

# Hereford Youth Receive Scholarships

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At the 2010 11th annual VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) in Indianapolis, nearly \$25,000 was awarded to National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) members in scholarship monies. Congratulations to all the winners.

## National Junior Merit Award

The junior merit scholarship recognizes outstanding NJHA members. The scholarship program is designed to encourage individual and cooperative effort, enthusiasm, excellence, leadership and achievement among youth in order to develop reputable breeders for the good of the Hereford business and beef industry. The winner receives an expense-paid trip sponsored by American Livestock Inc. to a Hereford operation in the continental U.S., as well as a scholarship.

- First place – Thomas Smith,** Hamlin, N.Y., \$2,000 plus trip
- Second place – Heather Bradford,** St. Marys, Ohio, \$1,250
- Third place – Cody Crum,** Rushville, Ill., \$1,250



**Junior Merit Scholarship winners** (pictured, l to r) are: **Thomas Smith**, Hamlin, N.Y., first place; **Heather Bradford**, St. Marys, Ohio, second place. Pictured presenting the award is Stuart Wilson of American Livestock Inc.

## Joe and Walter Lewis Memorial Scholarship

The Lewis scholarship recognizes junior members for overall achievement in leadership, teamwork, skills and competition. The selection of winners is based on a point system for NJHA programs and activities.

- First place – Heather Bradford,** St. Marys, Ohio, \$1,000
- Second place – Reba Hurst,** Nevada, Mo., \$750
- Third place – Jae Van Horn,** Franklin, Ind., \$500

## John Wayne Memorial Scholarship

John Wayne Memorial Scholarships are awarded to juniors in recognition of their contributions to agriculture and the Hereford industry, as well as their moral character. The scholarships are sponsored annually by the Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA) and the National Hereford Women (NHW).

- Justin Bacon,** Prairie Grove, Ark., \$1,000
- Cody Crum,** Rushville, Ill., \$1,000



**John Wayne Memorial Scholarship winners** (pictured, l to r) are: **Justin Bacon**, Prairie Grove, Ark.; and **Cody Crum**, Rushville, Ill. Pictured presenting the award is Amy Cowan, American Hereford Association youth director.

## Ed Bible Memorial Scholarship

The Ed Bible Memorial Scholarship is presented by the NHW and the HYFA. The scholarship is designed to help finance higher education for NJHA members who excel in communication, leadership, and Hereford and ag-related activities. Bible joined the American Polled Hereford Association staff in 1973 and for 25 years supported the senior, junior and Poll-ette associations. He positively influenced the Hereford breed and industry. Therefore, NHW and HYFA offer four annual scholarships in his honor.

- First place – Cody Crum,** Rushville, Ill., \$1,000
- Second place – Seth Going,** Lyons, Neb., \$750
- Third place – Julie Wiechert,** Cedarburg, Wis., \$500
- Fourth place – Tamar Adcock,** Assumption, Ill., \$250

## Future Cattleman Scholarship

The HYFA and NHW sponsor two \$1,000 scholarships awarded to junior members who have made outstanding contributions to the Hereford industry.

- Heather Bradford,** St. Marys, Ohio, \$500
- Cody Crum,** Rushville, Ill., \$500

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**Future Cattleman Scholarship winners** (pictured, l to r) are: **Cody Crum**, Rushville, Ill., and **Heather Bradford**, St. Marys, Ohio



**Walter and Joe Lewis Memorial Scholarship winners** (pictured, l to r) are: **Heather Bradford**, St. Marys, Ohio, first place; **Reba Hurst**, Nevada, Mo., second place; and **Jae Van Horn**, Franklin, Ind., third place. Also pictured are NJHA Chairman Rossie Blinson, and National Hereford Queen Katie Killian.



**Ed Bible Scholarship winners** (pictured, l to r) are: **Cody Crum**, Rushville, Ill., first place; **Seth Going**, Lyons, Neb., second place; **Julie Wiechert**, Cedarburg, Wis., third place; **Tamar Adcock**, Assumption, Ill., fourth place; and Denise Billman, NHW board member.

### Hereford Herdsman Scholarship

Administered by the HYFA in cooperation with Hereford herdsman, this scholarship honors NJHA members who take great pride in exhibiting and presenting their Hereford cattle.

**Heather Bradford**, St. Marys, Ohio, \$1,000

**Christopher Montross**, Weedsport, N.Y., \$1,000

### Poll-ette Founders Scholarship

The Poll-ette Founders scholarships are funded through the HYFA and managed by the NHW. They recognize two juniors who have made great contributions to the NJHA. The scholarships also honor the women who laid the foundation for the National Organization of Poll-ettes, which combined with the American Hereford Women in 2009 to form the NHW.

