

Hereford Youth Receive Scholarships

During the 2015 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 the 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** – Harlee Watson, Flemingsburg, Ky.
- Fourth grade** – Samuel Birdsall, Homer, N.Y.
- Fifth grade** – Tate Johnson, Centerville, S.D.
- Sixth grade** – Lauren Jones, Darlington, Wis.
- Seventh grade** – Wesley Denton, Blue Rapids, Kan.
- Eighth grade** – Lauren McMillan, Tiskilwa, Ill.

Junior Golden Bull Award

- Ninth grade** – Nicholas Torrance, Media, Ill.
- 10th grade** – Amy Larson, Tecumseh, Okla.
- 11th grade** – Mason Blinson, Buies Creek, N.C.
- 12th grade** – Nick Eck, Putnam, Okla.

Golden Bull Achievement Award

- 1st place** – Keysto Stotz, Skiatook, Okla., \$1,875
- 2nd place** – Bailey McKay, Marysville, Kan., \$1,875
- 3rd place** – Shelby Rogers, Hamilton, Texas, \$1,875
- 4th place** – Kendi Sayre, Arenzville, Ill., \$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.

- Cody Jensen**, Courtland, Kan., \$1,000
- Taylor Belle Matheny**, Mays Lick, Ky., \$1,000



Golden Bull Award winners (l to r) are: **Bailey McKay**, Marysville, Kan.; and **Kendi Sayre**, Arenzville, Ill. Not pictured are: **Keysto Stotz**, Skiatook, Okla.; and **Shelby Rogers**, Hamilton, Texas.



Junior Golden Bull Award winners (l to r) are: ninth grade – **Nicholas Torrance**, Media, Ill.; 10th grade – **Amy Larson**, Tecumseh, Okla.; 11th grade – **Mason Blinson**, Buies Creek, N.C., and 12th grade – **Nick Eck**, Putnam, Okla. Also pictured are NHW board members Michelle Beran (far left), Carol Priefert (right) and Rhonda Eck (far right).

Junior Prospect and Senior Prospect Award winners

(pictured, l to r) are: **Harlee Watson**, Flemingsburg, Ky., third grade; **Samuel Birdsall**, Homer, N.Y., fourth grade; **Tate Johnson**, Centerville, S.D., fifth grade; **Lauren Jones**, Darlington, Wis., sixth grade; **Wesley Denton**, Blue Rapids, Kan., seventh grade; and **Lauren McMillan**, Tiskilwa, Ill., eighth grade. Also pictured are NHW board members Jill Folkman (right) and Suzanne Matheny (far right).





John Wayne Memorial Scholarship winners (l to r) are: **Taylor Belle Matheny**, Mays Lick, Ky.; and **Cody Jensen**, Courtland, Kan. Also pictured is NHW board member Beth Blinson (far right).



Ed Bible Memorial Scholarship winners (l to r) are: **Katie Nolles**, Bassett, Neb.; **Taylor Belle Matheny**, Mays Lick, Ky.; **Rachael Buzanowski**, Pompeys Pillar, Mont. Not pictured is **Shelby Rogers**, Hamilton, Texas



Miranda Stotz, Skiatook, Okla., was presented the **Future Cattleman Scholarship** and the **Poll-ette Founders Scholarship** during the 2015 Junior National Hereford Expo. Also pictured is Katie Nolles, National Hereford Queen.

Ed Bible Memorial Scholarship

The Ed Bible Memorial Scholarships are presented by the NHW and the HYFA. The scholarships are 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 – Katie Nolles, Bassett, Neb., \$1,000

Second place – Taylor Belle Matheny, Mays Lick, Ky., \$750

Third place – Rachael Buzanowski, Pompeys Pillar, Mont., \$500

Fourth place – Shelby Rogers, Hamilton, Texas, \$250

Future Cattleman Scholarship

The HYFA and NHW sponsor a \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a junior member who has made outstanding contributions to the Hereford industry.

Miranda Stotz, Skiatook, Okla., \$1,000

National Junior Merit Award

The junior merit scholarship recognizes outstanding NJHA members. The scholarship program is designed to encourage individual



Pictured are **National Junior Merit Scholars** (l to r): **Austin Matheny**, Mays Lick, Ky., first place, and **Melissa Grimmel**, Jarrettsville, Md., third place. Pictured presenting the awards (far left) is Stuart Wilson, American Livestock Insurance Inc. Not pictured is **Shelby Rogers**, Hamilton, Texas, second place.

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 to a Hereford operation in the continental U.S. sponsored by American Livestock Inc. as well as a scholarship.

