

New NJHA Leadership Elected



2013-14 National Junior Hereford Association board of directors (pictured front row, l to r) are: **Kristin Bielema**, Grand Rapids, Mich., communications chair; **Elise Hackett**, Tuscola, Ill., fundraising chair; **Amanda Bacon**, Siloam Springs, Ark.; **Shelby Rogers**, Hamilton, Texas, leadership chair; **Tommie Lynne Mead**, Midville, Ga.; and **Krissi McCurdy**, Chatsworth, Ga. Back row (l to r) are: **Jason May**, Randolph, Minn.; **Cody Jensen**, Courtland, Kan.; **Keysto Stotz**, Skiatook, Okla., chairman; **Brady Jensen**, Courtland, Kan., membership chair; **Taryn Adcock**, Assumption, Ill.; and **Courtney Tribble**, Puyallup, Wash., vice chairman.

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 14th annual VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) July 20 in Kansas City, Mo.

Taryn Adcock, Amanda Bacon, Cody Jensen and Tommie Lynne Mead received their maroon jackets as new NJHA directors during the awards ceremony July 20. 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.

The 2013-14 officer team includes Chairman Keysto Stotz, Skiatook, Okla.; Vice Chairman Courtney Tribble,

Puyallup, Wash.; Communications Chair Kristin Bielema, Ada, Mich.; Membership Chair Brady Jensen, Courtland, Kan.; Leadership Chair Shelby Rogers, Hamilton, Texas; and Fundraising Chair Elise Hackett, Tuscola, Ill. Also serving on the board of directors are Krissi McCurdy, Chatsworth, Ga., and Jason May, Randolph, Minn.

Taryn Adcock is the 18-year-old daughter of Jim and Jan Adcock of Assumption, Ill. Taryn will be a sophomore at Illinois College, majoring in business and economics while also playing on the volleyball team.



Taryn

Having been an NJHA member for 11 years and serving as the current president of the Illinois Junior Hereford Association, Taryn says she believes in the opportunities that the NJHA provides to its members. Her slogan throughout the week was to “win from within.” She plans to encourage juniors to jump in and take advantage of every opportunity, especially Program for Reaching Individuals Determine to Excel (PRIDE) Convention.



Amanda

Amanda Bacon, Siloam Springs, Ark., is the 19-year-old daughter of Craig and Debbie Bacon. A sophomore at Oklahoma State University, majoring in agricultural

communications and animal science, she hopes to pursue a law degree at the University of Arkansas. Amanda served as the 2012 National Hereford Queen and is the president of the Arkansas Junior Hereford Association.

As a newly elected director, she wants to give back to the association that has given so much to her and to provide the same opportunity to other juniors with new programs like the Helping Hooves service project and a junior Certified Hereford Beef (CHB) ambassador program.

Kristin Bielema is the 19-year-old daughter of Dave and Jill Bielema, Ada, Mich. She will be a sophomore at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Mich., majoring in business.

Kristin has been a member of the Michigan Junior Hereford Association for eight years, where she served as director, secretary and treasurer. She has attended seven JNHEs and the last two PRIDE Conventions.

As an active member of both 4-H and the NJHA, she has done well in the showing but has also developed skills through participation in other contests and leadership roles. During her time on the board, she wants to encourage juniors to not be afraid to try new things and to just go for it.



Taryn Adcock receives her maroon jacket from her sister and outgoing director Tamar.



Amanda Bacon accepts her maroon jacket from retiring board member Jaime Hanson.



She says, "Always be yourself and do not let anything stand in your way of making something great out of your life."

Elise Hackett is the 19-year-old daughter of Dave and Marcia Hackett, Tuscola, Ill. She will be a sophomore studying animal science pre-vet at the University of Illinois. She was a member of her high school's National Honor Society and Honors Choir and president of the Tuscola FFA Chapter.

Elise is currently serving as the Illinois Junior Hereford Association's vice president. She has been a member of the NJHA since she was 6, and has attended multiple JNHEs and PRIDE Conventions in addition to competing in numerous contests.

As a board member, she says she hopes to help educate and assist the junior members in being successful and to promote the Hereford breed in a positive matter.

Brady Jensen is the 20-year-old son of Kevin and Shelia Jensen, Courtland, Kan. He recently graduated from Butler Community College, El Dorado, Kan., where he competed on the livestock judging team and was named an All-American.

