

# Hereford Youth Receive Scholarships

During the 2012 13th annual VitaFerm Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) in Grand Island, Neb., nearly \$25,000 was awarded to National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) members in scholarship monies. Congratulations to all the winners.

## 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 National Hereford Women (NHW) and NJHA. Prospect Awards go to students in third through eighth grade and Junior Golden Bull Awards to students in ninth through 12th grade. 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 – Sydney Espenscheid-Stolee**, Argyle, Wis.

**Fourth grade – Wesley Denton**, Blue Rapids, Kan.

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

**Sixth grade – Blakelee Hayes**, Ada, Okla.

**Seventh grade – Hannah Williams**, Kearney, Neb.

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

### Junior Golden Bull Award

**Ninth grade – Brett Jones**, Darlington, Wis.

**10th grade – Harrison Smith**, Gatesville, Texas

**11th grade – Jackson Mead**, Concord, Ark.

**12th grade – Shelby Rogers**, Hamilton, Texas

### Golden Bull Achievement Award

**1st place – Hillary Peters**, Centralia, Wash., \$1,875

**2nd place – Brady Jensen**, Courtland, Kan., \$1,875

**3rd place – Bethany Nolan**, Gilmer, Texas, \$1,875

**4th place – Chandler Mulvaney**, Opelika, Ala., \$1,875

### 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 NHW.

**Brady Jensen**, Courtland, Kan., \$1,000

**Chandler Mulvaney**, Opelika, Ala., \$1,000



**Junior Prospect Award** winners (l to r) are: **Sydney Espenscheid-Stolee**, Argyle, Wis., third grade; **Wesley Denton**, Blue Rapids, Kan., fourth grade; and **Lauren McMillan**, Ohio, Ill., fifth grade.



**Senior Prospect Award** winners (l to r) are: **Blakelee Hayes**, Ada, Okla., sixth grade; **Hannah Williams**, Kearney, Neb., seventh grade; and **Harley Rogers**, Hamilton, Texas, eighth grade.



**John Wayne Memorial Scholarship** winners (l to r) are: NHW board member Shannon Mehaffey, **Chandler Mulvaney**, Opelika, Ala.; and **Brady Jensen**, Courtland, Kan.



**Junior Golden Bull Award** winners (l to r) are: **Brett Jones**, Darlington, Wis.; **Harrison Smith**, Gatesville, Texas; and **Shelby Rogers**, Hamilton, Texas. Also pictured is NHW Board Member Susan Hayhurst.



**Golden Bull Award** winners (l to r) are: Mary Ann Berg, NHW board member; **Brady Jensen**; **Bethany Nolan**, Gilmer, Texas; **Chandler Mulvaney**; and Denise Billman, NHW board member.

**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 – Mallorie Phelps,**  
Grandview, Texas, \$1,000

**Second place – Cheyenne Moyer,**  
Lincoln, Ark., \$750

**Third place – Justin Bacon,**  
Siloam Springs, Ark., \$500

**Fourth place – Rossie Blinson,**  
Buies Creek, N.C., \$250

**Future Cattleman Scholarship**

The HYFA and NHW sponsor two \$500 scholarships awarded to junior members who have made

outstanding contributions to the Hereford industry.

**Justin Bacon,**  
Siloam Springs, Ark., \$500

**Brady Jensen,**  
Courtland, Kan., \$500

**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 – Cody Beck,**  
Bainbridge, Ind., \$2,000 plus trip

**Second place – Justin Bacon,**  
Siloam Springs, Ark., \$1,250

**Third place – Joseph Hale,**  
Sapulpa, Okla., \$1,250

**Hereford Herdsman Scholarship**

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

**Brady Jensen,**  
Courtland, Kan., \$1,000

**Cameron Curry,**  
McAlester, Okla., \$1,000

**Walter and Joe 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 – Justin Bacon,**  
Siloam Springs, Ark., \$1,000

**Second place – Taryn Adcock,**  
Assumption, Ill., \$750

**Poll-ette Founders Scholarship**

The Poll-ette Founders scholarships are funded through the HYFA

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**Ed Bible Memorial Scholarship** winners (l to r) are: **Mallorie Phelps**, Grandview, Texas; **Justin Bacon**, Siloam Springs, Ark.; and **Rossie Blinson**, Buies Creek, N.C.



**Future Cattleman Scholarship** winners (l to r) are: **Justin Bacon** and **Brady Jensen**.



**Junior Merit Scholar** winners (l to r) are: Stuart Wilson of American Livestock Insurance; **Cody Beck**, Bainbridge, Ind.; and **Justin Bacon**.



