

## ★ \$37,000 in Scholarships Awarded to Hereford Youth

Fourteen National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) members were awarded scholarships totaling \$37,000 from the Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA). All scholarship winners were recognized at the HYFA "Harvest Gala" on Oct. 21 in Kansas City, Mo. Youth recognized were: Cassie Bacon, Amy Berry, Jessie Berry, Jocelyn Butler, Tyler Cowan, Robert Craig, Mason McClintock, Madeline Moore, Roger Morgan, Katlin Mulvaney, Drew Perez, Nicole Starr, Ashley Steckel-Stryker and Brandy Valek.

Bacon, Prairie Grove, Ark., and McClintock, Ft. McKavett, Texas, both earned a \$5,000 Bill and Jo Ellard, EE Ranches Inc. Scholarship.

Bacon served as the 2006 National Polled Hereford Queen and recently retired from her term on the NJHA board. She is a junior at Oklahoma State University, double majoring in animal science-food industry and agricultural communications. She intends to use these degrees to research and develop food products and then market them to consumers.

McClintock is a senior at Texas Tech University, double majoring in wildlife and fisheries management and pre-medicine. After McClintock obtains his undergraduate degree, he plans to attend dentistry school. McClintock was active in the Texas Junior Hereford Association, serving as parliamentarian, director and committee chairman.

Starr, Manawa, Wis., was awarded the \$2,500 Bob and Dolores Call Scholarship. She is currently serving as NJHA treasurer. Starr is a sophomore at Michigan



**Nicole Starr**, Manawa, Wis., received the Bob and Dolores Call Scholarship. Pictured with Starr is Bob Call, CBY Polled Herefords, Cushing, Okla.



**Brandy Valek**, Agenda, Kan., received the Whitehead Ranches and Rocking Chair Ranch Scholarship. Pictured with Valek is Lloyd Whitehead, San Angelo, Texas.

State University, majoring in animal science and marketing. She hopes to become a pharmaceutical sales representative for an agriculture company.

Valek, Agenda, Kan., received the \$2,500 Whitehead Ranches and Rocking

Chair Ranch Scholarship. She has been a junior member since 1993 and has served as the Kansas Junior Polled Hereford Association president since 2001. She is a senior at Kansas State University (K-State) majoring in agricultural economics with a specialty in animal science. Upon graduation Valek plans to continue her education by obtaining her master's degree.

Moore, Cove, Ore., earned the \$2,500 Bob Kube Scholarship. She served as the Oregon Junior Hereford Association vice president and queen in 2003-05. She is a sophomore at Oregon State University majoring in agriculture education. After obtaining her undergraduate degree, Moore plans to obtain her master's degree and pursue a career within the agriculture industry.

Butler, Republic, Mo.; Mulvaney, Auburn, Ala.; Amy Berry, Cheyenne, Wyo.; and Cowan, Maple Hill, Kan., were recipients of \$2,500 HYFA Scholarships. Amy was also a Golden Bull scholarship winner.

Butler served as a mentor for the NJHA Mentoring Program and is the current president of the Missouri Junior Hereford Association. She is an animal science and agricultural communication junior at Missouri State University. After completing her undergraduate studies, she plans to earn her master's degree. She eventually hopes to pursue a career in agriculture while maintaining her Hereford herd.

Mulvaney is currently serving on the NJHA board of directors. She attends Auburn University majoring in agricultural communications. After she graduates, her aspiration is to pursue a career in agricultural public relations while continuing to support youth in agriculture.

Amy Berry has served on the Wyoming Junior Hereford Association board of directors since 1997. She is a sophomore at the University of Wyoming (UW) majoring in animal and veterinary science with a pre-vet option. Upon graduation Amy plans to attend Colorado State University Veterinary School and specialize in large animals.



**Amy and Jessie Berry**, Cheyenne, Wyo.; **Ashley Steckel-Stryker**, Taylor, Neb.; **Drew Perez**, Nara Visa, N.M.; and **Robert Craig**, Scandia, Kan., were recognized as the 2007 Golden Bull Award winners. Pictured (front row, l to r) are: Ken Larson, HYFA director, Clifton, Texas; Jessie Berry and Marcia Mickelson, HYFA director, Santa Rosa, Calif. Back row (l to r) are: Craig, Perez and Amy Berry.

