

# Investing in Angus

More than \$215,000 invested in Angus youth and the future of agriculture.

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Education continues to be at the forefront of the Angus Foundation's mission, and through the years the organization has expanded its support to Angus youth to aid their dreams of higher education. This year at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Tulsa, Okla., more than 100 scholarships were presented to undergraduate and graduate students, totaling more than \$215,000 invested in the future of the agriculture industry.

"The Angus Foundation is committed to providing more dollars to Angus youth and their education," says Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president. "Without the generous donations of Angus supporters who establish endowments and provide unrestricted funds through the Angus Foundation, our scholarship program wouldn't be as successful as it is today."

A five-member committee evaluates each

SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDED THROUGH



scholarship application submitted to the Angus Foundation and considers National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) involvement, state junior association participation, leadership and other criteria. Since 1998, the Angus Foundation has awarded more than \$2.3 million in undergraduate and graduate scholarships to Angus youth.

The 2015 scholarships recipients were recognized in the NJAS showing July 16-17, where a near-record number of Angus cattle and NJAA members competed in the national event.

A complete list of scholarship winners follows.

## New this year

The **Cory Watt Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund** was established following the Feb. 19, 2015, passing of Cory Watt, 22, of Iva, S.C., after a prolonged battle with cancer. A lifelong Angus breeder, Watt was halfway through his term as chairman of the National Junior Angus Board (NJAB). He was a faithful steward of Angus cattle and a positive role model for Angus youth nationwide.

Led by Kevin and Lydia Yon and their family with the donation of an Angus female, other family, friends and industry role models have raised a memorial of more than \$37,000 in Cory's memory to fund a scholarship to help juniors pursue higher education. While he is no longer with us, Cory will remain an inspiration, and his memory will be honored in the NJAA and the American Angus Association for generations to come.

The 2015 recipient of the \$1,500 Cory Watt Memorial was Carly Watt, Iva, S.C.

Gordon and Robin Keys of Middleburg, Va., donated \$52,000 to the Angus Foundation for the creation of two new scholarship endowment funds in 2015. Officially titled the **Gordon and Robin Keys and Family Angus Scholarships**, the generous donation will provide opportunities to Angus youth from Virginia and Maryland. Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded.

"It has been our intention to recognize the Angus Foundation, and we wanted to demonstrate our support in a very personal way," Gordon Keys says. "It seemed right to establish academic scholarships to help more youth achieve an education."

Gordon also says the decision to establish these two scholarships was because of



► **Carly Watt** (center) receives the first-ever Cory Watt Memorial Scholarship from Jody (left) and Rebecca Watt.



► **Taylor Gazda** (left) receives the first C.L. Cook Angus Scholarship from C.L. Cook.



► **Elizabeth Nixon** (center, left) and **Taylor Clarke** (center, right) receive the first-ever Gordon and Robin Keys and Family Angus Scholarships from Robin (left) and Gordon Keys (right).



► **Madison Cox** (right) receives the first-ever Chambers LEAD Award presented by Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president.

# Youth Education



►Thirty juniors received a \$1,000 Angus Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship. Pictured are (front row, from left) **Courtney Younge, Eric Shoop, Carly Watt, Robert Nixon, Stephanie Lastovica, Mary Oliver, Savannah Schafer, Michelle Keyes, Chelsey Figge, Laramie Chaffin, Jayne Bannister, Megan Green, Taylor Clarke, Taylor Duckett,** (back row, from left) Jenkins, Lawson Rowlett, Reid McGuire, John Reasor, Tyler Steele, Cody Boden, Joseph Adams, Jaden Carlson, Matthew Mitchell, Beau Bromenshenk, Mark Alexander, Connor Orrock, Lee Hymel, Hannah Moyer, and Charlie Boyd, Angus Foundation chairman. Not pictured are **Jordan Barker, Nancy Bickham and Eric Blythe.**

the family's roots — Gordon is originally from Maryland, and his wife is from Virginia. For the past 20 years, their home has been Beaver Dam Farm, a 150-acre historic property in Virginia. Their children grew up participating in 4-H, exhibiting Angus cattle and being involved in the livestock industry, and continue to be successful with agricultural-based careers.