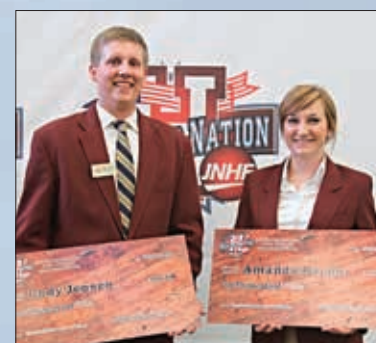
First place – Austin Matheny, Mays Lick, Ky., \$2,000 plus trip

Second place – Shelby Rogers, Hamilton, Texas, \$1,250

Third place – Melissa Grimmel, Jarrettsville, Md., \$1,250

Hereford Herdsman Scholarship

Administered by the HYFA in cooperation with Hereford herdsmen, these scholarships honor NJHA members who take great pride in



Herdsman Scholarship winners (l to r) are: **Cody Jensen**, Courtland, Kan., and **Amanda Bacon**, Siloam Springs, Ark.

exhibiting and presenting their Hereford cattle.

Amanda Bacon, Siloam Springs, Ark., \$1,000

Cody Jensen, Courtland, Kan., \$1,000

Poll-ette Founders Scholarship

The Poll-ette Founders scholarship is funded through the HYFA and managed by the NHW. It recognizes a junior who has made great contributions to the NJHA. The scholarship also honors 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.

Miranda Stotz, Skiatook, Okla., \$1,000

Walter and Joe Lewis Memorial High Point Senior Award winners (l to r) are: **Brooke Jensen**, Courtland, Kan., first place; **Melissa Grimmel**, Jarrettsville, Md., second place; and **Katie Nolles**, Bassett, Neb., third place. Pictured presenting the awards is Cody Jensen, NJHA fundraising chair (far left).



Joe and Walter Lewis High Point Senior Award

The Lewis scholarship award 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** – Brooke Jensen, Courtland, Kan., \$500
- Second place** – Melissa Grimmel, Jarrettsville, Md., \$375
- Third place** – Katie Nolles, Bassett, Neb., \$250.

Bud Snidow Award

The B.C. “Bud” Snidow Award is sponsored by NHW and is given annually to a deserving NJHA member who exemplifies the qualities most admired by Snidow including honesty, fairness, hard work, enthusiasm and dedication to the Hereford breed and its breeders. The recipient receives a hand-crafted belt buckle.

Keysto Stotz, Skiatook, Okla..



Keysto Stotz was presented the **Bud Snidow Award**. Also pictured is Barbara Metch, NHW director.

Bluegrass and Buckeye Scholarship

The Bluegrass and Buckeye Scholarship is funded through excess funds from the 2006 JNHE in Louisville, Ky., and is sponsored by the Ohio and Kentucky Hereford Associations along with HYFA. The scholarship’s purpose is to provide recognition for an outstanding member of the NJHA. Applicants must be nominated by their state junior association advisor.

Hailey Goble, Alto, Mich., \$1,500

Amanda Bacon, 21, is the daughter of Craig and Debbie Bacon. She is the current NJHA chairman and was the 2011-2012 National Hereford Queen. She also served as the Arkansas Junior Hereford Association president. She is a senior at Oklahoma State University (OSU), majoring in animal science and agricultural communications. She wants to find a career in the communications department of an agricultural company after graduation. Amanda won a Hereford Herdsman Scholarship.



Hailey Goble, Alto, Mich., was awarded a \$1,500 **Bluegrass and Buckeye Scholarship**. Pictured presenting the award is Bruce Everhart, Hereford Youth Foundation of America board member.

Samuel Birdsall, 10, is the son of Dennis and Heather Birdsall. He has been a member of the NJHA for eight years and the New York Junior Hereford Association for four years. Samuel has competed at four JNHEs. At the 2014 JNHE, he won the peewee individual sales contest. He was also the reserve champion junior showman at the 2014 New York State Fair. Samuel won the fourth-grade junior Prospect Award.

Mason Blinson, 17, is the daughter of Bryan and Beth Blinson. She has been a member of the NJHA for nine years and the North Carolina Junior Hereford Association (NCJHA) for 12 years. She has been a director of the NCJHA since 2011 and is currently the president. She literally made a 12-year-old boy’s wish come true when, as part of the Make-A-Wish program, she allowed a boy to show her heifer at the North Carolina State Fair last year. Mason won the 11th-grade Junior Golden Bull Award.