**Cody Crum**, Rushville, Ill., \$1,000

**Julie Wiechert**, Cedarburg, Wis., \$1,000

### Prospect, Junior Golden Bull and Golden Bull Achievement Awards

Young people are recognized each year for their involvement in the Hereford industry, agriculture and their communities with the Prospect

and Golden Bull Awards, which are sponsored by the NHW and NJHA. Prospect Awards go to students in third through eighth grades, and Junior Golden Bull Awards to students in ninth through 12th grades. Prospect Award winners are given a leather halter with nameplate, and Junior Golden Bull Award winners receive a bronze Hereford bull statue. The Golden Bull Achievement Award is given to college-aged students; they also receive a statue as well as a scholarship.

### Prospect Award

**Third grade – Lauren McMillan**, Ohio, Ill.

**Fourth grade – Kate Mead**, Concord, Ark.

**Fifth grade – Justin Hurst**, Nevada, Mo.

**Sixth grade – Braden Mead**, Concord, Ark.

**Seventh grade – Bailey Jones**, Darlington, Wis.

**Eighth grade – Koby Rogers**, Hamilton, Texas

### Junior Golden Bull Award

**Ninth grade – Cooper Alexander**, Redmond, Ore.

**10th grade – Taryn Adcock**, Assumption, Ill.

**11th grade – Cody Beck**, Bainbridge, Ind.

### Golden Bull Achievement Award

**Tamar Adcock**, Assumption, Ill., \$1,875

**Cody Crum**, Rushville, Ill., \$1,875

**Reba Hurst**, Nevada, Mo., \$1,875

**Cameron Curry**, McAlester, Okla., \$1,875

**Tamar Adcock**, 18, was awarded an Ed Bible Memorial Scholarship and Golden Bull Achievement Award. She graduated from Central A&M High School in May and is planning to attend Kansas State University, majoring in animal science, this fall. She is a 10-year member of the NJHA and the Illinois Junior Hereford Association. Tamar is a decorated showman, earning a top 10 title in showmanship at every JNHE since 2005, including a reserve champion honor in 2007. In high school, she was also active in volleyball, Spanish club, National Honor Society, World Wide Youth in Science and Engineering, FFA and 4-H, all while keeping a 4.0 grade

### Hereford Herdsman Scholarship winners

(pictured, l to r) are: **Christopher Montross**, Weedsport, N.Y.; and **Heather Bradford**, St. Marys, Ohio.



**Poll-ette Founders Scholarship winners** (pictured, l to r) are: **Cody Crum**, Rushville, Ill.; and **Julie Wiechert**, Cedarburg, Wis. Pictured presenting the award is Paula Acheson, NHW board member.



**Junior Golden Bull Award winners** (pictured, l to r) are: **Taryn Adcock**, Assumption, Ill.; and **Cody Beck**, Bainbridge, Ind.



**Prospect Award winners** (pictured, l to r) are: third grade – **Lauren McMillan**, Ohio, Ill.; fourth grade – **Kate Mead**, Concord, Ark.; fifth grade – **Justin Hurst**, Nevada, Mo.; sixth grade – **Braden Mead**, Concord, Ark.; and seventh grade – **Bailey Jones**, Darlington, Wis.



**Golden Bull Award winners** (pictured, l to r) are: **Tamar Adcock**, Assumption, Ill.; **Cody Crum**, Rushville, Ill.; **Reba Hurst**, Nevada, Mo.; and **Cameron Curry**, McAlester, Okla.

point average. At this year's JNHE, Tamar was elected to serve on the NJHA board of directors for a three-year term.

**Taryn Adcock**, 16, was awarded a Junior Golden Bull Award. She has been an NJHA and Illinois Junior Hereford Association member since 2002. At the 2009 JNHE, Taryn was reserve champion intermediate showman; she was also the reserve champion junior showman at the 2007 JNHE. Taryn is also active in church activities, 4-H, Spanish club, Students Against Drunk Driving, Operation Teen Safe Driving and volleyball. She is considering a career in either pediatric nursing or elementary education.

**Cooper Alexander**, 15, was awarded a Junior Golden Bull Award. He has been a member of the NJHA and the Oregon Junior Hereford Association (OJHA) for five years. Cooper is serving his second year on the OJHA's board of directors. This year he was elected reporter. He is also active in 4-H, FFA, football and church. Cooper plans to enroll in the John Deere TECH program after high school.