Winners of the Gordon and Robin Keys

and Family Angus Scholarships for 2015 were Maryland recipient Taylor Clarke, Rocky Ridge, and Virginia recipient Elizabeth Nixon, Rapidan.

**C.L. Cook Angus Scholarship Endowment Fund.** In admiration of C.L. and Joyce Cook of Bricon Farms, Social Circle, Ga., and the impact C.L. had on their lives raising Angus cattle, Stacey and Melanie Britt and other longtime friends of the Cooks

initiated a fundraising drive. C.L. and Joyce were overjoyed at the Georgia Genetics Angus Sale in April 2015 when more than \$37,000 was raised in C.L.'s honor from the proceeds of an Angus female donated by Britt Angus Farms and contributions from other generous Angus breeders. Applicants from Georgia will be given first preference for this undergraduate scholarship, which has no

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►Twenty juniors received a \$3,000 Angus Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship. Pictured are (front row, from left) Jenkins; **Reed McCormick, Haley Throne, Sydney Thummel, Jera Pipkin, Karisa Pfeiffer, Michaela Clowser, Emily Stovall, Jordyn Wagner, Ashley Cox,** Boyd; (back row, from left) **Isaac McFarland, Will Harsh, Chris Kahlenbeck, Braden Henricks, Corbin Cowles, Matt Purfeerst, Allison Hawthorne, and Kyle Livingston.** Not pictured are **Trenton Blythe, Katelyn Holmes and Ruth Ann Myers.**

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restrictions to academic major or student year classification.

Receiving the C.L. Cook Angus scholarship for 2015 in the amount of \$500 was Taylor Gazda, Athens, Ga.

**Chambers Angus Endowment Fund.** For Angus breeders Thomas and Catherine Chambers of Ontario, Ore., giving of themselves to help others came naturally. Both Kansas City natives (though Thomas was born in Kansas and Catherine was born across the river in Missouri), the couple married Aug. 19, 1948, in Reno, Nev. Finding their way to Oregon, they established the Chambers Angus herd near Ontario.

They always thought about the future, says Rod Wesselman, then Association regional manager. Though they had no children, they watched the Angus Foundation closely, as well as efforts toward its mission to support youth through education, scholarships and leadership activities.

In 1996, Thomas and Catherine made the decision to donate their entire estate to the Angus Foundation. Starting in 2006, Jenkins and Wesselman worked with the Chambers to establish their estate plans. Catherine died

April 5, 2007, and Thomas Dec. 2, 2012. After the final settlement, the Angus Foundation received in excess of \$700,000 to help Angus youth, creating the largest endowment to date funded by a single donor within the Angus Foundation.

The first award presented through the Chambers Angus Endowment Fund was a scholarship to attend the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference. The winner of the first endowment to attend the 2015 LEAD conference was Madison Cox, Eagle Point, Ore.

### 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 at the National Angus Convention & Trade Show are the reason the Foundation is able to award the level of general undergraduate and graduate scholarships it does each year.

Receiving \$1,000 Angus Undergraduate Foundation scholarships for 2015 were Joseph Adams, Union Springs, Ala.; Mark Alexander, Berryville, Va.; Jayne Bannister, Kent, N.Y.; Jordan Barker, Monticello, Iowa; Nancy Bickham, Saint Francisville, La.; Eric Blythe, White City, Kan.; Cody Boden, Clear Brook, Va.; Beau Bromenshenk, Billings, Mont.; Jaden Carlson, Pipestone, Minn.; Laramie Chaffin, Roodhouse, Ill.; Taylor Clarke, Rocky Ridge, Md.; Taylor Duckett, New Liberty, Iowa; Chelsey Figge, Onaga, Kan.; Megan Green, Leavenworth, Kan.; Lee Hymel, Vacherie, La.;

