

Supporting Youth

Scholarships totaling more than \$200,000 awarded during the 2014 NJAS.

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Activities are endless at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) each year, and there's one opportunity that supports Angus youth well beyond their time at the show — scholarships offered through the Angus Foundation. This year at the 2014 NJAS in Indianapolis, Ind., nearly 100 scholarships were given to graduate and undergraduate students, resulting in \$203,500 invested in the beef industry's future leaders.

"It is a privilege for the Angus Foundation to be able to fund this large amount of scholarships for Angus youth," says Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president. "These youth, who are our next generation of leaders, are supported by many generous Angus enthusiasts. We cannot thank them enough for investing in our youth."

SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDED THROUGH



A five-member committee evaluates the scholarship applications and considers NJAA involvement, state association participation, leadership and other criteria. Since 1998, the Angus Foundation has awarded nearly \$2.1 million in graduate and undergraduate scholarships to Angus youth. The 2014 scholarship recipients were recognized in the showing July 10-11 during the NJAS.

A complete list of scholarship winners follows.

New this year

Wilma Minix, Black Witch Farm, Athens, Ga., donated \$102,500 to establish a scholarship and named the Angus Foundation a charitable beneficiary. The newly established fund will be named the **Ed and Wilma Minix/Black Witch Farm Angus Youth Scholarship and Activities Endowment Fund**. 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 Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conferences.

"I have always loved the young juniors in the Association and enjoy watching them grow," says Wilma Minix, Black Witch Farm owner. "I want to support these young people. It is something close to my heart."

Receiving the Ed and Wilma Minix/Black Witch Farm Angus Youth Scholarship for 2014 in the amount of \$2,500 was Taylor Gazda, Athens, Ga.

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



► **Taylor Gazda** (left), Athens, Ga., receives the first-ever Ed and Wilma Minix/Black Witch Farm Angus Youth Scholarship from Wilma Minix, Athens.



► **Christina Mogck** (right), Olivet, S.D., receives the Howard and JoAnne Hillman/Bon-View Farms Angus Scholarship from Angus Foundation President Milford Jenkins.



► **Kyle Livingston** (left), Dover, Pa., receives the Pennsylvania Angus Youth Undergraduate Scholarship from Gene Trowbridge, Pennsylvania Angus Ass'n president.



► **Will Harsh** (center), Radnor, Ohio, receives the 2014 NJAS In a League of Their Own Ohio scholarship from show host committee members Joanie and John Grimes.



► **Sheldon Burks** (center), Park City, Ky., receives the 2014 NJAS In a League of Their Own Kentucky scholarship from show host committee members Paula and Charlie Boyd.

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Through Education



►Thirty juniors each received a \$1,000 Angus Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship. Pictured are (front row, from left) Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president; **Aliesha Dethlefs**, North Platte, Neb.; **Maddi Butler**, Vincennes, Ind.; **Katelyn Corsentino**, Denham Springs, La.; **Chelsey Figge**, Onaga, Kan.; **Cheyenne Jones**, Franklinton, La.; **Hannah Moyer**, Lamar, Mo.; **Chase Thummel**, Sheridan, Mo.; (receiving the award is Chase's sister on his behalf) **Colleen Jones**, Kingston, N.C.; **Courtney Younge**, Ventura, Iowa; **Cameron Ward**, Plattsburg, Mo.; Scott Foster, Angus Foundation chairman; (back row, from left) **Morgan Alexander**, Berryville, Va.; **Kyle Livingston**, Dover, Pa.; **Jacob Heimsoth**, Cameron, Mo.; **Connor Orrock**, Woodford, Va.; **Michelle Keyes**, Springfield, Neb.; and **Sheldon Burks**, Park City, Ky. Not pictured are **Eric Blythe**, White City, Kan.; **Robert Dolson**, Hico, Texas; **Randy Frye**, Three Forks, Mont.; **Tara Gray-Leytham**, Toledo, Iowa; **Tanner Hash**, Archer City, Texas; **Stephanie Lastovica**, Salado, Texas; **Ruby Monn**, Shippensburg, Pa.; **Miles Pearson**, Scott City, Kan.; **Jared Radcliffe**, Weston, Wis.; **John Rosman**, Creston, Wash.; **Renae Tokach**, Saint Anthony, N.D.; **Emily Velisek**, Gaithersburg, Md.; **Julie Williams**, Idalou, Texas; and **Shannon Yokley**, Jefferson City, Mo.

