

Hereford Youth Awarded \$35,750 in Scholarships

National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) members were awarded more than \$30,000 in scholarships from the Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA) Nov. 3, 2008, during the American Hereford Association Annual Meeting in Kansas City.

Heather Bradford, St. Marys, Ohio, and Roger Morgan, Burwell, Neb., won two of the largest scholarships: the \$5,000 Bill and Jo Ellard Scholarships from HYFA.

Heather Bradford is a freshman at Purdue University, studying animal science. She plans

to earn her master's degree in genetics and then pursue a career in quantitative genetics. Heather is currently serving as the secretary/treasurer for the Ohio Buckeye Junior Hereford Association and was the Hereford Idol contest winner at the 2008 Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE).

Roger Morgan is a senior studying animal science at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln (UNL). He plans to work in the livestock identification industry after graduation. Roger is currently NJHA president and is competing on the UNL livestock judging team.

Another \$5,000 scholarship was the Bob and Dolores Call Scholarship, which was awarded to **Cassie Bacon**, Prairie Grove, Ark. Cassie is a senior at Oklahoma State University (OSU), dual majoring in animal science and agricultural communications. Cassie has her own marketing/public relations business for livestock producers. After graduation she plans to continue to expand her clientele. Cassie served on the NJHA board of directors from 2004-2007 and was the reporter from 2005-2006.

She was also the National Polled Hereford Queen during 2006.

Three \$2,500 scholarships also were awarded. Katlin Mulvaney, Opelika, Ala., was given the Bob Kube Scholarship; Roxane Gebhart, Claremore, Okla., the Vanier Family Scholarship; and Staci Ann Curry, McAlester, Okla., the L.C. Whitehead and Whitehead Family Scholarship.

Katlin Mulvaney is a senior at Auburn University, majoring in agriculture communications with a minor in agriculture leadership. She is inspired to inform the public about agriculture and is considering furthering her education with a master's degree in business with an emphasis in communications. Katlin has been an NJHA Director since 2007 and was the 2006 Alabama Hereford Queen.

Roxane Gebhart is a junior at OSU, majoring in animal science. After earning her bachelor's degree, Roxane is planning to attend law school, then specialize in agricultural law and eventually work as a lobbyist for the ag industry. She is currently the NJHA vice president and has served on the board of directors since 2006. She is also a member of the Oklahoma Air National Guard.

Staci Ann Curry is a freshman at OSU, majoring in animal science. After graduation she plans to become a certified radiology technician in veterinary medicine. Staci is the president of the Junior Hereford Association of Oklahoma. She also served as the president of her FFA chapter for the last two years. She is currently working at the OSU Beef Cattle Center, helping to care for show and sale cattle.

The HYFA also sponsored four \$2,500 scholarships presented to Jocelyn Butler, Republic, Mo.;



Cassie Bacon, Prairie Grove, Ark., was presented the \$5,000 Bob and Dolores Call Scholarship. Pictured presenting the award is Bob Call, Cushing, Okla.



Staci Ann Curry, McAlester, Okla., was awarded the the L.C. Whitehead and Whitehead Family Scholarship. Pictured presenting the award is Loyd Whitehead, San Angelo, Texas.



Shelly Patton, Danielsville, Ga., and **Audrey Hambricht**, Chapman, Kan., were presented \$2,500 HYFA scholarships.

Audrey Hambright, Chapman, Kan.; Emily Harrison, Southbury, Conn.; and Shelly Patton, Danielsville, Ga.

Jocelyn Butler is a senior at Missouri State University, majoring in animal science with a minor in agricultural communications. Jocelyn has already earned her associate of arts degree from Ozarks Technical Community College. She is also working toward her master's degree and plans to work in the agricultural industry after she is finished with school. Jocelyn was the president of the Missouri Junior Hereford Association for two terms and is currently the reporter.

Audrey Hambright is a junior majoring in agricultural communication and animal science at Kansas State University (K-State). She attended Colby Community College for two years before transferring to K-State. She plans to pursue a career at a livestock publication to help distribute truthful information about the beef industry. She has served on the board of directors for the Kansas Junior Polled Hereford Association and the Kansas Junior Livestock Association.

Emily Harrison is a freshman at Pennsylvania State University, majoring in agricultural business management. She plans to become a lawyer specializing in agriculture. Emily served as the treasurer for the New England Junior Hereford Association and was the princess of that organization for seven years. She also helped her church's Sunday school program learn about the Heifer International program, helped raise money to buy several animals for the organization and taught the youngsters about agriculture.

Shelly Patton is a freshman at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, majoring in animal science/pre-veterinary medicine with a minor in agricultural



Roger Morgan, Burwell, Neb.; **Katlin Mulvaney**, Opelika, Ala.; and **Roxane Gebhart**, Claremore, Okla., were recognized as scholarship winners during the AHA Annual Membership Meeting Nov. 3.



Katlin Mulvaney was presented a \$1,000 Gary Bishop Memorial Scholarship. Pictured presenting the award is Vickie Bishop.

education. She hopes to be accepted into veterinary school and will specialize in bovine medicine and reproduction, then return to the family farm and start a vet clinic. Shelly is currently serving as president of the Georgia Junior Hereford Association and has been a director since 2004.

In addition, HYFA gave away two \$1,000 Gary Bishop Memorial Scholarships to Madeline Moore, Cove, Ore., and Katlin Mulvaney.

Madeline Moore is a junior at Texas Tech University, majoring in animal science and agriculture education. Madeline has already completed two years of classes at Oregon State University and Linn-Benton Community College through a dual enrollment program. She plans to earn a master's degree after graduation, and although she is not sure exactly what path she will take, she says she wants to be involved with cattle and public education. Madeline served for two terms as the Oregon Junior Hereford Association vice president.

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 Clements**,

Skellytown, Texas, with a belt buckle at the American Royal National Hereford Show, recognizing him as this year's winner. He also receives a \$1,250 scholarship and a custom painting created by Snidow.

Shelby is a sophomore at West Texas A&M University, majoring in animal science. He has served as a director for the Texas Junior Hereford Association and was a member of the Texas state champion livestock judging team. He is and always has been valued as a strong leader in all of his extracurricular activities: FFA, 4-H, sports and community and church activities. **HW**



Shelby Clements, Skellytown, Texas, received the B.C. "Bud" Snidow Award Nov. 2 during the American Royal National Hereford Show. Pictured presenting the award is Bud Snidow.