

# New NJHA Leadership Selected



**2012-13 National Junior Hereford Association board of directors** (pictured, l to r) are: **Tamar Adcock**, Assumption, Ill., chairman; **Krissi McCurdy**, Chatsworth, Ga., vice chairman; **Jaime Hanson**, Comfrey, Minn., communications chair; **Shelby Rogers**, Hamilton, Texas, fundraising chair; and **Courtney Tribble**, Puyallup, Wash., leadership chair. Directors (standing, l to r) are: **Jason May**, East Randolph, Minn.; **Brady Jensen**, Courtland, Kan.; **Austin Buzanowski**, Pompeys Pillar, Mont.; **Keysto Stotz**, Skiatook, Okla., membership chair; **Matt Woolfolk**, Columbia, Tenn.; **Kristin Bielema**, Grand Rapids, Mich.; and **Elise Hackett**, Tuscola, Ill.

The election of four new junior Hereford members to the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) board of directors was made along with announcement of the new officer team at the 13th annual VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) July 7 in Grand Island, Neb.

The 2012-13 officer team is chairman, Tamar Adcock, Assumption, Ill.; vice chairman, Krissi McCurdy,

Chatsworth, Ga.; communications chair, Jaime Hanson, Comfrey, Minn.; membership chair, Keysto Stotz, Skiatook, Okla.; leadership chair, Courtney Tribble, Puyallup, Wash.; and fundraising chair, Shelby Rogers, Hamilton, Texas. Also serving on the board are directors Matt Woolfolk, Columbia, Tenn., and Austin Buzanowski, Pompeys Pillar, Mont. Kristin Bielema, Elise Hackett,

Brady Jensen and Jason May received their maroon jackets as new NJHA directors during the awards ceremony July 7. Two delegates from each state junior Hereford association voted for the individuals they wanted to represent the membership. The four retiring junior board members announced the results and passed their jackets on to the new leadership.

**Tamar Adcock** is the 20-year-old daughter of Jim and Jan Adcock of Assumption, Ill. She is a junior at Kansas State University and has been a member of the Illinois Junior Hereford Association (IJHA) for 11 years, serving as director, reporter, secretary and now president.

Tamar has received the NJHA Golden Bull Award and was named JNHE reserve intermediate champion showman. As an active FFA member, she served as her chapter secretary, participated on the livestock judging team and was named the state beef production entrepreneurship winner in 2010.

**Kristin Bielema** is the 18-year-old daughter of David and Jill Bielema, Grand Rapids, Mich. She is a recent graduate of Grand Rapids



**Kristin**



Kristin, Elise, Brady and Jason receive their maroon jackets from outgoing NJHA board members.

Christian High School and is attending Michigan State University as a freshman this fall, majoring in animal science pre-veterinary, focusing on beef cattle genetics and specializing in agribusiness.

Kristin was a member of her school's homecoming court and has been an active member of the varsity soccer team and a student congress member as well as a varsity cross country runner. She is currently the secretary/treasurer of the Michigan Junior Hereford Association, three-time state delegate and an NJHA member for seven years.

**Austin Buzanowski** is the 20-year-old son of Bernie and Stacie Buzanowski, Pompeys Pillar, Mont. He is a senior at the University of Wyoming, where he is majoring in animal science business along with minors in meat science and ag business.

After Austin receives his degree, he would like to return home to further improve the family herd of purebred Hereford cattle. He was an active FFA member, receiving his American degree. He is also currently the Wyoming Block and Bridle Club vice president. Austin has been active in the Montana Junior Hereford Association, where he has served as president, treasurer, reporter and director. He has participated in 11 JNHEs.

**Elise Hackett,** Tuscola, Ill., is the 18-year-old daughter of Dave and Marcia Hackett. She is currently a freshman at the University



Elise

of Illinois, where she is majoring in animal science and pre-veterinary medicine. She recently graduated from high school where she was a National Honor Society member, Tuscola Honors Choir member and president of the Tuscola FFA Chapter as well as the current IJHA vice president and the Illinois state Hereford queen.

Elise has been a national mentor for six years, attended multiple Program for Reaching Individuals Determined

to Excel (PRIDE) Conventions and JNHEs and competed in multiple contests over the years.

