



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**

The Angus Foundation awarded more than \$210,000 in college scholarships to 80 Angus youth at the 2011 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) July 15-16 in Harrisburg, Pa. The Angus Foundation's mission is to fund education, youth and research activities to advance the Angus breed.

Applicants to the Angus Foundation's undergraduate and graduate student scholarship program are evaluated on involvement in the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA), involvement in the applicant's state junior Angus association and other criteria.

"The transformational difference made in Angus youth — because somebody believed enough in them to make an outright cash gift to the Angus Foundation — is priceless," Angus Foundation President Milford Jenkins says.

Since 1998, the Foundation has awarded more than \$1.3 million in graduate and undergraduate scholarships to 756 Angus youth.

"One can only be excited for the future of the Angus Foundation scholarship program," Jenkins says. "Angus breeders will continue to rise to the occasion to avail the necessary resources to help our industry."

A complete list of scholarship winners follows.

Angus/Talon 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 via video and formal letter that she had made a significant bequest gift by naming the Angus Foundation as a charitable beneficiary of her estate. Cooper established the Angus/Talon Youth Educational Learning Program Endowment Fund with outright cash gifts 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 preveterinary 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.

With the graduation of two individuals from last year's field of 10 recipients, eight individuals were recognized in 2011 to continue to receive Angus/Talon Undergraduate Scholarships. Continuing recipients for 2011 include Kaley Bockhop, Belmont, Wis.; Lindsey Grimes, Hillsboro,

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Ohio; Tanner Rayl, Hutchinson, Kan.; Kelli Retallick, Glen Haven, Wis.; JanLee Rowlett, Hurricane Mills, Tenn.; Katy Satee, Montague, Texas; Paige Tribble, Pocahontas, Ark.; and Hannah Wright, Spring City, Tenn. Winners of the two available undergraduate scholarships were Bailey Harsh, Radnor, Ohio, and Hannah McCabe, Elk City, Kan.

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

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

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▶ **Hannah McCabe** (left), Elk City, Kan., and **Bailey Harsh**, Radnor, Ohio, receive the two available Angus/Talon Youth Educational Learning Program Undergraduate Scholarships.



▶ Continuing to receive the Angus/Talon Youth Educational Learning Program Undergraduate Scholarships are (from left) **Hannah Wright**, Spring City, Tenn.; **Katy Satee**, Montague, Texas; **JanLee Rowlett**, Hurricane Mills, Tenn.; **Kelli Retallick**, Glen Haven, Wis.; **Lindsey Grimes**, Hillsboro, Ohio; and **Kaley Bockhop**, Belmont, Wis. Not pictured are **Tanner Rayl**, Hutchinson, Kan., and **Paige Tribble**, Pocahontas, Ark.

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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.

Continuing to receive the John Rucker Family Angus Scholarship in the amount of \$500 was Shane Clary, Brodnax, Va.

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 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 2011 went to Jessica Clowser, Milford, Neb.

Foundation undergraduate awards

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 Hannah Bartholomew, Archie, Mo.; Hannah Barton, Dutton, Ala.; Ty Bayer, Ringle, Wis.; Danielle Bergeson, Astoria, Ore.; Allison Blythe, White City, Kan.; Cortney Bromenshenk, Billings, Mont.; Jessica Clarke, Rocky Ridge, Md.; Jacinda Dickinson, Glasco, Kan.; Nathan Eagleburger, Buffalo, Mo.; Cole Greiman, Garner, Iowa; Maggie Jasper, Versailles, Ky.; Klaire Jorgensen, Exeter, Neb.; Ashley Judge, San Luis Obispo, Calif.; Sadie Kinne, Eagleville, Mo.; Mark Mitteness, Benson, Minn.; Jordon Mullett, Coshocton, Ohio; Colby Myers, Harrodsburg, Ky.; Alisha Nord, Wolverton, Minn.; Austin Perry, Prather, Calif.; Warner Phipps, Kearney, Neb.; Kyrsten Retherford, Indianapolis, Ind.; Cody Smith and Clayton Smith, both of West Plains, Mo.; Jacob Steph, Tatum, Texas; Forrest Thompson, Mount Vernon, Mo.; Benjamin Tokach, Saint Anthony, N.D.; Patricia Vaassen, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Robert Velisek, Gaithersburg, Md.; Jena Wagner, Billings, Mont.; and Mackenzie White, Shapleigh, Maine.