**Justin Bacon**, 19, won a John Wayne Memorial Scholarship. He will be a sophomore at Oklahoma State University this fall, majoring in animal science with a food science minor. Justin is an NJHA director, elected in 2008. He has been an NJHA and Arkansas Junior Hereford Association member for 11 years. With the exception of 2009, Justin has attended every People Reaching Individuals Determined to Excel (PRIDE) Convention since 2004. Justin plans to pursue a career in the meat science industry.

**Cody Beck**, 17, was awarded a Junior Golden Bull Award. He is a 10-year member of NJHA and the Indiana Junior Hereford Association. As an Indiana Junior Hereford Association director, he helped organize this year's JNHE. He also exhibited the reserve grand champion bred-and-owned female. Cody is also involved in 4-H, FFA and church activities. He is an avid guitar player who has been taking

## Emilee Kottkamp Awarded Scholarship in Honor of Wesley Rakestraw

Emilee Kottkamp, Clayton, Ind., was chosen the winner of the Wesley Rakestraw Hereford Enthusiast Award at the 2010 VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) July 10 in Indianapolis.

The award was started at the 2008 JNHE to honor the memory of late Hereford breeder Wesley Rakestraw. The Rakestraw family, and Tom and Tammy Boatman, managers of Wesley's cattle operation JWR Land and Cattle Co., wanted to honor Wesley by choosing a junior member with a similar fun-loving personality. Each recipient is given a \$500 scholarship.

"Receiving this award is such an honor," Emilee said of winning the award. "I wasn't expecting it; I am so honored to receive this award, and for Tom and Tammy Boatman to select me as not only a candidate but also as the recipient."

Emilee, now 20, has been showing Herefords since she was only 7 years old. She has been a member of the NJHA and the Indiana Junior Hereford Association (IJHA) for 13 years. During that time, she has never missed a Hereford junior national. She has had many showing accomplishments but is most proud of her third place finish in the senior showmanship at this year's JNHE. She has been very active in the IJHA, serving as treasurer for six years.

Emilee will be a junior in the St. Elizabeth School of Nursing, Lafayette, Ind. She is specializing in neo-natal care. **HW**



**Emilee Kottkamp**, (center) Clayton, Ind., was presented the Wesley Rakestraw Hereford Enthusiast Award by Tom and Tammy Boatman, managers of JWR Land & Cattle Co.

lessons for 10 years. He plans to attend college majoring in the agricultural field with a law emphasis.

**Heather Bradford**, 20, won a Joe and Walter Lewis Scholarship, Hereford Herdsman Scholarship, National Junior Merit Scholarship and a Future Cattleman Scholarship. She will be a senior this fall at Purdue University, majoring in animal science with an emphasis in bioscience. Heather has been an NJHA and Ohio Buckeye Junior Hereford Association member for 13 years. At Purdue Heather is a dean's scholar, trustee's scholar, Block & Bridle member, collegiate 4-H member, tutor and researcher. She plans to graduate with honors, and to continue her education with a master's degree in genetics and possibly a doctorate. She would like a career working with producers and researchers in the direction of the quantitative genetics field.

**Cody Crum**, 21, was awarded a Poll-ette Founders Scholarship, National Junior Merit Scholarship, Future Cattleman Scholarship, Ed Bible Memorial Scholarship, John Wayne Memorial Scholarship and Golden Bull Achievement Award. He will start his senior year at Northwestern College/University of Minnesota this fall, majoring in agribusiness. He has been a member of the NJHA for 21 years and the Illinois Hereford Association for 14. Cody says he started showing at only 2 years old when he showed his first Hereford heifer with his sister's help. A true beef advocate, Cody lobbied for the Illinois Beef Association at the U.S. Senate in Washington, D.C., and he is also a Master's of Beef Advocacy graduate. After graduation, Cody plans to expand his family's Hereford seedstock operation and become an auctioneer.

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**Cameron Curry**, 18, won a Golden Bull Achievement Award. He graduated from McAlester High School in May. Cameron has been a member of the NJHA and the Junior Hereford Association of Oklahoma (JHAO) for 11 years. At last year's JNHE Cameron exhibited the reserve champion cow-calf pair. He served the JHAO this year as secretary. He has been active in 4-H livestock judging, twice being named senior high individual.

