



# Next Generation

► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights. Compiled by *Kasey Brown*.

## Don't save your bullets

*"This is your one shot. Take it." These were my father's last words of advice to me as I pulled out of our hotel parking lot in Manhattan, Kan., to start a new chapter of my life. My dream of attending Kansas State University had finally become a reality. I often reflect on his words, reminding myself that there are no limits or restrictions in reaching a goal. No matter how big or small your aspirations are, they can be achieved with dedication, determination and a desire to succeed.*

### Take the shot

Don't just take the easy shots in life; sometimes the longest shots can be the most rewarding. Challenge yourself. Step out of your comfort zone and waste your



Shane Kerner

bullets on every next experience you can. The National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) provides you with tools to build a strong foundation to succeed industrially and scholastically, as well as individually.

We are the next generation. It's up to us to keep our ranches, family businesses and the cattle industry as a whole strong. We are faced with many challenges in our society, as well as in the economy, regarding the beef industry. At times, these challenges can be overwhelming. How will we overcome them? Are we ready for such a big responsibility?

The answer to many of these problems lies within the NJAA. Get involved! Take the shot!

Participate in a contest you've never done, connect with people through social media, go to the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference, Raising the Bar conferences, learn from *Green Coats: Coast to Coast*, and get out there and make a name for yourself and your future. You might not realize it, but getting involved now is preparing our generation for success in the future. It is worth your time and money. The life skills obtained through activities and opportunities provided by the NJAA will make those challenges easier to solve.

I stated in my candidacy speech, "I'll be honest with you. I don't come from a big Angus operation. I don't have a million banners hanging in my barn, nor a trophy case full of plaques and awards. I don't take cattle to every show, and I'm not the best fitter. I'm just a small-town ranch girl from Idaho." I think it's important for juniors to realize that it doesn't matter what your background is or how well you have done in comparison to others. Find your passion and follow it.

My biggest piece of advice to juniors, whether they are just getting started or

approaching their final years as a member, is to always be proud of where you're from. Most importantly, never stop striving to reach your full potential with confidence and kindness in everything you do.

— **Shane Kerner, Idaho**

### Bronze and Silver awards

Cailey Dahlquist and Courtney Dahlquist, both of Washington, Pa.; and Savannah Schafer, Nehawka, Neb., have earned the NJAA Bronze and Silver awards, according to Jaclyn Upperman, events and education director of the American Angus Association in Saint Joseph, Mo.

Cailey Dahlquist, the 13-year-old daughter of Eric and Carla Dahlquist, attends Linsly School and is a member of the NJAA and the Pennsylvania Junior Angus Association.

She has participated in regional and national shows. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Cailey participated in the mentoring program in 2012 and 2013.

Courtney Dahlquist, the 11-year-old daughter of Eric and Carla Dahlquist, attends Linsly School and is a member of the NJAA and the Pennsylvania Junior Angus Association.

She has participated in state, regional and national shows. At the NJAS, Dahlquist participated in the mentoring program in 2012 and 2013.

Schafer, the 17-year-old daughter of Craig and Stephanie Schafer, attends Conestoga High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Nebraska Junior Angus Association, where she has served as director.

She has participated in state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Schafer participated in the mentoring program in 2007 and 2013. She also participated in the LEAD conferences from 2011-2013 and the Raising the Bar conference in 2010.

### Angus juniors recognized as BEST winners

The 2013-2014 Ohio Cattlemen's Association (OCA) BEST (Beef Exhibitor Show Total) Program wrapped up May 10 with its annual awards banquet at the Ohio Expo Center in Columbus.

"The banquet is a time to celebrate the many achievements of our BEST participants, both in and out of the

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Mississippi Angus Ass'n Meeting & Banquet, Jackson, May 2



► Winners of the Mississippi Angus Auxiliary Achievement Award are (from left) **Elizabeth Rone**, Courtland; and **Sophie Wilkerson**, **Eli Wilkerson**, **Nicholas Beatty** and **Kristopher Beatty**, all of Pulaski.



► **Matt Spalding**, Mantachie, receives the Mississippi Angus Auxiliary Scholarship.