recipient will be selected by random drawing from Illinois youth who have registered for the LEAD conference by the early registration deadline, June 15, 2014. Eligibility follows LEAD conference rules. Past recipients will be ineligible in the following years.

Receiving the Stan Prox Memorial LEAD Award for 2014 was Keegan Cassidy, Normal, Ill.

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,

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►Twenty juniors received a \$3,000 Angus Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship. Pictured are (front row, from left) **Katlyn Tunstill**, Fayetteville, Ark.; **Michaela Clowser**, Milford, Neb.; **Reed McCormick**, Pleasantville, Iowa; **Brittany Eagleburger**, Buffalo, Mo.; **Katie Friederichs**, Walcott, Iowa; **Elizabeth Nixon**, Rapidan, Va.; **Karisa Pfeiffer**, Orlando, Okla.; Foster; (back row, from left) Jenkins; **Will Harsh**, Radnor, Ohio; **Alexis Cash**, York, Pa.; **Cory Watt**, Iva, S.C.; **Matt Purfeerst**, Faribault, Minn.; and **Catie Hope**, Berryville, Va. Not pictured are **Tyler Blythe**, White City, Kan.; **Sadie Kinne**, Eagleville, Mo.; **Shyla Kreager**, Newark, Ohio; **Clay McGuire**, Waverly, Ala.; **Kendra Merriman**, Lowell, Mich.; **Caroline Miller**, Lindsey, Ohio; **Erin Steele**, Anita, Iowa; and **Wade Wells**, Hamilton, Texas.

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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 2014 in the amount of \$1,500 was Jena Wagner, Billings, Mont.

Foundation general scholarships

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

level of general undergraduate and graduate scholarships it does each year.

Angus Foundation Undergraduate Scholarships of \$1,000 went to Morgan Alexander, Berryville, Va.; Eric Blythe, White City, Kan.; Sheldon Burks, Park City, Ky.; Maddi Butler, Vincennes, Ind.; Katelyn Corsentino, Denham Springs, La.; Aliesha Dethlefs, North Platte, Neb.; Robert Dolson, Hico, Texas; Chelsey Figge, Onaga, Kan.; Randy Frye, Three Forks, Mont.; Tara Gray-Leytham, Toledo, Iowa; Tanner Hash, Archer City, Texas; Jacob Heimsoth, Cameron, Mo.; Cheyenne Jones, Franklinton, La.; Colleen Jones, Kinston, N.C.; Michelle Keyes, Springfield, Neb.; Stephanie Lastovica, Salado, Texas; Kyle Livingston, Dover, Pa.; Ruby Monn, Shippensburg, Pa.; Hannah Moyer, Lamar, Mo.; Connor Orrock, Woodford, Va.; Miles Pearson, Scott City, Kan.; Jared Radcliffe, Weston, Wis.; John Rosman, Creston, Wash.; Chase Thummel, Sheridan, Mo.; Renae Tokach, Saint Anthony, N.D.; Emily Velisek, Gaithersburg,

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Md.; Cameron Ward, Plattsburg, Mo.; Julie Williams, Idalou, Texas; Shannon Yokley, Jefferson City, Mo.; and Courtney Younge, Ventura, Iowa.