Cowan is vice president of the Kansas Junior Hereford Association. He is a freshman at K-State majoring in agricultural education. He plans to obtain a teaching position close to home so he can stay involved in the family Hereford business.

Jessie Berry, Cheyenne, Wyo., and Morgan, Burwell, Neb., received the \$1,000 Gary Bishop Memorial



**Shelby Williams**, Glen Rose, Texas, received the B.C. "Bud" Snidow Award Oct. 21 at the American Royal National Hereford Show. Pictured during the award presentation (l to r) Barb Wilkinson, Highlands Ranch, Colo., American Hereford Women (AHW) treasurer; Debby Mrnak, Bowman, N.D., AHW secretary; Snidow; Williams and Bonnie Coley-Malir, Dublin, Ohio, AHW president.



**Jessie Berry**, Cheyenne, Wyo., and **Roger Morgan**, Burwell, Neb., received a \$1,000 Gary Bishop Memorial Scholarship. Pictured (l to r) are: Berry, Morgan and Vickie Bishop, Basehor, Kan., Gary's wife.

Scholarships. Jessie was also a Golden Bull scholarship winner.

Jessie served as the 2006-07 Wyoming Junior Hereford Association president. She is a junior at UW pursuing a degree in agriculture business. She hopes to stay on the ranch and raise Hereford cattle.

Morgan has been a Hereford junior member for 18 years and is currently serving as the NJHA vice president. He is a junior at Northwest Missouri State University majoring in agriculture business. Morgan plans to develop and market animal electronic identification systems upon graduation and stay active in the Hereford breed.

The Berry sisters along with Steckel-Stryker, Taylor, Neb.; Perez, Nara Visa, N.M.; and Craig, Scandia, Kan., were recognized as the 2007 Golden Bull Award winners. The Golden Bull award recognizes five junior members who have excelled in all phases and activities of the junior program. Winners are selected based on each junior's individual accomplishments, leadership, employment, herd management and future goals. Each recipient receives a bronze Hereford bull as well as a \$1,500 scholarship.

Steckel-Stryker recently completed her junior career and was an active member both at the state and national level. She has seen much success in the showing with her animals, is an accomplished public speaker and has been a part of the prestigious top 10 showmen group at the Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE). She resides in Kansas with her husband but is still actively involved in managing her family's cow herd and 3,000-head backgrounding lot in Nebraska. She is currently completing her animal science and industry degree at K-State.

Perez is another active member in NJHA, 4-H and FFA. He has been a spokesman for the breed as the New Mexico voting delegate at the JNHE, worked on promotional exhibitions for Certified Hereford Beef, hosted the New Mexico Field Day at his family's ranch and has been a member of the New Mexico Junior Hereford Association Field Day committee since 1997. Perez is currently attending Butler Community College, El Dorado, Kan., pursuing a degree in animal



**Jocelyn Butler**, Republic, Mo.; **Katlin Mulvaney**, Auburn, Ala.; **Amy Berry**, Cheyenne, Wyo.; and **Tyler Cowan**, Maple Hill, Kan., were recipients of a \$2,500 HYFA Scholarship. Pictured (l to r) are: Butler; Bob Kube, HYFA director, Broad Run, Va.; Cowan; Berry and Mulvaney.

science and agriculture finance. At Butler Perez is a member of the livestock judging team.

Craig is a first-generation Hereford breeder. He received his first Hereford heifer when he was 8 years old. Craig is president of the Kansas Junior Polled Hereford Association. He has also been a participant at the Program for Reaching Individuals Determined to Excel (PRIDE) Convention and JNHE. He is an accomplished singer and was a member of the Pike Valley High School marching band, concert and jazz band, and show choir. This fall Craig is a sophomore at K-State majoring in biological and agricultural engineering with a minor in music.

The B.C. "Bud" Snidow Award is sponsored by the American Hereford Women (AHW) 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.

Snidow and AHW members presented Shelby Williams, Glen Rose, Texas, with a belt buckle at the American Royal National Hereford Show, recognizing her as this year's winner. She also received a custom painting created by Snidow.

Williams is a junior at Texas A&M's Tarleton campus in Stephenville, majoring in elementary education. She was a Texas Junior Hereford Association director and reporter. She was also active in 4-H, FFA, Rodeo Club and the dance team. **HW**