**Herdsman Scholarship** winners (l to r) are: **Brady Jensen** and **Cameron Curry**, McAlester, Okla.



**Walter and Joe Lewis Memorial Scholarship** winners (l to r) are: **Justin Bacon** and **Taryn Adcock**, Assumption, Ill.



**Poll-ette Founders Scholarship** winners (l to r) are: Donna Riffel, Poll-ette founder; **Rossie Blinson**; **Joel Butler**, Republic, Mo.; and Jean Priefert, Poll-ette founder.

and managed by the NHW. These scholarships recognize two juniors who have made great contributions to the NJHA. They 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.

**Rossie Blinson**,  
Buies Creek, N.C., \$1,000

**Joel Butler**,  
Republic, Mo., \$1,000

**Taryn Adcock**, Assumption, Ill., won the second-place Walter and Joe Lewis Memorial Scholarship. At the 2012 JNHE, Taryn earned a sixth-place finish in intermediate showmanship and a reserve division championship. Last year she was chosen a Junior Golden Bull Award recipient. Taryn, who is 17, is currently the Illinois Junior Hereford Association secretary. This fall she will be a freshman at Illinois College, Jacksonville.

**Justin Bacon**, Siloam Springs, Ark., won the third-place Ed Bible Memorial Scholarship, the first-place Walter and Joe Lewis Memorial Scholarship, and the second-place National Junior Merit and Future Cattleman scholarships. Justin, 21, retired from the NJHA board during the 2011 JNHE. He will be a senior this fall at Oklahoma State University, majoring in food science. He plans to earn his master's degree in meat science and then find a career in the beef/meat industry.

**Cody Beck**, Bainbridge, Ind., won the first-place National Junior Merit Award. Cody, 19, will be a sophomore this fall at Butler Community College (BCC), El Dorado, Kan., where he is on the livestock judging team. He plans to attend a four-year university after graduating from Butler and major in agriculture economics with an emphasis on pre-law. He hopes to work in the legal field in the ag industry and eventually develop his own herd.

**Rossie Blinson**, Buies Creek, N.C., was chosen the fourth-place Ed Bible Memorial Scholarship winner and won a Poll-ette Founders Scholarship. Rossie, 21, is entering her senior year in agriculture business management with a minor in animal science at North Carolina State University. Rossie plans to pursue a master's degree in agriculture business management and then find a career involving communication in the animal agriculture field. Rossie was elected to the NJHA Board of Directors in 2008 and served as chairman.

**Joel Butler**, Republic, Mo., won a Poll-ette Founders Scholarship. Joel, 19, will be a sophomore this fall at Ozarks Technical Community College. He has been showing Hereford cattle for 11 years and was a Herdsman nominee at the 2011 JNHE. He also showed the supreme champion heifer at the 2011 Missouri Cattlemen's Association All-Breed's Junior Show.

**Cameron Curry**, McAlester, Okla., won a Hereford Herdsman Scholarship. Cameron, 20, just received his associate's degree from Connors State College. He is currently serving as the Junior Hereford Association of Oklahoma's vice president. This fall he will begin his bachelor's degree at Oklahoma State University, majoring in animal science. He's not sure if he will work in an ag-related field or join his family in the insurance business after graduation, but he's certain he will own and operate his own branch of Curry Hereford Ranch.

**Wesley Denton**, Blue Rapids, Kan., won the fourth-grade Prospect Award. Wesley, 10, has been a member of the NJHA since he was born but has been an active member of NJHA and the Kansas Junior Polled Hereford Association since 2009. He attended his first JNHE in 2009 and last year was named reserve champion peewee showman. He won the third-grade Prospect Award last year and enjoys participating in team marketing and the speech contest.

**Sydney Espenscheid-Stolee**, Argyle, Wis., won the third-grade Prospect Award. Sydney, 9, has been a member of the NJHA and the Wisconsin Junior Hereford Association for three years. This year's JNHE was her third and her second year to participate in the AHA's Junior AI Program. Sydney says she participates in the junior association because she wants to be like her big sister.

**Joseph Hale**, Sapulpa, Okla., won the third-place National Junior Merit Award. Joseph, 21, will be a junior at Oklahoma State University, majoring in pre-veterinary science. He would like a career as an embryologist, providing on-farm reproduction services. He also plans to raise livestock for show projects.

**Blakelee Hayes**, Ada, Okla., won the sixth-grade Prospect Award. Blakelee, 12, has been a member of the NJHA and the Junior Hereford Association of Oklahoma for five years. She says her favorite part is competing in showmanship, and she has participated in 16 state and national showmanship contests. She also enjoys judging and speaking contests.