► **Haley Walker** (right), Potts Camp, receives the cash award for her state fair champion Mississippi-bred heifer from Jon Paul Whitlock.



► **Rylie Melancon**, Woodville, receives the cash award for her state fair reserve champion Mississippi-bred bull.

showing,” says Stephanie Sindel, BEST coordinator. “Each participant is recognized for their hard work by family, friends and BEST supporters alike.”

Several representatives from program sponsors Bob Evans Farms, Burroughs Frazier Farms, Farm Credit Mid-America, Green Oak Farms, M.H. Eby, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation and Weaver Livestock were on hand to help present awards totaling more than \$42,000 in belt buckles, furniture, show materials and other items.

This year’s BEST program featured 17 sanctioned shows that weaved its way across the state with 380 youth participants showing 537 head of market animals and heifers.

The champion Angus heifer was exhibited by **Lydia Dance**, Hillsboro, Ohio. Her heifer, LRD Georgina 1267, is a November 2012 daughter of SAV Brave 8320. Dance also exhibited the reserve champion Angus heifer, Champion Hill Georgina 8396, a March 2013 daughter of SAV Birthstone 8258 bred by Champion Hill, Bidwell, Ohio. Dance is the daughter of Henry and Barbara Dance.

**Rylee Closser**, Hebron, Ohio, showed the champion Angus steer. Whitehead’s Bexter 069 is sired by Erica’s Objective 65wa and was bred by Whitehead Angus, Granville, Ohio. The reserve champion Angus steer, MAF Basic Jake 385, was exhibited by **Sydney Sanders**, Leesburg, Ohio. The steer is a son of MA Instinct 901 and was bred by David Mogck, Tripp, S.D. Sanders is the daughter of David and Mindy Closser.

A belt buckle was awarded to these Angus juniors. The case for their belt buckle was sponsored by the Ohio Angus Association.

BEST is a youth program of the OCA that recognizes Ohio’s junior beef exhibitors through a series of shows. Juniors who participate in these sanctioned shows earn points for their placing at each show. The OCA BEST program promotes educating Ohio’s juniors about the beef industry’s issues and rewards the successful

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► **John McFerrin**, Mantachie, receives the cash award for his Dixie Nat’l champion Mississippi-bred bull.



► **Hayden Neal** (right), Forest, receives the cash award for her Dixie Nat’l champion Mississippi-bred heifer from Ron Neal.



► **Matt Spradling** (right), receives the cash award for his Dixie Nat’l reserve champion Mississippi-bred heifer from C.W. Franks.

California Jr. Angus Ass’n Field Day, Turlock, May 24-25



► Officers and directors of the California Jr. Angus Ass’n are (from left) **Tyler Tasker**, Martinez, reporter; **Emily Piland**, Rescue, treasurer; **Shayne Myers**, Colusa, historian; **Colby Perry**, Prather, reporter; **Megan Silveira**, Denair, secretary; **Macy Perry**, Prather, president; and **Steven Pozzi**, Petaluma, vice president.

Central Illinois Angus Ass’n Preview Show, Bloomington, June 6



► Angus royalty are (from left) **Holly Marsh**, Union, princess; **Keegan Cassidy**, Normal, ebonette; **Laramie Chaffin**, Roodhouse, queen; **Sierra Day**, Cerro Gordo, ebonette; and **Lindsey Decker**, Philo, princess.



► **Sierra Day** (left) receives her Bronze and Silver awards from Raddale Tiner, American Angus Association regional manager.



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### ▶ Louisiana Jr. Angus Field Day, Le Compte, May 24-25



▶ **Miranda Graves**, Abita Springs, won peewee showmanship honors. Pictured are (from left) Olivia Shepherd, Louisiana Angus princess; Graves, recipient; and Ryan Cummins, judge.



▶ Cummins (left) presents junior showmanship honors to (continuing from left) **Lani LeBeouf**, Deridder, second; **Dalton Jones**, Dubach, first; and Olivia Shepherd, Louisiana Angus princess.