Michelle Keyes, Springfield, Neb.; Stephanie Lastovica, Salado, Texas; Reid McGuire, Waverly, Ala.; Matthew Mitchell, Reinholds, Pa.; Hannah Moyer, Lamar, Mo.; Robert Nixon III, Rapidan, Va.; Mary Oliver, Union City, Tenn.; Connor Orrock, Woodford, Va.; John Reasor, Wildwood, Ga.; Lawson Rowlett, Hurricane Mills, Tenn.; Savannah Schafer, Nehawka, Neb.; Eric Shoop, Dalmatia, Pa.; Tyler Steele, Anita, Iowa; Carly Watt, Iva, S.C.; and Courtney Younge, Ventura, Iowa.

Angus Foundation Undergraduate



►Five individuals received \$5,000 Angus Foundation Graduate Student General Scholarships. Pictured are (from left) Jenkins, presenting; **Maggie Jasper, Lindsay Upperman, Allison Dubs, Kassandra Pfeiffer, Katy Satree** and Boyd.



►**Mary Oliver** (left) and **Lawson Rowlett** (right) receive the "In a League of Our Own" Tennessee scholarships from host committee member **Holly Meier** (center).



►**Shyla Kreager** (center) receives the "In a League of Our Own" Ohio scholarship from **Joanie Grimes** (left) and **John Grimes**. Not pictured is Kentucky recipient **Ruth Ann Myers**.



►**Will Pohlman** (left) receives the Arkansas Angus Auxiliary Scholarship from **Michelle Rieff**, American Angus Auxiliary.



►**Ashley Cox** (left) receives the Jean Ann Neumeyer Bojorquez and Robert and Hollyce Neumeyer Scholarship presented by **Jenkins**.



►**Will Pohlman** (left) receives the CAB/NJAA Scholarship from **Boyd**.

Scholarships of \$3,000 went to Trenton Blythe, White City, Kan.; Michaela Clowser, Milford, Neb.; Corbin Cowles, Rockfield, Ky.; Ashley Cox, Eagle Point, Ore.; Will Harsh, Radnor, Ohio; Allison Hawthorne, Westby, Wis.; Braden Henricks, Anadarko, Okla.; Katelyn Holmes, Benton, Iowa; Chris Kahlenbeck, Union, Mo.; Kyle Livingston, Dover, Pa.; Reed McCormick, Pleasantville, Iowa; Isaac McFarland, Keithville, La.; Ruth Ann Myers, Harrodsburg, Ky.; Karisa Pfeiffer, Orlando, Okla.; Jera Pipkin, Republic, Mo.; Matt Purfeerst, Faribault, Minn.; Emily Stovall, Corsicana, Texas; Haley Throne, Lexington, Ga.; Sydney Thummel, Sheridan, Mo.; and Jordyn Wagner, Billings, Mont.

Angus Foundation Graduate Student Scholarships of \$5,000 were awarded to Allison Dubs, Billings, Mont.; Maggie Jasper, Versailles, Ky.; Kassandra Pfeiffer, Orlando, Okla.; Katy Satee, Montague, Texas; and Lindsay Upperman, Chambersburg, Pa.

### Named scholarships

The **Ed and Wilma Minix/Black Witch Farm Angus Youth Scholarship and Activities Endowment Fund** was established in 2014 when Wilma Minix, Black Witch Farm, Athens, Ga., donated \$102,500 to

establish a scholarship and named the Angus Foundation a charitable beneficiary.

This scholarship is in honor of her late husband, Ed Minix, and herself. The fund will generate an annual \$2,500 scholarship and was awarded for the first time at the 2014 NJAS. The balance of the annual investment earnings will be used for youth activities, such as the Raising the Bar and LEAD conferences.

Receiving the \$2,500 Ed and Wilma Minix/Black Witch Farm Angus Youth Scholarship and Activities Endowment Fund scholarship for 2015 was Jena Wagner, Billings, Mont.