Angus Foundation Undergraduate Scholarships of \$3,000 went to Tyler Blythe, White City, Kan.; Alexis Cash, York, Pa.; Michaela Clowser, Milford, Neb.; Brittany Eagleburger, Buffalo, Mo.; Sadie Kinne, Eagleville, Mo.; Katie Friederichs, Walcott, Iowa; Will Harsh, Radnor, Ohio; Catie Hope, Berryville, Va.; Shyla Kreager, Newark, Ohio; Reed McCormick, Pleasantville, Iowa; Clay McGuire, Waverly, Ala.; Kendra Merriman, Lowell, Mich.; Caroline Miller, Lindsey, Ohio; Elizabeth Nixon, Rapidan, Va.; Karisa Pfeiffer, Orlando, Okla.; Matt Purfeerst, Faribault, Minn.; Erin Steele, Anita, Iowa; Katlyn Tunstill, Fayetteville, Ark.; Cory Watt, Iva, S.C.; and Wade Wells, Hamilton, Texas.



►From left, Foster presents Angus Foundation Graduate Student General Scholarships to **Sally Yon**, Ridge Spring, S.C.; **Lauren Adcock**, Moweaqua, Ill.; **Kassandra Pfeiffer**, Orlando, Okla.; **Lindsey Grimes**, Hillsboro, Ohio; and **Kelli Retallick**, Glen Haven, Wis. Also pictured is Jenkins.



►**Destiny McCauley** (left), Bowling Green, Fla.; and **Evan Woodbury** (right), Quenemo, Kan., receive the Richard L. Spader Scholarship from Sheri Spader.



►Continuing to receive and new recipients of the Angus/Talon Youth Educational Learning Program Undergraduate Scholarships are **Blake Boyd**, Maystick, Ky.; **Michael Cropp**, Damascus, Md.; **Esther McCabe**, Elk City, Kan.; **Maci Lienemann**, Princeton, Neb.; **Alex Rogen**, Brandon, S.D.; Jake Tiedeman, presenter; **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove, Ark.; **Daniel McFarland**, Keithville, La.; **Lindsay Upperman**, Chambersburg, Pa.; and **Macy Henderson-Perry**, Prather, Calif.

Angus Foundation Graduate Student Scholarships of \$5,000 were awarded to Lauren Adcock, Moweaqua, Ill.; Lindsey Grimes, Hillsboro, Ohio; Kassandra Pfeiffer, Orlando, Okla.; Kelli Retallick, Glen Haven, Wis.; and Sally Yon, Ridge Spring, S.C.

Named scholarships

Angus Foundation Richard L. Spader Scholarship. Richard L. “Dick” Spader was responsible for starting the Angus Foundation during his tenure as executive vice president of the American Angus Association. Upon his death, his family established a scholarship fund in his memory, started with the auctioning of the first five copies of *A Historic Angus Journey*, written by Keith Evans, and expanded through contributions from members across the country.

Receiving \$5,000 scholarships in remembrance of the late Dick Spader were Destiny McCauley, Bowling Green, Fla.; and Evan Woodbury, Quenemo, Kan.

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

Cooper established the Angus/Talon Youth Educational Learning Program Endowment Fund with outright cash gifts through the Angus Legacy Society to give \$5,000 undergraduate scholarships in 2010 to 10 Angus youth who satisfied the first preference for field of study in animal science and range management, had a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA, with 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.

Nine individuals were recognized in 2014 to receive Angus/Talon undergraduate scholarships: Blake Boyd, Mayslick, Ky.; Michael Cropp, Damascus, Md.; Macy Henderson-Perry, Prather, Calif.; Maci Lienemann, Princeton, Neb.; Esther McCabe, Elk City, Kan.; Daniel McFarland, Keithville, La.; Will Pohlman, Prairie Grove, Ark.; Alex Rogen, Brandon, S.D.; and Lindsay Upperman, Chambersburg, Pa.

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

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►Cathy Watkins, American Angus Ass’n vice president and vice chairman of the board, presents **Ashley McEwen**, Bushnell, Ill.; **David Rawlings**, New Holland, Ill.; and **Maddi Butler**, Vincennes, Ind., with the Gary Brost LEAD Award.



