (left), Stotts City, Mo., and **Sally Yon** (right), Ridge Spring, S.C., each receive \$5,000 scholarships presented by Sheri Spader in memory of Richard L. "Dick" Spader, former American Angus Ass'n executive vice president.



► Twenty NJAA members received \$3,000 scholarships from the Angus Foundation. Pictured receiving their awards at the NJAS Awards Ceremony are (front row, from left) **Milo Lewis**, Walstonburg, N.C.; **Hannah McCabe**, Elk City, Kan.; **Courtenay DeHoff**, Tonganoxie, Kan.; **Jacinda Dickinson**, Glasco, Kan.; **Katrina Frey**, Quarryville, Pa.; **Bailey Harsh**, Radnor, Ohio; **Patricia Vaassen**, Ann Arbor, Mich.; **Jaclyn Upperman**, Chambersburg, Pa.; (back row, from left) **Hannah Barton**, Dutton, Ala.; **Erika Boehmer**, Charlotte, Mich.; **Jordan Paulsrud**, Danbury, Iowa; **Zachary Wells**, Hamilton, Texas; **Allison Dubs**, Billings, Mont.; **Kari Stai**, New London, Minn.; **Ellen Hoffschneider**, Arlington, Neb.; **Caleb Sadler**, Carlisle, Ky.; and **Kelsey Pfeiffer**, Orlando, Okla.

with Angus youth and dedication to the future of the Angus breed.

A Rising Star

The full-ride, Rising Angus Star Youth Scholarship, a four-year, full-tuition scholarship renewable each year upon the recipient continuing to meet the requirements, was funded by Angus breeders who wanted to provide a 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. Named the recipient of this scholarship in 2009, Clinton Laffin, Olsburg, Kan., continued to meet the requirements and was named the 2010 recipient of the Rising Angus Star Youth Scholarship.

Jean Ann (Neumeyer) Bojorquez

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.

Emily Kading, Billings, Mont., was awarded the \$500 Jean Ann (Neumeyer) Bojorquez Memorial Angus Scholarship.

James E. Horton Jr.

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, and today is funded at more than \$30,000 as Alabama Angus breeders and other family members have continued to contribute to this 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*, establishing Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB), and led the efforts for the eventual creation of the Angus Foundation. The \$500 James E. Horton Jr. Angus Scholarship was presented to Hannah Barton, Dutton, Ala.

State-funded awards

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. Jordan Paulsrud, Danbury, Iowa, received the \$500 Iowa Junior Angus Association State Scholarship, while Kathleen Gazda, Athens, Ga., received the \$500 Iowa Junior Angus Association National 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 Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference. The \$500 Kansas Junior Angus Association scholarship was awarded to Meghan Blythe, White City, Kan.

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, and are now at more than \$600,000 toward their state's goal. From these contributions and continued support, five youths from Texas have received \$1,000 scholarships annually.

The Texas Angus Association awarded \$1,000 scholarships for 2010 to Zachary Wells, Hamilton, Texas; Katy Satree, Montague, Texas; Gretchen Ettredge, Pilot Point, Texas; Tarlton Holloway, Stamford, Texas; and Megan Ahearn, Wills Point, Texas.

Mack C. Olson

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

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Olson family raises cattle in the Mission Valley area at Saint Ignatius, Mont.

Travis Winters, Joliet, Mont., was the recipient of the \$500 Mack C. Olson Memorial Angus Scholarship.

Roscoe L. Richardson

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 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 presented to Jimmy Full, Mount Airy, Md.

Joseph and Ruby Schaff/Schaff Angus Ranch

Cassandra Hanson, Enderlin, N.D., received the Joseph and Ruby Schaff/Schaff Angus Ranch Scholarship for \$500.

Longtime breeders of Angus cattle, Joe and Ruby Schaff of Saint Anthony, N.D.,

devoted their lives to developing a nationally recognized Angus seedstock operation. Schaff Angus Ranch's legacy similarly is carried on in perpetuity as a result of their \$10,000 gift to the Angus Foundation in 2005. Only Angus youth from North Dakota are eligible to receive the scholarship.

Woodlawn Farms

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 1881-2005. The Pierce family's legacy is carried on through this scholarship. Blanford serves on the Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus board and has been invaluable in helping



► **Meghan Blythe** (center), White City, Kan., receives the Kansas Angus Ass'n scholarship presented by Anne Lampe (left) and Jerry Theis (right).



► **Travis Winters** (center), Joliet, Mont., receives the Mack C. Olson Memorial Angus Scholarship presented by Kane Olson (left) and Kyla Olson (right).