**Brady Jensen**, Courtland, Kan., won the second-place Golden Bull Achievement Award, a John Wayne Memorial Scholarship, a Future Cattleman Scholarship and a Hereford Herdsman Scholarship. Brady, 19, will be a sophomore at BCC this fall, where he competes on the livestock judging team. Brady plans to continue his animal science education at a four-year university and then seek a master's degree in animal genetics. This year Brady was named the Hereford Herdsman of the Year and elected to the NJHA board.

**Brett Jones**, Darlington, Wis., won the ninth-grade Junior Golden Bull Award. Brett, 15, has been a member of the NJHA and the Wisconsin Junior Hereford Association (WJHA) for nine years. He has served as a director of the WJHA and is currently serving as treasurer. He was honored with a fifth-place finish at the 2011 JNHE in junior showmanship. He wants to be a large animal veterinarian like his father.

**Lauren McMillan**, Ohio, Ill., won the fifth-grade Prospect Award. Lauren, 10, has been a member of the NJHA and the Illinois Junior Hereford Association (IJHA) for four years. Last year she was elected to the IJHA's board of directors. At the 2011 JNHE, she was named champion peewee showman.

**Jackson Mead**, Concord, Ark., won the 11th-grade Junior Golden Bull Award. Jackson, 17, has been a member of the NJHA and the Arkansas Junior Hereford Association (AJHA) since 2002. Currently, he is the president of the AJHA and has been for two years, after serving one term as vice president. He really enjoys livestock judging and has had much success judging in 4-H and FFA. He definitely plans to judge in college.

**Cheyenne Moyer**, Lincoln, Ark, won the second-place Ed Bible Memorial Scholarship. Cheyenne just completed her freshman year at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College (NEO), where she earned a 4.0 GPA. At NEO she is a member of the livestock judging team and the Aggie Society.

**Chandler Mulvaney**, Opelika, Ala., won the fourth-place Golden Bull Achievement Award and a John Wayne Memorial Scholarship. Chandler, 18, will begin college this fall at Chattahoochee Valley Community College, Phoenix City, Ala. At the 2011 JNHE, Chandler was in the top six in senior showmanship. In addition to his Hereford and cattle responsibilities, Chandler is very active in school, community and church activities and is an accomplished baseball player.

**Bethany Nolan**, Gilmer, Texas, won the third-place Golden Bull Achievement Award. Bethany, 19, just completed her freshman year at Texas A&M University. From 2010-11, Bethany served the breed as the National Hereford Queen. She has also served the Texas Junior Hereford Association in various positions including president, vice president and secretary.

**Mallorie Phelps**, Grandview, Texas, won the first-place Ed Bible Memorial Scholarship. Mallorie, 18, will be a sophomore this fall at Texas A&M University, where she is involved in the Saddle & Siroloin and Collegiate FFA. She is currently serving as a director on the NJHA Board.

**Hillary Peters**, Centralia, Wash., won the first-place Golden Bull Achievement Award. Hillary, 21, will be a senior at Washington State University this fall, where she is earning her degree in agriculture education. She is also active in Collegiate FFA, Block & Bridle and Ag Ed Club. After graduation, she looks forward to teaching in western Washington and helping students learn the importance of agriculture.

**Harley Rogers**, Hamilton, Texas, won the eighth-grade Prospect Award. Harley, 14, has been a member of the NJHA and the Texas Junior Polled Hereford Association (TJPHA) for 12 years. Harley has been a director for the TJPHA since 2010 and has served the association on several committees since 2003. In addition to showing Herefords, she competes in judging, team marketing and speech contests.

**Shelby Rogers**, Hamilton, Texas, won the 12th-grade Junior Golden Bull Award. Shelby, 18, has been a member of the NJHA for 11 years, the Texas Junior Polled Hereford Association (TJPHA) for 12 years and the Texas Junior Hereford Association for eight years. She has served the TJPHA as president, first vice president and second vice president. She is currently serving on the NJHA board. She plans to have a career in the beef industry.

**Harrison Smith**, Gatesville, Texas, won the 10th-grade Junior Golden Bull Award. Harrison, 16, has been a member of the NJHA and the Texas Junior Hereford Association (TJHA) since 2004. He has been a director of the TJHA and served as parliamentarian. At the JNHE Harrison has competed in team fitting, team marketing and quiz bowl in addition to showing cattle. He is considering becoming a large animal veterinarian or an ag banker.

**Hannah Williams**, Kearney, Neb., won the seventh grade Prospect Award. Hannah, 13, has been a member of the NJHA and the Nebraska Junior Hereford Association for four years. In 2009 she exhibited the grand champion carcass steer at the JNHE in Tulsa, Okla. **HW**