Angus Foundation Undergraduate Scholarships of \$3,000 went to Lauren Adcock, Moweaqua, Ill.; Lauren Barker, Monticello, Iowa; Blake Boyd, Mayslick, Ky.; Kathryn Coon, Bethel, Mo.; Allison Dubs, Billings, Mont.; Cole Gardiner and Ransom Gardiner, both of Ashland, Kan.; Taylor Gazda, Athens, Ga.; Hannah Grim, East Berlin, Pa.; Brooke Harward, Richfield, N.C.; Judson Hoffschneider, Arlington, Neb.; Shane Kerner, Weiser, Idaho; Mollie Lastovica, Fredericksburg, Texas; Kate Livingston, Dover, Pa.; Mary Kate Mardesen, Oxford, Iowa; Daniel McFarland, Keithville, La.; Miles Pearson, Scott City, Kan.; Jessica Radcliffe,

Weston, Wis.; Austin Thummel, Sheridan, Mo.; and Brazos Williams, Memphis, Texas.

Angus Foundation Graduate Student Degree Scholarships of \$5,000 were awarded to Britney Creamer, Montrose, Colo.; Gretchen Frost, Tallula, Ill.; Andrew Rogen, Brandon, S.D.; Jara Settles, Hoskins, Neb.; and Rebecca Tokach, Saint Anthony, N.D.

Spader Memorial 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 Richard "Dick" Spader, were Cassandra Pfeiffer, Orlando, Okla.; and Drake Yon, Ridge Spring, S.C.

CAB/NJAA Scholarship

A long-standing scholarship awarded



► Two \$5,000 scholarships were given in the memory of Richard L. "Dick" Spader, former American Angus Ass'n executive vice president. Pictured are (from left) Gary Dameron, presenting; **Drake Yon**, Ridge Spring, S.C.; and **Kassandra Pfeiffer**, Orlando, Okla.



► Receiving \$3,000 Angus Foundation Scholarships are (front row, from left) **Blake Boyd**, Mayslick, Ky.; **Shane Kerner**, Weiser, Idaho; **Kate Livingston**, Dover, Pa.; **Hannah Grim**, East Berlin, Pa.; **Lauren Barker**, Monticello, Iowa; **Brooke Harward**, Richfield, N.C.; **Kathryn Coon**, Bethel, Mo.; **Taylor Gazda**, Athens, Ga.; (back row, from left) Phil Trowbridge, American Angus Association treasurer, presenter; **Allison Dubs**, Billings, Mont.; **Daniel McFarland**, Keithville, La.; **Jessica Radcliffe**, Weston, Wis.; **Austin Thummel**, Sheridan, Mo.; **Lauren Adcock**, Moweaqua, Ill.; **Brazos Williams**, Memphis, Texas; and Milford Jenkins, American Angus Foundation president, presenter. See story for winners not pictured.

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 continuing recipient of the \$1,000 CAB/NJAA Scholarship was Meghan Blythe, White City, Kan.

State-funded awards

Iowa. 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. The \$500 Iowa Junior Angus Association State Scholarship went to Kyle Greiman, Garner, Iowa. The \$500 Iowa Junior Angus Association National Scholarship was awarded to Meghan Blythe, White City, Kan.

Kansas. 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 Angus Association Scholarship was awarded to Jacinda Dickinson, Glasco, Kan.

Texas. 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 in outright cash gifts and pledges toward their state's goal. 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 2011 went to Megan Ahearn, Wills Point, Texas; Mollie Lastovica, Fredericksburg, Texas; Jacob Steph, Tatum, Texas; Zachary Wells, Hamilton, Texas; and Brazos Williams, Memphis, Texas.

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

CAB, and led the efforts for the eventual creation of the Angus Foundation. The \$500 James E. Horton Junior Angus Scholarship was awarded to Kelsey Pfeiffer, Orlando, Okla.

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. The Jean Ann (Neumeyer) Bojorquez Memorial Angus Scholarship, in the amount of \$500, went to Shane Kerner, Weiser, Idaho.

Joseph and Ruby Schaff/Schaff Angus Ranch

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.

Benjamin Tokach, Saint Anthony, N.D., received the Joseph and Ruby Schaff/Schaff Angus Ranch Scholarship of \$500.

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

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► Receiving \$1,000 Angus Foundation Scholarships are (front row, from left) **Hannah Barton**, Dutton, Ala.; **Jena Wagner**, Billings, Mont.; **Alisha Nord**, Wolverton, Minn.; **Patricia Vaassen**, Ann Arbor, Mich.; **Sadie Kinne**, Eagleville, Mo.; **Jessica Clarke**, Rocky Ridge, Md.; **Maggie Jasper**, Versailles, Ky.; **Robert Velisek**, Gaithersburg Md.; **Jordon Mullett**, Coshocton, Ohio; **Kyrsten Retherford**, Indianapolis, Ind.; (back row, from left) Phil Trowbridge, American Angus Association treasurer, presenter; **Allison Blythe**, White City, Kan.; **Mark Mitteness**, Benson, Minn.; **Ty Bayer**, Ringle, Wis.; **Colby Myers**, Harrodsburg, Ky.; **Nathan Eagleburger**, Buffalo, Mo.; **Austin Perry**, Prather, Calif.; **Clayton Smith** and **Cody Smith**, both of West Plains, Mo.; and Milford Jenkins, American Angus Foundation president. See story for winners not pictured.