►**Jacob Smith** (right), Cullman, Ala., receives the James E. Horton Jr. Scholarship from Schumann.



►**Audra Montgomery** (left), Carrington, N.D., receives the Joseph & Ruby Schaff/Schaff Angus Ranch Scholarship from Watkins.



►**Allison Dubs** (right), Billings, Mont., receives the Jean Ann (Neumeyer) Bojorquez Scholarship from Jenkins.



►**Will Pohlman** (left), Prairie Grove, Ark., receives the CAB/NJAA Scholarship from Bryce Schumann, American Angus Association CEO.



►**Catie Hope** (left), Berryville, Va., receives the Roscoe L. Richardson Memorial Scholarship from Schumann.



►**Elizabeth Nixon** (left), Rapidan, Va., receives the John Rucker Family Angus Scholarship from Monica Jordan.

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\$1,000 scholarship to a South Dakota Angus junior.

Howard and JoAnne Hillman of Sioux Falls, S.D., are no strangers to the Angus breed. From 1908-1999, their Angus seedstock operation, Bon-View Farms of Canova, S.D., produced quality, elite cattle through ups and downs, financial prosperity and hard economic times, and the sacrifices of many. They had many successful appearances in national showings through the years and offered genetic advancements to the Angus breed through annual production sales.

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

Receiving the Bon-View Farms scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000, was Christina Mogck, Olivet, S.D.

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

This fund will annually award two NJAA members with funds necessary to defray registration costs to attend the LEAD conference. Preference will be given to applicants with a farm/ranch background

from the states of Indiana and Illinois. The Angus Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship Program application will be used to select recipients, who remain eligible to receive other scholarships from the Angus Foundation or local, state, regional and national Angus-related entities.

Receiving the Gary Brost LEAD Award for 2014 is Maddi Butler, Vincennes, Ind.; Ashley McEwen, Bushnell, Ill.; and David Rawlings, New Holland, Ill.

Certified Angus Beef LLC/National Junior Angus Association Scholarship. A long-standing scholarship awarded through the Angus Foundation is the CAB/NJAA Scholarship. To be eligible to receive this scholarship, applicants must have at one time been an NJAA member and must currently be a junior, regular or life member of the American Angus Association, along with being an incoming sophomore, junior or senior in college majoring in animal science, meat science, food science, agricultural communications or a related field of academic study.

This year's recipient of the \$1,000 CAB/NJAA Scholarship is 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 each year provide one college or college-bound Angus junior member from Iowa a scholarship.

Hansen was an active member of the American Angus Association. He grew up in Dixon, Iowa, and assisted his father with the Angus herd at Laudmere Farm, which



was established in 1931. He held several leadership roles in the Eastern Iowa Angus Association and was a strong advocate for Angus cattle and the agricultural industry. In 2009, he was inducted into the Angus Heritage Foundation. Oliver's sons, Ron Hansen of Durant, Iowa, and Tom Hansen of Enoch, Utah, chose to honor their father and family by creating the scholarship endowment in the name of their father and the farm.

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

Lauren Barker, Monticello, Iowa, receives the \$500 Oliver A. Hansen Family/Laudmere Farm Angus Scholarship.

James E. Horton Junior Angus Scholarship Endowment Fund. Gregg and Lile Blythe established the James E. Horton Angus Scholarship Endowment Fund to



► **Lauren Grimes** (left), Hillsboro, Ohio, receives the Ray Sims Angus Scholarship from Chris Sankey, Association director.



► **Keegan Cassidy** (second from right), Normal, Ill., receives the first-ever Stan Prox Memorial LEAD Award presented by (from left) Stan's daughter, Carrie Keeney; his wife, Linda; and granddaughter, Kayla Widerman.