▶ From left, Cummins presents intermediate showmanship honors to **Kara LeBeouf**, Deridder, fifth; **Payton Shepherd**, fourth, and **Olivia Shepherd**, third, both of Lake Charles; **Lily Gisclair**, Longville, second; and **Destiny Jones**, Dubach, first.



▶ **Left:** From left, Olivia Shepherd, Louisiana Angus princess, presents senior showmanship honors to **Morgan Fruge**, Jennings, fifth; **Abigail Jenkins**, Bush, fourth; **Eden Schexnayder**, Donaldsonville, third; **Katelyn Cosentino**, Denham Springs, second; and **Dylan Darbonne**, Opelousas, first. Also pictured is Cummins.

▶ **Right:** Shepherd and Cummins present **Destiny Jones** (center) overall showmanship honors.



### ▶ Nebraska Jr. Angus Preview Show, Broken Bow, June 1



▶ **Justine Nelson** (left), Lincoln; and **Jennifer Keyes** (right), Springfield, will represent Nebraska at the 2014 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.



▶ **Michelle Keyes** (left), Springfield; and **Cheyann Lovett** (right), Bladen, will represent Nebraska as alternates to the 2014 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.

▶ **Right:** Showmanship winners are (front row, from left) **Justine Nelson**, reserve senior champion; **Miles Stagemeyer**, reserve intermediate champion, and **Jace Stagemeyer**, reserve junior champion, both of Page; (back row, from left) **Jennifer Keyes**, senior champion; **Savannah Schafer**, Nehawka, intermediate champion; and **Reagan Skow**, Palisade, junior champion.



▶ Officers and directors of the Nebraska Jr. Angus Ass'n are (from left) **Aliasha Dethlefs**, North Platte, first vice president; **Savannah Schafer**, Nehawka, director; **Sydni Lienemann**, historian, and **Maci Lienemann**, president, both of Princeton; **Taylor Nichols**, Chambers, director; **Michelle Keyes**, secretary-treasurer; **Cheyann Lovett**, second vice president; and **Emily Dethlefs**, North Platte, director.



▶ Nebraska Angus Royalty and Miss Congeniality in the Nebraska Angus Royalty competition are (from left) **Maci Lienemann**, 2013-2014 queen; and **Michelle Keyes**, 2014-2015 queen.



▶ Winning first runner-up and Miss Congeniality in the Nebraska Angus Royalty competition is **Emily Dethlefs** (left). Also pictured is **Michelle Keyes**, queen.



Alabama Angus Ass'n Field Day & Jr. Preview Show, Woodville, June 6-7



►Alabama Angus royalty are (from left) **Katie Smith**, Cullman, princess; and **Maggie Killen**, Lexington, queen.



►**Paige Crowell** (left), Elrod, receives her Bronze and Silver awards from June Wood, Alabama Angus Auxiliary president.



►Alabama Jr. Angus Ambassadors are (from left) **Joseph Adams** and **Maggie Killen**.



►Winning the photography and poster contest are (from left) **Aspen Adams**, Union Springs; **Kristen Walker**; **Layton Adams**; and **Wyatt Walker**.



►Junior Angus members receive the Richard Dyar Scholarship and the Alabama Angus Auxiliary Scholarship. Pictured are (from left) Richard Dyar; **Jake Smith**; **Maggie Killen**; **Paige Crowell**; **Hannah Whitecotton**; and June Wood.



►Officers and directors of the Alabama Jr. Angus Ass'n are (front row, from left) **Chandler Langley**, Camp Hill; **Cheyenne Ritter**, Lexington; **Hannah Whitecotton**, Pisgah; **Katie Smith**, Cullman; **Layton Adams**, Union Springs; **Kristen Walker**, Lexington; (back row, from left) **Joseph Adams**, Union Springs, president; **Jake Smith**, Cullman, vice president; **Wyatt Walker**, Lexington, secretary-treasurer; and **Maggie Killen**, reporter.

►**Right:** Pee wee showmanship winners are (front row, from left) **Alec Ashley**, Fort Payne; **Miles Ergle** and **Rylee Ergle**, both of Northport; (back row, from left) Cory Wilkins, judge; and Layton Adams and Aspen Adams, Alabama princesses.