This fall, he will be transferring to Kansas State University to pursue a degree in animal science and industry and agriculture economics. He has been a member of the NJHA since he was 7 and has exhibited at all but one JNHE since he was old enough to show.

His honors in the NJHA range from being named Junior Herdsman of the Year to winning champion or reserve champion showman in every

age group. He says his passion for the Hereford breed is unparalleled, and the continued positive growth of the NJHA program drove him to serve the youth as a director.



Cody

hopes one day to have a milling science position in the Midwest and to continue to raise and sell Hereford cattle.

In junior college, Cody was a member of the Butler Community College livestock judging team, and he is an active member of the Kansas Junior Hereford Association.

As a director, he says he wants to be a role model and hopes that junior members will feel comfortable in expressing their thoughts and opinions about the association to him as a great listener who can put their requests into action.

Jason May is the 20-year-old son of Mark and Ann May of Randolph, Minn. He will be a junior studying animal science at South Dakota State University this fall.

He has shown cattle for 13 years and says he wouldn't trade the opportunity for the world. He has been a member of the Minnesota Junior Hereford Breeders for six years and served as president in 2011-12.

He spends most of his time working on show heifers and traveling with his school's livestock judging team. He also enjoys spending time with his family and friends at home. Jason brings a great deal of energy to the board and is always eager to lend a helping hand to Hereford youth across the nation.

Krissi McCurdy is the 20-year-old daughter of Donald and Kay McCurdy, Chatsworth, Ga. She graduated from

Butler Community College with an agriculture degree and was on the judging team.

She will be attending Oklahoma State University this fall to pursue a food science degree. In the Georgia Junior Hereford Association, Krissi is a past president and secretary. She has been an NJHA member for 16 years, participating in 13 JNHEs.

She has received the Junior Golden Bull Award, has been a state voting delegate twice and was named the outstanding state junior member in 2010.

She says she strives to promote the Hereford breed and to increase involvement in the opportunities provided by the NJHA.

Tommie Lynne Mead of Midville, Ga., is the 20-year-old

daughter of Tommy Mead and Cindy Eppich. Currently a junior at Georgia Southern University, Tommie is majoring in exercise science with a minor in



Tommie Lynne

nutrition. Having been the president of the Georgia Junior Hereford Association for two years, she has gained many skills. "Lead with Mead" was her slogan, and she says she wants to give back to the greatest youth organization by serving as a positive influence to others, while devoting whatever it takes to keep the association moving forward.

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Austin Buzanowski congratulates Cody Jensen for being elected to the NJHA board.



Matt Woolfolk passes his maroon jacket to Tommie Lynne Mead.



Shelby Rogers is the 19-year-old daughter of Keith and Cindy Rogers, Hamilton, Texas.

She will be a sophomore at Oklahoma State University, dual-majoring in agricultural communications and animal science. Upon graduation, she hopes to work in the livestock photography industry and possibly be an agricultural journalist.

Shelby has been a member of the Texas Junior Polled Hereford Association for 13 years, serving as president, vice president, second vice president and director. She has attended 12 JNHEs and seven PRIDE Conventions. Aside from being competitive in the showing, she is the owner of 55 registered Hereford cows including two Dams of Distinction.

She says she enjoys motivating the youth to be leaders while aspiring to

bring the JNHE to her home state of Texas and to continue to improve the JNHE contests.

Keysto Stotz is the 20-year-old son of Max and Karen Stotz, Skiatook, Okla. This fall, Keysto will be a junior at the University of Tulsa, majoring in instrumental music education/pre-law.

He has previously served as the president of the Junior Hereford Association of Oklahoma and has been an NJHA member for 13 years. He has participated in 13 JNHEs. This will be Keysto's final year on the NJHA board, and he is serving as chairman.

While on the board, he has been instrumental in planning the past two PRIDE Conventions and revamping some of the JNHE contests such as Hereford Bowl and starting pre-peeewee showmanship.

Courtney Tribble is the 22-year-old daughter of Rick Tribble and Denise Jagielo, both of Puyallup, Wash. She received her general associate's degree in June 2011 from Pierce Community College, Puyallup, Wash.

Currently, she works at Risk Placement Services (MIS Insurance Co.) while determining where she will complete her bachelor's degree.

During her 15 years in the Washington State Junior Hereford Association, she has served as president, treasurer, historian and director.

When Courtney isn't working with cattle, some activities she enjoys are hiking, bike riding, participating in water and winter sports and spending time with her family. **HW**