**Jaime Hanson** is the 20-year-old daughter of Jim and Jeri Hanson, Comfrey, Minn. She is a junior majoring in animal science at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL). Hanson is active in Sigma Alpha Professional Agriculture Sorority, UNL Collegiate Farm Bureau, Block & Bridle, Nebraska Beef Scholars and Nebraska Cattlemen. She is interning with UNL Extension this summer, located in the BKR Counties 4-H program in Ainsworth, Neb.

Jaime 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 through the use of social media. She recently started a blog called People.Passion.Purpose-Driving Agriculture, which was also her slogan for her NJHA campaign in 2010.



Jaime

**Brady Jensen** of Courtland, Kan., is the 19-year-old son of Kevin and Sheila Jensen. Brady is currently a sophomore at Butler Community College (BCC) in

El Dorado, Kan. Along with being a student, Brady is an active member of the BCC livestock judging team, Ag Ambassador Club, and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and was listed on the President's Honor Roll. As far as Hereford involvement, he is past president of the Kansas Junior Hereford Association (KJHA), a member of the 2011 Junior National Hereford Expo fundraising and show committees, a 2011 Walter and Joe Lewis Award winner and an Ed Bible Memorial Scholarship winner.

Brady has been a JNHE exhibitor for 12 years, an NJHA and a KJHA member for 18 years, has attended two PRIDE conventions, has served as a Kansas voting delegate for three years

and exhibits cattle at national Hereford shows across the country. At this year's JNHE, Brady was named Hereford Herdsman of the Year and was also awarded John Wayne, Hereford Herdsman, Golden Bull Achievement and Future Cattleman scholarships.



Jason

**Jason May** is the 19-year-old son of Mark and Ann May of East Randolph, Minn. He is currently a sophomore at Hutchinson Community

College, Hutchinson, Kan., where he is majoring in animal science and farm-ranch management. Jason has been an active participant in the Randolph High School junior and senior play, where he was recognized as the outstanding senior actor. He is also an usher and mass server at Saint Mathias Church, along with being a Sunday school teacher.

Jason is also very involved with the Dakota County 4-H, where he has served as a youth teaching instructor, an ambassador, a youth agriculture day presenter, a food drive coordinator and a fitting and grooming clinic presenter. Jason has served as Randolph FFA president, three-time Minnesota Junior Hereford Association (MJHA) state voting delegate and the 2011-12 MJHA president.

**Krissi McCurdy** is the 19-year-old daughter of Donald and Kay McCurdy, Chatsworth, Ga. She is a sophomore at BCC, 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, she is the past president and has served as the secretary. She has been an NJHA member for 16 years and has participated in 12 JNHEs.

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**Shelby Rogers** is the 18-year-old daughter of Keith and Cindy Rogers, Hamilton, Texas. This fall she will be attending Oklahoma State University and plans to dual-major in agricultural communications and animal science, specializing in meat science.

Shelby has been a member of the Texas Junior Polled Hereford Association for 12 years, where she is a past president and has served as first vice president, second vice president and director. She has attended 11 JNHES and six PRIDE conventions. Aside from being competitive in the showing, she is the owner of 55 registered Hereford cows and two Dams of Distinction.

**Keysto Stotz** is the 19-year-old son of Max and Karen Stotz, Skiatook, Okla. Keysto is a sophomore at the University of Tulsa, majoring in music education and political science.

He previously served as the president of the Junior Hereford Association of Oklahoma and has been a member of the national association for 12 years and has showed at 12 JNHES.

**Courtney Tribble** is the 21-year-old daughter of Rick Tribble and Denise Jagielo of Puyallup, Wash. She received her general associate's degree in June 2011 from Pierce Community College and currently works at Risk Placement Services - MIS (insurance company), while determining where she will complete her bachelor's degree.

During her 14 years in the Washington State Junior Hereford Association, Courtney has served as the president, treasurer and historian and is currently serving her second year as treasurer.

**Matt Woolfolk** is the 22-year-old son of John and Pat Woolfolk of Columbia, Tenn. Matt is a

recent graduate of Mississippi State University with a degree in animal and dairy science. This fall he will begin a master's degree program at Texas A&M University, studying animal breeding.

Matt 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. He has attended seven JNHES and two PRIDE Conventions. Matt 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 and 2012, Woolfolk was recognized as a Dam of Distinction breeder. **HW**