

Junior Hereford Directors Elected by Peers

by *Teresa Oe*



2006-07 NJHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS — Front row (l to r) are: Catie Sims, Elgin, Okla., president; Kara Eschbach, Skiatook, Okla., vice president; Katlyn Howes, Taneytown, Md., secretary; Mark Sullivan, Chehalis, Wash., treasurer; and Nicole Starr, Manawa, Wis., reporter. Back row (l to r) are: Cassie Bacon, Prairie Grove, Ark.; Jessica Slone, W. Manchester, Ohio; Roger Morgan, Burwell, Neb.; Jason Ewing, Fordland, Mo.; Roxane Gebhart, Claremore, Okla.; Sarah Stream, Chariton, Iowa; and Chance Young, Springville, Tenn.

Roger Morgan, Jessica Slone, Sarah Stream and Roxane Gebhart were elected to serve as directors of the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) at the 2006 Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) in Louisville, Ky. Two delegates from each state junior Hereford association voted these individuals onto the board.

At the awards banquet on July 20, four retiring board members announced the election results and passed on their maroon jackets and responsibilities to the new leadership. After each retiring address, the board member took off his or her jacket and presented it to a new director. The retiring board members were President Heather Thomas, Gold Creek, Mont., and Vice President Matt McCurdy, Chatsworth, Ga., as well as directors Wade Perks, Rockford, Ill., and Ashley Middleswarth, Torrington, Wyo.

Also announced at the awards banquet was the 2006-07 officer team, chosen by the NJHA board members. This year's officers are Catie Sims, Elgin, Okla., president;

Kara Eschbach, Skiatook, Okla., vice president; Mark Sullivan, Chehalis, Wash., treasurer; Katlyn Howes, Taneytown, Md., secretary; and Nicole Starr, Manawa, Wis., reporter.

Other directors include Cassie Bacon, Prairie Grove, Ark.; Chance Young, Springville, Tenn.; and Jason Ewing, Fordland, Mo.

The NJHA board of directors consists of 12 junior members from across the country; each director serves on various committees and plays an integral part in all activities associated with the NJHA. Responsibilities include helping with the JNHE and organizing the Program for Reaching Individuals Determined to Excel (PRIDE) Convention.

New directors

Roger Morgan is the 19-year-old son of Ronald and Kay Morgan, Burwell, Neb. He is a sophomore at Northeast Community College (NECC) majoring in agriculture with plans to transfer to a four-year university, focusing in either range management or wildlife and fisheries.

Morgan has been a member of the Nebraska Junior Hereford Association for 18 years. During his tenure with the association he has served as a state director and also vice president. He was the winner of the 2002-03 state speech contest and was honored with the state sportsmanship award in 2004. Among the many awards Morgan has received on the national level are the Prospect Award, Junior Golden Bull Award and Future Cattleman Scholarship. He has attended the World Hereford Conference in Armidale, Australia, where he was named third-place international youth judge. At NECC, Morgan is on the dean's list and is a member of the livestock judging team and Phi Theta Kappa.

Jessica Slone is the 19-year-old daughter of Joseph Slone, W. Manchester, Ohio. She is a sophomore at the University of Kentucky, majoring in agricultural education. After graduation she hopes to become a high school agricultural education instructor.

Slone has been active with the Ohio Buckeye Junior Hereford Association for 11 years. She has served as vice president and reporter, and has been named the state's outstanding junior member. At college, Slone is a member of several organizations including CERES Sorority, the Agricultural Education Society, Collegiate FFA, the Agricultural Student Council and the Resident Student Association. She also is a 2006 Ohio State Ambassador and undergraduate assistant in the National Association of Agricultural Educators. In high school she was active in 4-H and FFA, serving in leadership roles in both organizations.

Sarah Stream is the 18-year-old daughter of Rodney and Sue Stream, Chariton, Iowa. She is a sophomore at Iowa State University (ISU), majoring in agricultural business



with a minor in animal science. After graduation, Stream hopes to one day own and operate a real estate marketing company to complement her Hereford operation.

Stream has been active with the Iowa Junior Hereford Association for five years and has served as royalty, junior director and voting delegate. At ISU, she is a member of several organizations including Block & Bridle, Ag Business club, Collegiate FFA and the Collegiate Beef Team. In high school, she served as a leader in 4-H and FFA, with titles ranging from caller to president. Stream also enjoyed competing on the livestock and soil judging teams, as well as being a member of the parliamentary procedure team.

Roxane Gebhart is the 18-year-old daughter of Richard and Susan Gebhart of Claremore, Okla. She is a freshman at Oklahoma State University (OSU), majoring in animal science and agricultural communications. Upon graduation Roxane plans to pursue a law degree from the University of Tulsa, in dreams of working as a lawyer or lobbyist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Gebhart has been a member of the Junior Hereford Association of Oklahoma (JHAO) for 10 years. She has served as president, treasurer, district director, delegate, state queen and princess. She also has been named an outstanding state member and Junior Golden Bull Award winner. With so many responsibilities she still has found time to be active in the Oklahoma Junior Cattlemen's Association (OJCA), Oklahoma Club Calf Association and FFA. In FFA, she was awarded the state Beef Production Proficiency Award.

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Sims is the 20-year-old daughter of Eddie and Ruth Sims of Elgin, Okla. She is a junior at OSU, where she is majoring in nutritional sciences to become a pediatric nurse practitioner. She serves as a College of Human Environmental Sciences Ambassador

and is a member of Kappa Omicron Nu, a national honor society. Sims has also been on the dean's honor roll at OSU and is a member of Pi Beta Phi, a national women's fraternity. She is serving her last year as a director at large for the OJCA. Including the 2006 show, she has exhibited at 13 JNHEs and former Junior National Polled Hereford Shows.

Eschbach is the 21-year-old daughter of Joe and Dee Eschbach of Skiatook, Okla. She is a junior at OSU, majoring in animal science and pre-veterinary medicine. After graduating with a bachelor's degree, she plans to attend veterinary school. Eschbach has been active in the JHAO for 12 years, holding positions of secretary, reporter and state voting delegate. In FFA she was selected as Star Chapter Farmer, and she has received her Oklahoma State FFA Degree. In high school, Eschbach was a member of the Oklahoma and National Honor societies and was selected for Who's Who Among American High School Students and Athletes. She also was a member of the 2004 All-State Volleyball Team.

Sullivan is the 22-year-old son of Randy and Durelle Sullivan of Chehalis, Wash. He is a recent graduate of the University of

Washington with a bachelor's degree in economics. Sullivan has been active in local and national Hereford associations for more than 15 years, winning numerous awards and scholarships. He is employed at Smith Barney Investing, pursuing a career in financial advising.

Katlyn Howes is the 18-year-old daughter of Ray and Cyndy Howes of Taneytown, Md. She is a freshman at Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania and plans to major in English with an emphasis in secondary education. She is the president of the Maryland Junior Hereford Association and has served in various other leadership roles for 11 years. She not only enjoys breeding and showing cattle from her family's farm, but also loves interacting with fellow Hereford breeders on the state and national level.

Nicole Starr is the 18-year-old daughter of Joe and Amy Starr of Manawa, Wis. She is a freshman at Michigan State University, majoring in agribusiness and animal science. In her local FFA chapter, she has participated in speaking contests, and she also has won the Wisconsin state Agriculture Education Proficiency Award. Starr is a past president of the Wisconsin Junior Hereford Association and continues to be active with the association. **HW**



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