Rachael Buzanowski, 19, is the daughter of Bernie and Stacie Buzanowski. She has been involved in the NJHA and the Montana Junior Hereford Association for 11 years. She has shown Herefords since 2003 and won the champion steer title at the Montana State Fair in 2013 and the reserve champion standard cow-calf pair at the 2015 JNHE. Rachael will be a sophomore this fall at Butler Community College in El Dorado, Kan., where she maintains a 4.0 GPA and is on the track and field team. Rachael won the third-place Ed Bible Memorial Scholarship.

Wesley Denton, 13, is the son of John and Angie Denton. He has been an active member of the NJHA and the Kansas Junior Hereford Association (KJHA) since 2009. Wesley has competed in team sales, basketball, illustrated speech, Hereford bowl, photography and judging as a junior member in addition to showing. He was the reserve champion peewee showman at the 2011 JNHE. Wesley won the seventh-grade Prospect Award.

Nick Eck, 18, is the son of Sam and Rhonda Eck. He has been a member of the NJHA and the Junior Hereford Association of Oklahoma (JHAO) for 11 years. He has served the JHAO as the northwest director since 2008. He has competed at eight JNHEs during this junior career and has participated in the quiz bowl, livestock judging and showmanship contests among others. Nick graduated from high school in May and plans to go to school to be a paramedic. Nick won the 12th-grade Junior Golden Bull Award.

Hailey Goble, 20, is the daughter of Bob and Jami Goble. She has been showing cattle for eight years and exhibited a class winner at the 2014 JNHE. She is a sophomore at Olivet College, majoring in insurance and risk management. She also plays varsity women's lacrosse at college. Hailey won the Bluegrass and Buckeye Scholarship.

Melissa Grimmel, 21, is the daughter of Ed Grimmel and Karen Wunner. She has been involved in the NJHA and the Maryland Junior Hereford Association (MJHA) since 2005. She has served the MJHA as treasurer and is currently the president. Melissa placed third in senior showmanship at the 2015 JNHE, where she was also the second-place recipient of the Walter and Joe Lewis High Point Senior Award. Melissa is a senior at Kansas State University (K-State) majoring in agricultural communications and journalism and animal science. She plans to pursue a career in agricultural communications and public relations. Melissa also won the third-place National Junior Merit Scholarship.

Brooke Jensen, 19, is a sophomore at K-State, majoring in agribusiness. Brooke has been a member of the Kansas Junior Hereford Association for 12 years and served as the 2013-14 National Hereford Queen. Brooke was elected to the NJHA board of directors during the 2015 JNHE, while she also

earned points at the 2015 JNHE for being reserve champion senior showman and participating in competitive events including livestock judging, extemporaneous speaking and photography. Brooke won the first-place Lewis Memorial High Point Senior Award.

Cody Jensen, 22, is the son of Kirk and Steph Jensen. He has been a member of the NJHA and the Kansas Junior Hereford Association for 14 years. He was elected to the NJHA board of directors in 2013 and is currently the fundraising chair. He showed the grand champion bred-and-owned bull at the 2012 JNHE. A senior at K-State, majoring in feed science management, Cody plans to work at a livestock feed mill in the Midwest and to continue to raise Herefords after graduation. Cody won a John Wayne Memorial Scholarship and a Hereford Herdsman Scholarship.

Tate Johnson, 11, is the son of Mark and Jeanne Johnson. This is his fifth year as a member of the NJHA and the South Dakota Junior Hereford Association. He was reserve champion showman at his 2013 and 2014 state showmanship contests. He has also competed in team sales, judging and speech contests at the state, regional and national level. Tate won the fifth-grade junior Prospect Award.



Scholarship finalists were interviewed by a panel of judges.

Lauren Jones, 12, is the daughter of B.J. and Kim Jones. She has been a member of the NJHA and the Wisconsin Junior Hereford Association (WJHA) for five years. She served as a director of WJHA for 2014-2015. At the 2014 JNHE, she won the junior division speech contest and exhibited the champion bred and owned cow-calf pair. Lauren won the sixth-grade Prospect Award.

Amy Larson, 15, is the daughter of David and Cynthia Larson. She has been a member of the JHAO and the NJHA for eight years. She has been a director of the JHAO since 2013 and for the past two years has served as reporter. She is an accomplished livestock judge and in 2011 was reserve champion junior at the JNHE judging contest. Amy won the 10th-grade Junior Golden Bull Award.

Austin Matheny, 19, is the son of Andrew and Suzanne Matheny. He will be a sophomore at K-State in the fall. Austin plans to study animal science and then return to the family Hereford business. He and



Scholarship finalists interact with members of National Hereford Women prior to interviews.



Scholarship recipient Shelby Rogers, Hamilton, Texas, is pictured with Maddie Moore of the National Hereford Women.

his dad operate Matheny Herefords, which he hopes to expand. Austin was a Herdsman of the Year finalist at the 2015 JNHE and the Kentucky outstanding junior member at the 2013 JNHE. Austin won the first-place National Junior Merit Scholarship.