►From left, Wilkins presents senior showmanship honors to **Carly Lindstrom**, Huntsville, first; **Hannah Whitecotton**, second; **Maggie Killen**, third; **Zachary McCord**, New Market, fourth; and **Paige Crowell**, fifth.



►From left, Aspen Adams and Layton Adams present junior showmanship awards to **Ace Ashley**, Fort Payne, first; **Lakin Whatley**, Grady, second; **Tiffany Stewart**, Killen, third; **Wyatt Walker**, fourth; and **Kristen Walker**, fifth. Standing in the back is Cory Wilkins.

►**Right:** Selected to represent Alabama as voting delegates to the 2014 NJAA Annual Meeting are (from left) **Clay McGuire**, representative; **Maggie Killen**, representative; **Hannah Whitecotton**, alternate; and **Jake Smith**, alternate.



►**Right:** From left, Aspen Adams, Layton Adams and Wilkins present awards to intermediate showmanship winners **Joseph Adams**, first; **Chandler Langley**, second; and **Megan Crowell**, Elrod, third.



►**Right:** **Carly Lindstrom** (left), and **Hannah Whitecotton** (right), will represent Alabama at the 2014 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.



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accomplishments and hard work of those junior beef producers.

### AFA Scholarships Awarded

Agriculture Future of America (AFA) and its partners have selected more than 150 students for a unique scholarship program. Through the AFA Leader and Academic Scholarship program, selected students gain access to premier soft-skill training and financial assistance for their college education

for one year. Scholarships are awarded at the national and community level. Each selected student is pursuing an agriculture-related four-year degree.

Community scholarships are awarded to local, graduating high school seniors. Volunteers from each community, led by a coordinator, raise funds for these awards, which are then matched by AFA to create the leader and academic award. This year, 66 community scholars were selected.

AFA selected 61 national AFA Leader and Academic Scholars this year. These scholars included both graduating high school seniors and current college students. Partners who invest in the national scholarship program include Water Street Solutions, DFA Cares Foundation, Stanley H. Durwood Foundation, Belles of the American Royal, Cyr Foundation and the California Cotton Alliance. AFA also partners with AgriBank in

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### ▶ Illinois Jr. Angus Ass'n Field Day, Bloomington, June 6



▶ **Brooke Haas** (left), Downs, receives her Bronze and Silver awards from **Carrie Horsley**, Angus Foundation director of marketing and public relations.

### ▶ Southern Nat'l Jr. Angus Show, Perry, Ga., June 6



▶ Winning showmanship are (from left) **Brandais Austrino**, Dade City, Fla., senior champion; **Brett Dyer**, Rising Fawn, Ga., intermediate champion; and **Baylee Steed**, Carrollton, Ga., junior champion.



▶ Winning peewee showmanship are (from left) **Owen Austrino**, Dade City, Fla.; and **Ky Alford**, Bowman, Ga.



▶ **Shelby Eidson**, Arnoldsville, Ga., will represent Georgia at the 2014 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.

### ▶ Colorado Jr. Angus Ass'n Golden Trend Show, Wellington, June 6-7



▶ Winning top showmanship honors are (from left) **Maguire Rohr**, junior champion, and **Madalyn Rohr**, reserve junior champion, both of Elbert; **Austin Vieselmeyer**, Amherst, intermediate champion; **Mackenzie Camblin**, Maybell, reserve intermediate champion; **Morgan Penner**, Lafayette, senior champion; and **Jakob Bernhardt**, Milliken, reserve senior champion.



▶ The Colorado Jr. Angus Ass'n officers and directors include (front row, from left) **Maguire Rohr**, Elbert; **Alex Vieselmeyer**, Amherst; and **Grace Harrison**, Laporte. Board members are (back row, from left) **Morgan Penner**, president; **Austin Vieselmeyer**, vice president; **Holly Heckendorf**, Fort Collins, secretary; **Jakob Barnhardt**, treasurer; and **Mackenzie Camblin**, reporter.