Established in 2014 with contributions in memory of the late Stan Prox, the **Stan Prox Memorial LEAD Award** covers the registration cost for one NJAA member attending the LEAD conference. The recipient will be selected by random drawing from Illinois youth who have registered for the LEAD conference by the early registration deadline. Eligibility follows LEAD conference rules. Past recipients will be ineligible in the following years.

Receiving the Stan Prox Memorial LEAD Award for 2015 was Chase Anderson, Chrisman, Ill.

### Angus Foundation Richard L. Spader

**Scholarship.** During his distinguished tenure as executive vice president of the American Angus Association, Richard “Dick” Spader helped grow and further advance the Angus Foundation’s programs started in 1980 for the benefit of Angus youth, members and the Angus breed. 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 Alexis Cash, York, Pa.; and Jackson Wingert, Ottawa, Kan.

**Angus/Talon Youth Educational Learning Program Scholarships.** Camron “Cam” Cooper, owner of the Talon Ranch located in Twin Bridges, Mont., was a woman who loved the land and Angus cattle. She believed 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 made a significant bequest gift through the Angus Legacy

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► **Joseph Adams** (left) receives the James E. Horton Jr. Scholarship from Jenkins.



► **Katlyn Tunstall** (left) receives the Iowa Junior Angus Association (IJAA) National Scholarship and **Sydney Younge** (right) receives the Iowa Junior Angus State Scholarship from Tim Mardesen (center), IJAA president.



► **Evan Woodbury** (center) receives the Kansas Angus Association (KAA) Scholarship from Anne Lampe, KAA secretary-manager, and Ron Hinrichsen, KAA president.



► **Jena Wagner** (left) receives the Ed and Wilma Minix/Black-witch Angus Farm Scholarship from Minix family friend Steve Pass.



► **Jena Wagner** (left) receives the Montana Angus Youth Scholarship from Julie Murnin, Montana Angus Auxiliary vice president.



► **Morgan Alexander** (left) receives the NJAA Alumni and Friends Scholarship from Shane Kerner, retiring NJAB vice chairman.



► **Jordyn Wagner** (center) receives the Mack C. Olson Memorial Angus Scholarship from Kyla Olson (left) and Ethan McCabe (right).

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Society by naming the Angus Foundation as a charitable beneficiary of her estate.

Cooper began funding the Angus/Talon Youth Educational Learning Program Endowment Fund with major outright cash gifts providing for \$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.

The 10 individuals receiving Angus/Talon undergraduate scholarships in 2015 include Madison Butler, Vincennes, Ind.; Michael Cropp, Damascus, Md.; Macy Perry, Prather, Calif.; Cheyenne Jones, Franklinton, La.; Maci Lienemann, Princeton, Neb.; Esther McCabe, Elk City, Kan.; Will Pohlman, Prairie Grove, Ark.; Alex Rogen, Brandon, S.D.; Cooper Sadowsky, Eagleville, Mo.; and Cody Theis, Leavenworth, Kan.

Receiving the \$10,000 Angus/Talon Youth Educational Learning Program Graduate Scholarship was Bailey Harsh, Radnor, Ohio.

**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, with preference given 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 Bon-View Farms scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 was Tara Leytham, 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 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 (or more) NJAA members with resources 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,



► **Andrea Foore** (left) receives the Pennsylvania Angus Youth Scholarship from Gene Trowbridge, Pennsylvania Angus Association president.



► **Emily Velisek** (left) receives the Roscoe L. Richardson Memorial Scholarship from Jenkins.



► **Cody Boden** (left) receives the John Rucker Family Angus Scholarship from Monica Jordan.



► **Evan Woodbury** (left) receives the Ray Sims Angus Scholarship from Chris Sankey.



► Receiving the \$5,000 Angus/Talon Youth Educational Undergraduate Scholarships are (front row, from left) **Madison Butler, Cheyenne Jones, Michael Cropp, Macy Perry, Cody Theis**, (back row, from left) Jake Tiedeman, presenting; **Maci Lienemann, Esther McCabe, Alex Rogen, Cooper Sadowsky, and Will Pohlman**.