► **Maggie Jasper** (right), Versailles, Ky., receives the Woodlawn Farms Angus Scholarship from Jenkins.

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

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

The \$1,000 James E. Horton Junior Angus Scholarship was awarded to Jacob Smith, Cullman, Ala.

Jean Ann (Neumeyer) Bojorquez Memorial Angus Scholarship. In October 2007, Bob and Hollyce Neumeyer of Jaynbee Ranch, Bonners Ferry, Idaho, established the Jean Ann (Neumeyer) Bojorquez Memorial Angus Scholarship, in memory of their daughter, with a \$10,000 gift to the Angus Foundation. Jean Ann was very active in the Angus breed, showing Angus cattle and competing in junior activities at local, state, regional and national levels. As a young adult, she continued her involvement in the Angus breed, owning cows with her parents at the ranch.

The 2014 Jean Ann (Neumeyer) Bojorquez Memorial Angus Scholarship, in the amount of \$500, was awarded to Allison Dubs, Billings, Mont.

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 Lauren Barker, Monticello, Iowa.

NJAA Alumni and Friends Scholarship. Developed by the 2009-2010 NJAA Board of Directors, the objective of the NJAA Alumni and Friends Scholarship Endowment Fund is to create more scholarship opportunities for deserving Angus youth of the NJAA and to inspire other juniors and alumni to give back to the NJAA. Dedicated and loyal supporters of the NJAB and NJAA members, Bob and Margaret Duprey of Cherry Knoll Farm, West Grove, Pa., provided a dollar-for-dollar matching gift opportunity of \$25,000 to reward contributors to this effort. 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 \$1,000 went to Corbin Yon, Ridge Spring, S.C.

Roscoe L. Richardson Memorial Scholarship. The late Roscoe L. Richardson of Dracut, Mass., was a longtime member and officer of the New England Angus Association. He loved Angus cattle and the associations he developed from being an active Angus breeder. He always found time to support Angus activities in New England and to help other breeders.

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

scholarship is to support Angus youth from New England states.

The \$500 Roscoe L. Richardson Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Catie Hope, Berryville, Va.

John Rucker Family Angus Scholarship. Started in 1924 by John Rucker's father, Bayard Ambrose Rucker, Hill Crest Farm at Delaplane, Va., produced quality Angus cattle for more than 70 years. John and his wife, Marjorie, and their three daughters, Connie, Sue and Penny, were also involved in positions of leadership and service to the Angus breed.

In honor of the Rucker family's stewardship and involvement, Dwight and Carolyn Huff of Holly Hill Farm, Mount Sidney, Va., decided to create the John Rucker Family Angus Scholarship Endowment Fund with a \$10,500 gift to the Angus Foundation to provide educational scholarships to deserving youth of the Virginia Junior Angus Association.

Elizabeth Nixon, Rapidan, Va., received the 2014 John Rucker Family Angus Scholarship in the amount of \$500.

Joseph & Ruby Schaff/Schaff Angus Ranch Scholarship. Funded initially with a \$10,000 gift in 2006 from Joseph and Ruby Schaff of Schaff Angus Ranch of Saint Anthony, N.D., the Joseph & 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 2014 Joseph & Ruby Schaff/Schaff Angus Ranch Scholarship in the amount of \$500.

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



►Will Harsh (center), Radnor, Ohio, receives the Vance Uden Memorial Scholarship from Dru and Connie Uden.

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Sims, formerly of Raymore, Mo., helped develop purebred auctions into fast-paced and steady marketing venues. During his 46-year career, Sims traveled throughout the United States, selling for both large- and small-scale livestock breeders, including U.S. senators and three U.S. presidents — more than an estimated 7,000 auctions with the majority of these being registered-Angus cattle sales.

Once expenses were satisfied for the portrait painting of Sims now on display in the Saddle and Sirloin Portrait Collection in Louisville, Ky., the Ray Sims Portrait Committee generously donated the remaining funds of more than \$20,000 to the Angus Foundation to establish the Ray Sims Scholarship Endowment Fund for Angus youth scholarships.