### ▶ Eastern Regional Jr. Angus Show, Raleigh, N.C., June 12-15



▶ **Cailey Dahlquist** (left) and **Courtney Dahlquist** (right), both of Washington, Pa., receive their Bronze and Silver awards from Chris Jeffcoat, American Angus Association regional manager.



▶ Winning the junior division of the Skillathon are (from left) **Jenna Hamilton**, Buena Vista, Va., third; **Wyatt Kendall**, Magnolia, N.C., second; and **Zachary McCall**, Greenville, Va., first.



▶ Winning the intermediate division of the Skillathon are (from left) **Elizabeth Nixon**, Rapidan, Va., third; **Justin Teeter**, Mount Ulla, N.C., second; and **Esther McCabe**, Elk City, Kan., first.



► Iowa Angus Summer Jr. Show, Washington, June 14-15



► Iowa Angus royalty are (from left) **Lindsay Crock**, Mechanicsville, princess; **Taylor Duckett**, New Liberty, Miss Iowa Angus; and **Haley Greiman**, Perry, princess.



► Left: Officers of the Iowa Jr. Angus Ass'n are (from left) **Tim Mardesen**, Oxford, president; **Katie Friederichs**, Walcott, first vice president; **Haley Greiman** and **Abigail Greiman**, both of Perry, historians; **Courtney Young**, Ventura, secretary; **Katelyn Holmes**, Benton, treasurer; and **Baxter Knapp**, Bloomfield, second vice president.



► Directors of the Iowa Jr. Angus Ass'n are (front row, from left) **Morgan Knapp**, Bloomfield; **Franchesca DeVore**, Promise City; **Lexi Knapp**, Bloomfield; **Jordan Johnson**, Fort Dodge; **Olivia Johnson**, Prole; (second row, from left) **Ty Ruby**, Greene; **Will Kiesewetter**, Letts; **Nicholas Prevo**, Pulaski; **Mallory Espenscheid**, Traer; (back row, from left) **Abe Troyer**, Kalona; **Riley Siere**, Washington; **Kale Kiesewetter**, Letts; **Sydney Young**, Ventura; and **Cassidy Becker**, Diagonal.



► Left: Representing Iowa as voting delegates to the 2014 NJAA Annual Meeting are (from left) **Taylor Duckett**; **Mallory Espenscheid**; **Katie Friederichs**; and **Tim Mardesen**, Oxford.



► Iowa Junior Angus Ass'n members honored retiring advisors **Mary and Ted Greiman**, Garner. Pictured are (from left) **Lexi Knapp**; **Nicholas Prevo**; **Katie Friederichs**; and **Mary and Ted Greiman**, recipients.



► These young Angus enthusiasts won peewee showmanship honors.



► Left: From left, **Lindsay Crock**, princess, presents junior showmanship honors to **Olivia Johnson**, champion; and **Kassidy Bremer**, Redfield, reserve champion.



► Winning the senior division of the Skillathon are (from left) **Brandon Hamilton**, Buena Vista, Va., third; **Sarah Page**, Burlington, W.Va., second; and **Jacob McCall**, Greenville, Va., first.



► From left, **Crock** presents intermediate showmanship honors to **Taylor Duckett**, reserve champion; and **Baxter Knapp**, champion.



► Iowa representatives to the 2014 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest are (from left with **Crock**) **Ty Ruby**, alternate; **Leo Kruse**, Rudd, champion; and **Megan Collison**, Rockwell City, reserve champion.



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### ▶ Kansas Jr. Angus Ass'n Preview Show, Hutchinson, June 6-7



▶ From left, Miss Kansas Angus Megan Green presents novice showmanship honors to **Truman Taliaferro**, Effingham, champion; and **Austin Woodrow**, Emporia, reserve champion.



▶ Junior showmanship winners are (from left) **Bailey Osborn**, Murdock, champion; and **Lacey Banks**, Effingham, reserve champion.



▶ Intermediate showmanship winners are (from left) **Taylor Nikkel**, Maple Hill, champion; and **Anna Carpenter**, Wamego, reserve champion.