► **Hannah Barton** (left), Dutton, Ala., receives the James E. Horton Jr. Angus Scholarship presented by Bryce Schumann, American Angus Association CEO.



► Five young Texas residents received the Texas Angus Ass'n (TAA) Scholarship. Pictured are (from left) Beth Wicker, Texas Angus Ass'n director; **Zach Wells**, Hamilton; **Katy Satree**, Montague; **Gretchen Ettredge**, Pilot Point; and **Megan Ahearn**, Wills Point.



► **Meghan Blythe** (right), White City, Kan., receives the CAB/NJAA Scholarship presented by Schumann.



► **James Full** (right), Mount Airy, Md., receives the Roscoe L. Richardson Memorial Scholarship presented by Schumann.



► **Jara Settles** (center), Hoskins, Neb., receives the Vance Uden Memorial Angus Scholarship presented by Connie Uden (left) and Dru Uden (right).



► **Clinton Laflin** (center), Olsburg, Kan., receives the Rising Angus Star Youth Scholarship presented by Susan McMahon Taylor (left) and Julie McMahon French (right).



► **Right: Jordan Paulsrud** (left), Danbury, Iowa; and **Katie Gazda** (right), Athens, Ga., receive Iowa Jr. Angus Ass'n Scholarships presented by Mary Kate Mardesen, Iowa Jr. Angus Ass'n president.

the Angus Foundation raise money for the campaign.

Britney Creamer, Montrose, Colo., was presented the \$750 Woodlawn Farms Angus Scholarship.

CAB/NJAA

A long-standing scholarship awarded through the Angus Foundation is the *Certified Angus Beef*®(CAB®)/National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Scholarship. To be eligible to receive this scholarship, applicants must have at one time been an NJAA member and must presently 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.

The \$1,000 CAB/NJAA Scholarship was presented to Meghan Blythe, White City, Kan.

Graduate awards

A longtime vision of the Angus Foundation was to create a graduate student scholarship program to complement the existing undergraduate scholarship program. As a result of the Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus, the Foundation was able to implement this program for the first time in 2008.

Angus Foundation Graduate Scholarships for \$5,000 were awarded to: Kindra Wood, Holly Pond, Ala.; Haley Rieff, Bentonville, Ark.; Bridget Driscoll, Williamsburg, Iowa; Jessica Sawyer, Bassett, Neb.; and Emily Tennant, Greensboro, N.C.

Similar in scope to the Angus/Talon Youth Educational Learning Program Undergraduate Scholarships, the graduate

scholarship has specific selection criteria and high academic performance requirements and guidelines. The scholarship is renewable for up to four years contingent on the recipient continuing to meet the requirements and qualifications. The \$10,000 Angus/Talon Youth Educational Learning Program Graduate Scholarship was awarded to Zebadiah Gray, Toledo, Iowa.

For more information 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.angus.org or www.angusfoundation.org.



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► **Shane Clary**, Brodnax, Va., receives the John Rucker Family Angus Scholarship. Pictured are (from left) Anne Davis, Jerry Hall, Connie Hall, Clary, Courtenay Rucker and Penny Rucker.



► Five graduate students received scholarships from the Angus Foundation in 2010. Pictured receiving their scholarships from Schumann at the NJAS Awards Ceremony are **Kindra Wood** (left), Holly Pond, Ala.; and **Haley Rieff** (right), Bentonville, Ark.



► The American Angus Auxiliary presented scholarships to five young men in 2010. Pictured at the NJAS Awards Ceremony are (from left) Auxiliary officers Barbara Ettredge and Anne Lampe; **Tanner Rayl**, Hutchinson, Kan., second; **Ty Bayer**, Ringle, Wis., third; **Colby Myers**, Harrodsburg, Ky., fourth; and Auxiliary officers Kathi Creamer and Michelle Rieff. (See "Mile-High Aspirations," page 178.)



► **Britney Creamer** (right), Montrose, Colo., receives the Woodlawn Farms Angus Scholarship presented by **Blanford Pierce**.



► The American Angus Auxiliary presented scholarships to five young ladies in 2010. Pictured at the NJAS Awards Ceremony are (from left) Ettredge and Lampe; **Paige Wallace**, Stotts City, Mo., first; **Hannah Wright**, Spring City, Tenn., second; **Jessica Clarke**, Rocky Ridge, Md., third; **Kassandra Pfeiffer**, Orlando, Okla., fifth; Creamer and Rieff. (See "Mile-High Aspirations," page 178.)



► **Left: Emily Kading**, Billings, Mont., receives the Jean Ann Neumeyer Bojoruez Memorial Angus Scholarship.