Taylor Belle Matheny, 17, is the daughter of Andrew and Suzanne Matheny. She has been a member of the NJHA and the Kentucky Junior Hereford Association (KJHA) for 10 years. She is the Kentucky Hereford Queen and the KJHA president. She graduated from Mason County High School in May and plans to major in agricultural communications when she starts college this fall at K-State. Taylor Belle won a John Wayne Memorial Scholarship and the second-place Ed Bible Memorial Scholarship.

Bailey McKay, 19, is the daughter of Grant and Linda McKay. She has been an NJHA and Kansas Junior Hereford Association member for 12 years. Bailey was elected to serve on the NJHA board of directors at the 2015 JNHE and was first runner-up in the 2014 National Hereford Queen contest. At the 2013 JNHE, she placed third in intermediate showmanship. Bailey will be a sophomore this fall at South Dakota State University. Bailey won the second-place Golden Bull Achievement Scholarship.

Lauren McMillan, 13, is the daughter of Kyle and Jodi McMillan. She has been a member of the NJHA

and the Illinois Junior Hereford Association (IJHA) for seven years. She is currently serving her fourth term as a director for that organization. This was her seventh JNHE. She was the grand champion peewee showman at the 2011 JNHE, the grand champion junior showman at the 2015 JNHE and showed the grand champion horned heifer at the 2010 JNHE. Lauren won the eighth-grade Prospect Award.

Katie Nolles, 18, is the daughter of Mike and Trudy Nolles. She has been a member of the NJHA and the Nebraska Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) for nine years. Katie has served the NJHA as director, historian and secretary. She is the fifth generation of her family, on both sides, to exhibit Herefords. Katie is serving as the 2014-2015 National Hereford Queen and as a 2015-2016 Nebraska State FFA Association vice president. She will be a freshman this fall at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Katie won the first-place Ed Bible Memorial Scholarship and the third-place Lewis Memorial High Point Senior Award.

Shelby Rogers, 21, is the daughter of Keith and Cindy Rogers. Shelby has been involved in 4-H, FFA and Oklahoma Collegiate Cattlewomen in addition to the NJHA and the Texas Junior Polled Hereford Association. She served on the NJHA board of directors from 2011-2014. She is a senior at OSU, studying agricultural communications and animal science. She plans to pursue a career in agricultural public relations. Shelby won the third-place Golden Bull Achievement Scholarship, the second-place National Junior Merit Scholarship and the fourth-place Ed Bible Memorial Scholarship.

Kendi Sayre, 19, is the daughter of Tim and Tracie Sayre. She has been an NJHA and IJHA member for 13 years. Kendi has been named the Illinois State Fair premier herdsman six times. She will be a sophomore this fall at Lincoln Land Community College, where she is in the ag club

and on the livestock judging team, all while earning a 4.0 GPA. Kendi won the fourth-place Golden Bull Achievement Scholarship.

Keysto Stotz, 22, is the son of Max and Karen Stotz. He has shown Hereford cattle for 16 years and been a leader in the Hereford industry. Last year he served as the NJHA board of directors' chairman, and he served as the JHAO president. He graduated from the University of Tulsa in 2015, where he maintained a 3.8 GPA. Keysto won the first-place Golden Bull Achievement Scholarship.

Miranda Stotz, 19, is the daughter of Max and Karen Stotz. She has been an NJHA and an JHAO member for 12 years. Miranda was the champion intermediate showman at the 2013 JNHE and was fourth place in the senior showmanship at the 2014 JNHE. She will be a sophomore this fall at Tarleton State University, majoring in animal science. Miranda plans to attend veterinary school after earning her bachelor's degree. Miranda won the Future Cattleman Scholarship and the Poll-ette Founders Scholarship.

Nicholas Torrance, 15, is the son of Scott and Monica Torrance. He has been a member of the NJHA and the IJHA for six years. He has served as a director of the IJHA for the last two years. Nicholas raised and exhibited the grand champion heifer at both the 2014 Wisconsin Preview Show and the 2014 Wisconsin Jackpot Show. Nicholas won the ninth-grade Junior Golden Bull Award.

Harlee Watson, 9, is the daughter of Matt and Melinda Watson. She has been a member of the NJHA and the Kentucky Junior Hereford Association for two years. She competed in peewee showmanship and the judging contest at the 2014 JNHE in Pennsylvania. Her goal is to be National Hereford Queen someday. Harlee won the third-grade Junior Prospect Award. **HW**