



2011-12 National Junior Hereford Association board of directors (pictured, l to r) are: **Matt Woolfolk**, Columbia, Tenn., chairman; **Austin Buzanowski**, Pompeys Pillar, Mont., vice chairman; **Jaime Hanson**, Comfrey, Minn., communications chair; **Tamar Adcock**, Assumption, Ill., leadership chair; **Kevin Ernst**, Windsor, Colo., membership chair; and **Mallorie Phelps**, Grandview, Texas, fundraising chair. Directors (standing, l to r) are: **Krissi McCurdy**, Chatsworth, Ga.; **Courtney Tribble**, Puyallup, Wa.; **Keysto Stotz**, Skiatook, Okla.; **Andrew Albin**, Newman, Ill.; **Hunter Grayson**, Watkinville, Ga.; and **Shelby Rogers**, Hamilton, Texas.

New Hereford Youth Leaders Selected

by **Maddee Moore**

Four new National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) directors were elected and the new officer team was announced at the 12th annual VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) awards banquet July 15 in Kansas City, Mo.

The officer team for 2011-12 is Matt Woolfolk, Columbia, Tenn., chairman; Austin Buzanowski, Pompeys Pillar, Mont., vice chairman; Jaime Hanson, Comfrey, Minn., communications chair; Kevin Ernst, Windsor, Colo., membership chair; Tamar Adcock, Assumption, Ill., leadership chair; and Mallorie Phelps, Grandview, Texas, fundraising chair. Also serving on the board are directors Hunter Grayson, Watkinville, Ga., and Andrew Albin, Newman Ill.

Krissi McCurdy, Chatsworth, Ga.; Shelby Rogers, Hamilton, Texas; Keysto Stotz, Skiatook, Okla.; and Courtney Tribble, Puyallup, Wa., received their maroon jackets as new NJHA directors during the awards ceremony July 15. The four retiring

junior board members announced the results and passed their jackets on to the new leadership. These four enthusiastic, newly elected board members were selected by two delegates from each state's junior Hereford association.

Tamar Adcock is the 19-year-old daughter of Jim and Jan Adcock of Assumption, Ill. She is a sophomore at Kansas State University. Tamar has been a member of the Illinois Junior Hereford Association for 10 years, where she served as director, reporter and secretary. Some of her accomplishments include being JNHE champion intermediate showman and receiving the NJHA Golden Bull Award, Ed Bible Memorial Scholarship and several other awards in and out of the showing. As an active FFA member, Tamar served as her chapter secretary, participated on the livestock judging team and was named the state beef production entrepreneurship winner in 2010.

Andrew Albin is the 19-year-old son of David and Julie Albin, Newman, Ill. He is a sophomore at Southern Illinois University – Carbondale. Andrew has been a member of the Illinois Junior Hereford Association for seven years and is currently serving as a director. He has attended three Program for Reaching Individuals Determined to Excel (PRIDE) Conventions and five JNHEs.

Andrew is a member of the Saluki college bass team and will soon be a forefather of the Southern Illinois Farmhouse Fraternity. As an active FFA member, he served as chapter president, vice president and treasurer.

Austin Buzanowski is the 19-year-old son of Bernie and Staci Buzanowski, Pompeys Pillar, Mont. He is a junior at the University of Wyoming, Laramie, majoring in animal science business with a minor in meat science. Austin was an active FFA member, receiving his American, State, Chapter and Greenhand degrees. Aside from being competitive in the showing, Austin has been active in the Montana Junior Hereford Association, where he has served as president, treasurer, reporter and director. He has participated in 10 JNHEs. Additionally, he was named outstanding state junior in 2007, served as a voting delegate three times and received the Junior Golden Bull Award in 2006.

Kevin Ernst is the 19-year-old son of Marshall and Barbara Ernst of Windsor, Colo. He attends Northeastern Junior College, Sterling, Colo., majoring in agri-business and animal science. Kevin has served as vice president and reporter of the Colorado Junior Beef Association. He has been a member of the NJHA since 1998 and a state voting delegate since 2001.

As part of the 2007 JNHE planning committee, he was responsible for soliciting sponsorship and organizing the feed room. Showing cattle locally, regionally and nationally has always been part of Kevin's life. At the 2010 JNHE, he exhibited the reserve champion

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A highlight of the awards banquet is when each retiring director passes on their maroon jacket to a new board member. Retiring directors Jake Metch, Justin Bacon, Danielle Starr and Rossie Blinson are pictured giving their jackets to Krissi McCurdy, Shelby Rogers, Keysto Stotz and Courtney Tribble.

carcass steer, and his family has had a successful run in the National Western Stock Show pen bull show.

Hunter Grayson is the 19-year-old son of Richard Grayson, Watkinsville, Ga. He is majoring in pre-medicine at Athens Technical College, Athens, Ga. Hunter is the chairman of the Rope A Dream Foundation, honoring the late NJHA member Jordan Ellis. Aside from being competitive in the showing, Hunter has served as a Georgia Junior Hereford Association director and chaired the Georgia Hereford steer show. In 2008 Hunter was a state delegate at the JNHE. He is passionate about educating junior Hereford members, as they are the future of this organization. His main goal as a board member is to continue the outstanding NJHA traditions and encourage members to reach their full potential.