▶ Senior showmanship winners are (from left) **Allison Manchester**, Clay Center, champion; and **Luke Sankey**, Andale, reserve champion.



▶ Pictured with Green, **Cody Theis** (center), Leavenworth; and **Esther McCabe**, Elk City, will represent Kansas at the 2014 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.



▶ **Cale Hinrichsen** (left), Westmoreland, receives the Kansas Angus Auxiliary Junior Challenge Award from Karen Santee, Kansas Angus Auxiliary president.



▶ **Chelsey Figge** (right), Onaga, receives the Kansas Angus Auxiliary scholarship from Santee.



▶ Green and Anne Lampe, Kansas Angus Ass'n secretary, present **Cody Theis** (center) the Premier Junior Breeder award.



▶ **Taylor Goering**, McPherson, is Premier Exhibitor.



▶ Winning the peewee coloring contest are (from left) **Kade Osborn**, Murdock, first; and **Austin Woodrow**, second.

▶ **Right:** The Kansas Junior Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (front row, from left) **Cody Theis**, president; **Esther McCabe**, president-elect; **Jackson Wingert**, Ottawa, first vice president; **Evan Woodbury**, Quenemo, second vice president; **Chelsey Figge**, secretary; **Megan Green**, treasurer; (second row, from left) **Claire Wingert**, Ottawa, and **Hadley DeHoff**, Tonganoxie, co-reporters; and **Anna Carpenter** and **Cale Hinrichsen**, co-historians. District directors are (third row, from left) **Eva Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, District 1; **Laura Carpenter**, Wamego, District 2; **Ethan Dickerson**, Paradise, District 5; **Morgan Woodbury**, Quenemo, director at large; **Alexandria Cozzitorto**, Lawrence, director at large; **Sarah Pelton**, Paradise, director at large; and **Kady Figge**, Onaga, director at large. Membership directors are (back row, from left) **Grady Dickerson**, Paradise; **Luke Sankey**; and **Caleb Flory**, Baldwin City.







► **Left:** Winning the junior division of team sales are (from left) **Alexandria Cozzitorto**, first; **Eva Hinrichsen**, second; **Bailey Osborn**, Murdock, third; and **Tanner Hite**, Valley Center, fourth.



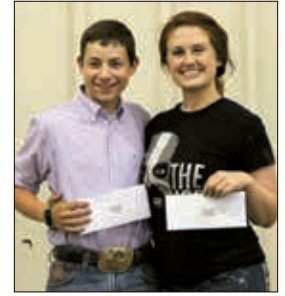
► **Right:** Winning the intermediate division of team sales are (from left) **Cale Hinrichsen**, first; and **Sarah Loomis**, Council Grove, second.



► Winning the senior division of team sales are (from left) **Jackson Wingert**, first; **Johanna Lundgren**, Ottawa, second; **Luke Sankey**, third; and **Evan Woodbury**, fourth.



► Winning the junior division of public speaking are (from left) **Eva Hinrichsen**, first; **Kady Figge**, second; and **Kelsey Theis**, Leavenworth, third.



► Winning the intermediate division of public speaking are (from left) **Cale Hinrichsen**, first; and **Claire Wingert**, second.



► **Esther McCabe** placed first in the senior division of public speaking.



► Winning the junior division of extemporaneous speaking are (from left) **Eva Hinrichsen**, first; **Clayton Pelton**, second; and **Bailey Osborn**, third.



► Winning the intermediate division of extemporaneous speaking are (from left) **Cale Hinrichsen**, first; **Grady Dickerson**, second; and **Claire Wingert**, third.



► Winning the senior division of extemporaneous speaking are (from left) **Evan Woodbury**, first; and **Jackson Wingert**, second.



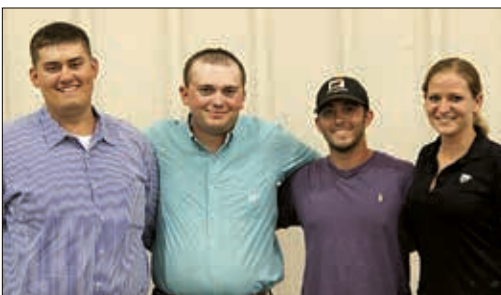
► Winning the peewee division of quiz bowl is **Austin Woodrow**.