**Seth Going**, 22, was awarded an Ed Bible Memorial Scholarship. He is a senior at the University of Nebraska. He has been a member of the NJHA for 15 years, showing at 13 JNHEs. He has been part of various livestock judging teams and always competed in several contests at the JNHE. Upon graduation, he plans to teach agricultural education.

**Justin Hurst**, 11, was awarded a Prospect Award. He is a four-year member of the NJHA and the Missouri Junior Hereford Association (MJHA). Justin has participated in showmanship at four JNHEs and participated in the national judging contest the past two years. He has won outstanding junior member of the MJHA three times. Justin says he joined the NJHA to learn more about Hereford cattle.

**Reba Hurst**, 19, won a Golden Bull Achievement Award and a Joe and Walter Lewis Scholarship. She will be a sophomore at the University of Missouri at Columbia this fall, majoring in animal science. Reba is an eight-year member of the NJHA and the MJHA. At the 2008 JNHE, Reba exhibited the champion carcass steer. She has served the MJHA as board member, reporter, vice president and secretary. Reba hopes to attend the veterinary school and continue to work with animals.

**Bailey Jones**, 13, was awarded a Prospect Award. Bailey has been a member of NJHA and the Wisconsin Junior Hereford Association (WJHA) for seven years. Bailey has served the WJHA as a director and committee member, and represented Wisconsin at the JNHE in team marketing,

quiz bowl, speech, showmanship and judging. Bailey won junior showmanship at the 2008 Wisconsin Hereford preview show.

**Braden Mead**, 12, was awarded a Prospect Award. He has been an NJHA and Arkansas Junior Hereford Association member for six years. Braden says one of the highlights of his showing career was winning supreme champion heifer at his county fair in 2006, when he was only 8 years old. He says he has really enjoyed showing in the bred-and-owned divisions this year. Braden keeps busy with volunteering, choir, basketball, track, student council and being earth club president.

**Kate Mead**, 10, was awarded a Prospect Award. She has been an NJHA member and Arkansas Junior Hereford Association member for five years. She says her most exciting accomplishment was halter breaking a 6-month-old heifer all by herself. Kate also enjoys running, singing, dancing, swimming and participating in basketball and 4-H. She looks forward to continuing to grow her Hereford herd.

**Lauren McMillan**, 8, was awarded a Prospect Award. She is a second year member of the NJHA, the Illinois Junior Hereford Association and the Wisconsin Junior Hereford Association. She attended her first JNHE last year and participated in showmanship, judging and the mentor program as well as many other contests. She says she joined the NJHA because showing Herefords is an activity her family can do together.

**Christopher Montross**, 19, was awarded a Hereford Herdsman scholarship. He just completed his freshman year at the State University of New York. He has been very active in the Hereford and cattle industry and has shown cattle throughout the northeastern U.S. Chris plans to pursue a career in the agricultural power machinery industry.

**Koby Rogers**, 14, was awarded a Prospect Award. He is a member of the Texas Junior Polled Hereford

Association and the Texas Junior Hereford Association and has been in the NJHA since 1999. He has won the junior showmanship at his county fair twice and won the lightweight division at the 2007 Houston Livestock show with his polled Hereford steer, which sold for \$9,500. Koby has also attended four Programs for Reaching Individuals Determined to Excel (PRIDE) Conventions.

**Thomas Smith**, 19, won the first-place National Junior Merit Scholarship. He will be a junior at Cornell University this fall, where he is majoring in animal science with a pre-vet option. He has been a member of the NJHA for 9 years. He has served as president, as well as worked on several committees within the New York Junior Hereford Association. While at college, he has been active in Collegiate 4-H, Block & Bridle and the pre-vet society. He plans to become a large animal veterinarian specializing in either reproduction or nutrition in food-animal production.

**Jae Van Horn**, Franklin, Ind., was awarded a Joe and Walter Lewis Scholarship. Jae, 20, is a student at Purdue University, majoring in agricultural economics. He served as president of the Indiana Junior Hereford Association and co-chair of the 2010 JNHE planning committee. He also participated in team fitting and showmanship at this year's JNHE. At Purdue he is a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity.

**Julie Wiechert** won an Ed Bible Memorial Scholarship and a Poll-ette Founders Scholarship. Julie, 19, is currently attending Drake University, where she plans to graduate with a doctorate of pharmacy. She has been an 11-year member of the NJHA. Within the Wisconsin Junior Hereford Association, she was named the Outstanding Wisconsin Hereford Junior and has served as vice president, membership secretary and director. She has also been the Wisconsin Hereford Queen and the Wisconsin Hereford Princess. **HW**