Jaime Hanson is the 19-year-old daughter of Jim and Jeri Hanson, Comfrey, Minn. She is a sophomore majoring in animal science at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Jaime has been active in the Comfrey Comets 4-H Club, Redwood Area Cattlemen, Sigma Alpha Agriculture Sorority and Block & Bridle Club. She has served as the Minnesota Junior Hereford Breeders president and was named the outstanding state junior member in 2009 and 2010. Jaime strives to increase passion for the Hereford breed and agriculture in general. Additionally, she works to increase communication between juniors, advisors and producers through social media sites.

Krissi McCurdy is the 18-year-old daughter of Donald and Kay McCurdy, Chatsworth, Ga. This fall she will be a freshman at Butler County Community College, El Dorado, Kan., majoring in education, and will be a member of the livestock judging team. She was very active in her high school FFA chapter and local 4-H club. Additionally, Krissi was her graduating class salutatorian. In the Georgia Junior Hereford Association, Krissi is currently the president and has served as the secretary. She has been an NJHA member for 15 years and has participated in 11 JNHEs. She was a voting delegate for two years and was named outstanding state junior in 2010.



Krissi

“Striving to be a role model for every member of the NJHA,” Krissi says, is one of her goals as a junior board member. She says she is also committed to help every member of the NJHA know they have a spot within the organization.

Mallorie Phelps is the 18-year-old daughter of Shannon Mehaffey, Grandview, Texas. She will be a freshman this fall at Texas A&M University. Mallorie is an active member of the Texas Junior Hereford Association currently serving as president.

In addition to her involvement in the state association, Mallorie is also very active in the NJHA. She attended PRIDE Conventions at Boise, Idaho, Washington, D.C., Mississippi State and Texas A&M University. At the

JNHE, Mallorie has competed in team fitting, quiz bowl, speech and photo contests, team marketing, grill-off and livestock judging. She is active in 4-H and was the second high individual at the National Western Stock Show meats judging contest this last year. She has also had much success in the national showing.

Shelby Rogers is the 17-year-old daughter of Keith and Cindy Rogers, Hamilton, Texas. This fall she will be a senior at Hamilton High School and plans to pursue a career in agriculture journalism. Shelby has been a member of the Texas Junior Polled Hereford Association for 11 years, where she is currently the president and has served as first vice president, second vice president and director. She has attended 10 JNHEs and six PRIDE Conventions. Aside from being competitive in the showing, Shelby is the owner of 55 registered Hereford cows and two Dams of Distinction.



Shelby

“My second grade dream of being elected to the national junior board has come true,” Shelby says. “I hope to encourage more involvement in the JNHE contests and to inspire younger members to dream big.”

Keysto Stotz is the 18-year-old son of Max and Karen Stotz, Skiatook, Okla. This fall Keysto will be a freshman at the University of Tulsa,



Keysto

majoring in music and pre-law. He is very active in his church and with the Tulsa Youth Symphony. Additionally, Keysto served as the vice president and treasurer of his FFA chapter and the president, vice president and secretary of his 4-H club. In the Junior Hereford Association of Oklahoma he is currently serving as president and has been a member for 10 years. In addition to being competitive in the showing, Keysto has participated in numerous JNHE contests, was a Prospect Award winner and has attended three PRIDE Conventions.

Courtney Tribble, Puyallup, Wash., is the 20-year-old daughter of Rick Tribble and Denise Jagielo. Courtney is a junior at Pierce College, Puyallup, Wash., majoring in agricultural business management. She has been very active in her 4-H



Courtney

club, where she served as president and treasurer and was a Northwest Junior Livestock Show 4-H representative for two years. She also volunteers for her church and local food bank. During her 13 years in the Washington State Junior Hereford Association, Courtney has served as the president, treasurer, historian and director. Some of her accomplishments in the showing include several division champions in Denver and Reno.

“Leading by example is the easiest way I see to excite the membership about the array of contests and leadership opportunities that the NJHA offers,” Courtney says. “This is the time for the Hereford breed to show our true colors; great cattle, breeders who are dedicated to the future of the breed and a youth program that is setting the standards in the beef industry.”

Matt Woolfolk is the 21-year-old son of John and Pat Woolfolk of Columbia, Tenn. He is a senior at

Mississippi State University, majoring in animal and dairy science. Upon receiving his degree, he plans to attend graduate school in the field of animal science and then pursue a career in the beef industry. He has been a member of his state association for 14 years, serving the offices of president, vice president, reporter and chairman for the 2007 Southeastern Regional Junior Hereford Show. Matt has attended six JNHEs and two PRIDE Conventions. Woolfolk is a two-time champion of the illustrated speaking contest, while also participating in extemporaneous speech and the judging contest offered at the JNHE. In 2009 Matt was recognized as a Dam of Distinction breeder. **HW**