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 2015 was Madison Butler, Vincennes, Ind.; Laramie Chaffin, Roodhouse, Ill.; and Brooke Langley, Walton, 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 was Will Pohlman, Prairie Grove, Ark.

**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 provide one college-bound Angus junior member from Iowa a scholarship each year.

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 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.

The recipient of the \$500 Oliver Hansen/Laudmere Farm scholarship for 2015 was Lauren Barker, Monticello, Iowa.

**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 \$1,500 James E. Horton Junior Angus Scholarship was awarded to Joseph Adams, Union City, Ala.

**Jean Ann (Neumeyer) Bojorquez and Robert and Hollyce Neumeyer 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

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► **Audra Montgomery** (center) receives the Joseph and Ruby Schaff/Schaff Angus Ranch Scholarship from Kourtney (left) and Kelly Schaff (right).



► **Jackson Wingert** (right) receives the Richard L. Spader Scholarship from Brett Spader. Not pictured is recipient **Alexis Cash**.



► Five Texas juniors received Texas Angus Association Scholarships. Pictured are (from left) **Emily Stovall**, **Tylee Jo Williams**; **Stephanie Lastovica**; Pam and Gary Stevenson, presenting; **Robert Dolson**; and **Brazos Williams**.



► **Bailey Harsh** (right) receives the Angus/Talon Youth Education Learning Program Graduate Scholarship from Jake Tiedeman.

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breed, owning cows with her parents at the ranch.

Receiving the Jean Ann (Neumeyer) Bojorquez Memorial and Robert and Hollyce Neumeyer Angus Scholarship for 2015 in the amount of \$500 was Ashley Cox, Eagle Point, Ore.

**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 Jordyn Wagner, Billings, Mont.

**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.

Long-time Angus youth supporters Bob and Margaret Duprey of Cherry Knoll Farm, West Grove, Pa., generously pledged \$25,000 in matching funds to help incentivize others to join them in supporting 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 \$1,500 went to Morgan Alexander, Berryville, Va.

**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. Created 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 Emily Velisek, Gaithersburg, Md.

**John Rucker Family Angus Scholarship.** Hill Crest Farm at Delaplane, Va., was started in 1924 by John Rucker's father, Bayard Ambrose Rucker, and 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.

Cody Boden, Clear Brook, Va., received the 2015 John Rucker Family Angus Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

**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.

Audra Montgomery, Carrington, N.D., received the 2015 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 & Siroloin 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 — at more than an estimated 7,000 auctions with the majority of these being registered-Angus cattle sales.

Once expenses were satisfied for the



► Sally Yon (center), Ridge Spring, S.C., receives the Vance Uden Memorial Scholarship on behalf of her brother, Corbin Yon (recipient) from Connie (left) and Dru Uden.



► J.D. Rosman (center) receives the Western States National Junior Angus Fund Scholarship from Kathi Creamer (left) and Carla Malson (right), Auxiliary president-elect.



► Brazos Williams (center) receives the Woodlawn Farms Angus Scholarship from Julie French (left) and Tom Burke (right).

portrait painting of Sims now on display in the Saddle & 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 Evan Woodbury, Quenemo, Kan.

**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 is 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.

Reagan Skow, Palisade, Neb., received the 2015 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 by the mailbox for his *Angus Journal*. Vance; his wife, Connie; and their two sons, Ty and Dru, built the widely respected TC Ranch, producing numerous well-known Angus sires.

An animal science graduate of the University of Nebraska, Vance was also 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 2014 went to Corbin Yon, Ridge Spring, S.C.

**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 1881-2005. 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 \$1,250, was awarded to Brazos Williams, Rio Vista, Texas.

**"In a League of Our Own" Angus Foundation Scholarships.** The Angus Foundation awarded scholarships made possible by 2012 NJAS host states Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee. Excess funds raised for the 2012 NJAS in 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 were initially to be used to support three undergraduate scholarships at \$500 each for a total expenditure of \$1,500 annually. A fourth scholarship was presented this year.