The \$1,000 Ray Sims Angus Scholarship was awarded to Lauren Grimes, Hillsboro, Ohio.

Gary M. Stoller Jump Start Your LEADership Award. Established with contributions from the Stoller family and friends to the Angus Foundation in memory of the late Gary M. Stoller in 2012, this \$500 cash award will be given to first- or second-year attendees to the LEAD Conference to cover registration fees and travel. Preference will be given to applicants from the western states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

Selection of the award recipient will be made by the Angus Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee. Interested applicants must have submitted a one-page typed essay that includes the following information: why

attending LEAD conference is important to me, what I hope to gain by attending LEAD, and explanation of financial need.

Cassandra Garcia, Renton, Wash., received the 2014 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*. 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 2014 went to Will Harsh, Radnor, Ohio.

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 \$1,000, was awarded to Maggie Jasper, Versailles, Ky.

“In a League of Our Own” Angus Foundation Scholarships. The Angus Foundation awarded scholarships made possible by the 2012 NJAS host states, including 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 will be used to support three undergraduate scholarships at \$500 each for a total expenditure of \$1,500 annually.

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

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



► **Will Pohlman** (left), Prairie Grove, Ark., receives the Arkansas Angus Auxiliary Scholarship from Michelle Reiff.



► **Reed McCormick** (left), Pleasantville, Iowa, receives the Iowa Jr. Angus Ass'n State Scholarship from Katie Friederichs, Iowa Junior Angus Ass'n president. Not pictured is **Judson Hoffschneider**, Arlington, Neb., national recipient.



► **Cody Theis** (center), Leavenworth, Kan., receives the Kansas Angus Association Scholarship presented by Ron Hinrichsen (right), Kansas Angus Ass'n president and Anne Lampe, Kansas Angus Ass'n secretary-manager.

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

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

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

The winners of the 2014 NJAS “In a League of Our Own” scholarships in the amount of \$500 were Sheldon Burks, Park City, Ky., and Will Harsh, Radnor, Ohio.

State-funded awards

Arkansas Angus Auxiliary Scholarship.

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

Winner of the \$500 Arkansas Angus Auxiliary Scholarship for 2014 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 Reed McCormick, Pleasantville, Iowa, and the \$500 Iowa Junior Angus Association National Scholarship went to Judson Hoffschneider, Arlington, Neb.

Kansas Angus Association Scholarship.

In 2007, sale proceeds from donated heifers, memorial gifts and other contributions

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

This year, the \$500 Kansas Angus Association Scholarship was awarded to Cody Theis, Leavenworth, Kan.

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

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

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

Kyle Livingston, Dover, Pa., received the 2014 Pennsylvania Angus Youth Undergraduate Scholarship in the amount of \$500.

Texas Angus Association Scholarships.

As a feature of the \$11 million national fundraising initiative, Angus breeders in Texas raised \$250,000 in outright cash gifts and pledges 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,



► Robert Dolson (left), Hico; and Tylee Jo Williams (right), Rio Vista; receive the Texas Angus Ass’n Scholarship from Gary Stevenson. Not pictured are Stephanie Lastovica, Salado; Wade Wells, Hamilton; and Julie Williams, Idalou.

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 committed. From these contributions and continued support, five youths from Texas receive \$1,000 Texas Angus Association Scholarships annually.

The \$5,000 Texas Angus Association “Texas Challenge” Scholarship Endowment Fund scholarships for 2014 went to Robert Dolson, Hico; Stephanie Lastovica, Salado; Wade Wells, Hamilton; Julie Williams, Idalou; and Tylee Jo Williams, Rio Vista.

Western States National Junior Angus Show (WSNJAS) Fund Scholarships. In 2009, the Western States National Junior Angus Show (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 was Judson Hoffschneider, Arlington, Neb.

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