► Winning the junior division of quiz bowl are (from left) **Kady Figge**, first; **Clayton Pelton**, second; **Eva Hinrichsen**, third; and **Kelsey Theis**, fourth.



► Winning the intermediate division of quiz bowl are (from left) **Claire Wingert** and **Laura Carpenter**, tied for first; **Anna Carpenter**, second; **Chelsey Figge**, third; and **Cale Hinrichsen**, fourth.



► **Left:** Winning the senior division of quiz bowl are (from left) **Jackson Wingert**, first; **Evan Woodbury**, second; **Cody Theis**, third; and **Esther McCabe**, fourth.

► **Right:** Selected to represent Kansas on the Kansas Jr. Angus Ass'n fitting team at the 2014 National Junior Angus Show are (from left) **Allison Manchester**; **Anna Carpenter**; **Eva Hinrichsen**; and **Cody Theis**.





awarding a leader and academic scholarship to honor its former president, the late William J. Collins.

Angus juniors who received scholarships include **Megan Collison**, Iowa State University; **Chelsey Figge**, Allen County Community College; **Kaesev Glaess**, Iowa State University; **Jessica Lancaster**, Allen County Community College; **Maxwell Mielke**, Washington State University; **Tyler Pokojski**, Southern Illinois University–Carbondale; **Cole Edwards**, University

of Missouri; **Abby Collison**, Iowa State University; and **Benjamin Conner**, University of Kentucky.

For a full list of community and national scholars, visit [www.agfuture.org/2014scholars](http://www.agfuture.org/2014scholars).

### **Canadian Angus Foundation announces scholarship and award recipients**

The 2014 Robert C. McHaffie Junior Ambassador is **Matt Bates** of Cameron, Ont., also the recipient of the Dick Turner

Scholarship. The first Outstanding Young Angus Breeder Award was presented to **Colton Hamilton** of Innisfail, Alta. Both recipients were announced on Saturday, June 7, just prior to the third annual Building the Legacy Sale.

Bates is majoring in animal science at the University of Guelph. He grew up with Angus cattle. Last year he was a summer marketing intern for the Canadian Angus Association (CAA). He is working for CAA in Alberta this summer as a research and special projects intern. Bates represented Canada at the 2013 World Angus Forum in New Zealand. He was a member of the champion team and was named top individual.

The Robert C. McHaffie Junior Ambassador program selects one Canadian Junior Angus Association (CJAA) member to be an ambassador for the CAA at events across Canada and one international experience. Four other CJAA members competed for the award. **Breanna Anderson** of Swan River, Man.; **Michael Hargrave** of Maxwell, Ont.; **Katie Olynyk** of Goodeve, Sask.; and **Katie Wright** of Melfort, Sask., deserve recognition for their impressive efforts in the competition.

The Dick Turner Memorial Award was established after the passing of legendary Angus icon Dick Turner in July 2010. During his lifetime, Dick committed 55 years of his career to livestock publishing and successfully promoted and advertised the Angus breed specifically through the *Canadian Aberdeen Angus News* magazine. It was Dick's ability to foster relationships that led to his successful tenure. Dick was a hard worker and recognized that quality of life and relationships were the most rewarding part of his job.

Colton Hamilton is a partner in Belvin Angus, his family operation. He lives on the site homesteaded by his great grandfather, Matthew Hamilton, in 1892. Hamilton was president of the Alberta Junior Angus Association, board member of the CJAA and president of the Alberta Angus Association. He also has a degree in economics and works for Bohrsen Marketing Services.

The Outstanding Young Angus Breeder Award is a new initiative of the Canadian Angus Foundation. The award recognizes an Angus breeder between the ages of 22 and 30 who has demonstrated a desire to stay involved in the Angus business for years to come based on their involvement within the breed up to this point in his or her career. The award comes with a \$2,500 cash prize.