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 May's Lick, Ky.; John and Joanie Grimes of Hillsboro, Ohio; and Lydell and Holly Meier of Clinton, Tenn.

The winners of the 2015 NJAS "In a League of Our Own" scholarships in the amount of \$500 were Ruth Ann Myers, Harrodsburg, Ky.; Shyla Kreager, Newark, Ohio; Mary Oliver, Union City, Tenn.; and Lawson Rowlett, Hurricane Mills, Tenn.

**James and Mary Lou Henderson/Bradley 3 Ranch Angus Scholarship.** James and Mary Lou (Bradley) Henderson, with Mary's mother, Minnie Lou Bradley, own and operate Bradley 3 Ranch at Memphis, Texas. One of only a few herds that have maintained more than 200 registered-Angus cows for more than 50 years, Bradley 3 Ranch today has more than 400 Angus cows. James and Mary Lou established the James and Mary Lou Henderson/Bradley 3 Ranch Angus Scholarship Endowment Fund in 2013. Applicants from New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas majoring in agriculture and business fields of study will be given first preference.

Receiving the James and Mary Lou Henderson/Bradley 3 Ranch Angus scholarship for 2015 in the amount of \$500 was Robert Dolson, Hico, Texas.

### 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,

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► Receiving the Gary Brost LEAD Conference Award are (from left) **Madison Butler, Brooke Langley** and **Laramie Chaffin** with Anne Patton Schubert (right), presenting.



► **Regan Skow** (third from left) receives the Gary M. Stoller Jump Start Your LEADership Award presented by (from left) **Brian, Tiffany** and **McKinley Stoller** (right).



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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.

The winner of the \$500 Arkansas Angus Auxiliary Scholarship for 2015 was Will Pohlman, Prairie Grove, 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.

The \$500 Iowa Junior Angus Association State Scholarship went to Sydney Younge, Ventura, Iowa, and the \$500 Iowa Junior Angus Association National Scholarship went to Katlyn Tunstill, Fayetteville, Ark.

**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 \$1,000 Kansas Angus Association Scholarship was awarded to Evan Woodbury, Quenemo, Kan.

**The Montana Angus Youth Scholarship.** The Montana Angus Association and Montana Angus Auxiliary's creation of a \$25,000 scholarship endowment within the Angus Foundation to establish the Montana Angus Youth Scholarship (MAYS) was based upon the two organizations' shared goal to award a scholarship to a student continuing

at least his or her second year of higher education.

The recipient of the scholarship must have at one time been a National Junior Angus Association member and must currently be a junior, regular or life member of the American Angus Association. The recipient must also be a resident of Montana and a member or past member of the Montana Junior Angus Association.

The recipient must be pursuing at least his or her second year of higher education, as no graduating high school seniors will be considered. The scholarship must be applied to undergraduate studies and is applicable to any field of study. The Angus Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship Program application will be used to select the MAYS recipient. Recipients may also receive other scholarships from the Angus Foundation or local, state, regional and national Angus-related entities.

Receiving the MAYS for 2015 in the amount of \$1,500 was Jena Wagner, Billings, Mont.

**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 this scholarship endowment toward its goal of \$25,000. 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."

Andrea Foore, Seven Valleys, Pa., received the \$500 2015 Pennsylvania Angus Youth Undergraduate Scholarship.

**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.

Receiving scholarships for 2015 were Robert Dolson, Hico, Texas; Stephanie Lastovica, Salado, Texas; Emily Stovall, Corsicana, Texas; Brazos Williams, Rio Vista, Texas; and Tylee Jo Williams, Rio Vista, Texas.

**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 the \$500 WSNJAS scholarship for 2015 was J.D. Rosman, Creston, Wash.



► **Chase Anderson** (left) receives the Stan Prox Memorial LEAD Award from Linda Prox.



► **Lauren Barker** (left) receives the Oliver A. Hansen/Laudmere Angus Scholarship presented by Jenkins.



► **Robert Dolson** (left) receives the first James and Mary Lou Henderson/Bradley 3 Ranch Scholarship presented by James Henderson.