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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 Allison Dubs, Billings, Mont.

NJAA Alumni and Friends

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 NJAA Alumni and Friends Scholarship recipient.

The NJAA Alumni and Friends Scholarship of \$500 went to Sally Yon, Ridge Spring, S.C.

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, who now resides in 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



► **Shane Kerner**, Weiser, Idaho, receives the Jean Ann Neumeyer Bojorquez Memorial Angus Scholarship.



► **Mackenzie White**, Shapleigh, Maine, receives the Roscoe L. Richardson Scholarship.



► **Meghan Blythe**, White City, Kan., receives the CAB/NJAA Scholarship.



► **Allison Dubs**, Billings, Mont., receives the Mack C. Olson Memorial Angus Scholarship.



► **Kelsey Pfeiffer** (left), Orlando, Okla., receives the Mack E. Horton Jr. Angus Scholarship from Bryce Schumann, American Angus Ass'n CEO.



► Texas junior members **Brazos Williams**, Memphis, and **Megan Ahearn**, Wills Point, received the Texas Angus Ass'n scholarships. Pictured are (from left) Phil Trowbridge, American Angus Association treasurer, presenter; Brazos Williams, Megan Ahearn; Mark Ahearn, Texas Angus Ass'n vice president, presenter; and Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president, presenter.



► **Meghan Blythe**, White City, Kan., received the Iowa Jr. Angus Ass'n National Scholarship. Pictured are (from left) Phil Trowbridge, American Angus Association treasurer, and Austin Brandt, NJAA director, presenting; Meghan Blythe; and Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president.



► **Paige Wallace** (right), Stotts City, Mo., receives the Woodlawn Farms Angus Scholarship from Wes Tiemann, American Angus Association regional manager.



► **Jessica Clowser** (center), Milford, Neb., receives the Vance Uden Memorial Angus Scholarship from Connie Uden and Dru Uden.



► **Clinton Laflin** (center), Olsburg, Kan., receives the Rising Angus Star Youth Scholarship from Rick and Susan McMahon Taylor.



► **Katie Gazda** (center), Athens, Ga., receives the Ray Sims Angus Scholarship from Ray and Melva Sims.



► **Shane Clary**, Brodnax, Va., receives the John Rucker Family Angus Scholarship from Jerry and Connie Hall.

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 Katie Gazda, Athens, Ga.

A Rising Star

The full-ride, 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 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 and 2010, Clinton Laffin, Olsburg, Kan., continued to meet the requirements and was named the 2011 recipient of the Rising Angus Star Youth 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 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 Mackenzie White, Shapleigh, Maine.

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 the Angus Foundation raise money for the campaign.

The Woodlawn Farms Angus Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 was awarded to Paige Wallace, Stotts City, Mo.

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



► From left, Phil Trowbridge, American Angus Ass'n treasurer, presents Angus Foundation Graduate Student Scholarships to **Britney Creamer**, Montrose, Colo.; **Jara Settles**, Hoskins, Neb.; **Andrew Rogen**, Brandon, S.D.; and **Gretchen Frost**, Tallula, Ill. Also presenting is Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president.



► From left, American Angus Auxiliary Advisor Kathi Creamer and Secretary-treasurer Courtney Hill-Dukehart-Cates present American Angus Auxiliary female scholarships to **Lindsay Upperman**, Chambersburg, Pa.; **Brooke Harward**, Richfield, N.C.; **Maggie Jasper**, Versailles, Ky.; **Katelyn Wilson**, Orleans, Ind.; and **Jessica Radcliffe**, Weston, Wis. Also pictured are Anne Lampe, Auxiliary president-elect, and Barbara Ettredge, Auxiliary president.



► **Kyle Greiman**, Garner, Iowa, received the Iowa Jr. Angus Ass'n State Scholarship. Pictured are (from left) Phil Trowbridge, American Angus Association treasurer, and Austin Brandt, NJAA director, presenting; Kyle Greiman; and Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president.



► From left, American Angus Auxiliary Advisor Kathi Creamer and Secretary-treasurer Courtney Hill-Dukehart-Cates present American Angus Auxiliary male scholarships to **Daniel McFarland**, Keithville, La.; **Austin Thummel**, Sheridan, Mo.; and **Cole Greiman**, Garner, Iowa. Also pictured are Anne Lampe, Auxiliary president-elect; and Barbara Ettredge, Auxiliary president. Not pictured are scholarship winners **Miles Pearson**, Scott City, Kan., and **Judson Hoffschneider**, Arlington, Neb.