

Hereford Youth Awarded \$36,000 in Scholarships

National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) members were awarded \$36,000 in scholarships from the Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA) during the American Hereford Association Annual Meeting Nov. 3 in Kansas City, Mo.

Chandler Mulvaney, Opelika, Ala., and Tyler Schultz, Haviland, Kan., were awarded \$5,000 Bill and Jo Ellard Scholarships.

Schultz also won the B.C. "Bud" Snidow Award sponsored by the National Hereford Women. The Snidow Award 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. Schultz was presented a belt buckle.

Keysto Stotz, Skiatook, Okla., was awarded the \$5,000 Bob & Dolores Call Scholarship. Whitney Andras, Checotah, Okla., was presented the \$2,500 Whitehead/Rocking Chair Ranch Scholarship and the \$1,250 Gary Bishop Memorial Scholarship.

Morgann Gregory, Houstonia, Mo., was awarded the \$2,500 Bob & Lucy Kube Scholarship, and Tamar Adcock, Assumption, Ill., was awarded the \$1,250 Jack & Donna Vanier Scholarship.

Seely Sayre, Arenzville, Ill., was awarded the \$1,250 Blin Family

Scholarship, and Jaime Hanson, Comfrey, Minn., was awarded the \$2,500 Owen Family/Tennessee River Music Inc. Scholarship.

Hayley Miller, Thorntown, Ind., was awarded the \$2,500 Ball Foundation/Cottonwood Springs Farm Scholarship, and Bethany Nolan, Gilmer, Texas, was awarded the \$1,250 Larson Polled Herefords Scholarship. Krissi McCurdy, El Dorado, Kan., was awarded the \$1,250 Bar One Scholarship, given in honor of Ken Tracy, a fellow Hereford breeder who lost his battle with cancer last year.

Four Hereford juniors were presented \$1,250 HYFA scholarships, including Brady Jensen, Courtland,



HYFA scholarship winners were recognized at the American Hereford Association (AHA) Annual Meeting Nov. 3. Recipients (pictured, l to r) are: **Keysto Stotz**, Skiatook, Okla.; **Whitney Andras**, Checotah, Okla.; **Tamar Adcock**, Assumption, Ill.; **Jaime Hanson**, Comfrey, Minn.; **Bethany Nolan**, Gilmer, Texas; **Shelby Rogers**, Hamilton, Texas, and **Kathleen Ochsner**, Torrington, Wyo. Scholarship donors (pictured back row, l to r) are: **Ken Larson**, Clifton, Texas; **Lucy and Bob Kube**, Warrenton, Va.; **Lloyd Whitehead**, Menard, Texas; and **George Sprague**, Eugene, Ore. Not pictured are: **Chandler Mulvaney**, Opelika, Ala.; **Tyler Schultz**, Haviland, Kan.; **Seely Sayre**, Arenzville, Ill.; **Morgann Gregory**, Houstonia, Mo.; **Krissi McCurdy**, El Dorado, Kan.; **Brady Jensen**, Courtland, Kan.; and **Cody Jensen**, Courtland, Kan.

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Congratulations to all the scholarship winners:



Tamar Adcock, 21, is a junior at Kansas State University (K-State), majoring in animal science. Tamar is currently serving as chairman

of the NJHA board of directors. She is also president of the Illinois Junior Hereford Association. At K-State, she is a College of Agriculture Ambassador, a member of Collegiate Cattlewomen and secretary of Block & Bridle. She is an honors student and was chosen the College of Agriculture Student of the Month in December 2011. She is considering continuing her education in graduate school.



Whitney Andras, 18, is in her first semester at Connors State College, Warner, Okla., majoring in animal science and ag

business. She has also served the breed as a state Hereford queen and president of the Junior Hereford Association of Oklahoma. In addition to part-time jobs on campus, Whitney works whenever she can at a nearby Hereford operation, Turkey Feather Ranch, Ada, Okla. Also at college, Whitney is on the livestock judging team.

As a fifth-generation Hereford breeder, Whitney says she aspires to one day fulfill her dream of having her own Hereford operation. In the meantime, though, she is considering careers as a large animal chiropractor or in the public relations/communications side of the ag industry.

During the American Royal, Whitney was also named the 2012-13 National Hereford Queen.

Morgann Gregory, 18, is a freshman studying agriculture education at State Fair Community College, Sedalia, Mo. She has been a Missouri Hereford Association member since she was 3 years old and a NJHA member since she was 8. Morgann says Hereford cattle have always been a part of her life and she currently owns three registered Hereford cows. She plans to become an agriculture education teacher.



Jaime Hanson, 21, is a junior at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), majoring in animal science. She is currently serving as communications chair on the NJHA board of directors. At UNL, Jaime is an intern for the Nebraska Beef Council, treasurer/fundraising chair for the Sigma Alpha Professional Agriculture Sorority and president of the UNL Collegiate Farm Bureau. After graduation, she plans to work in the beef industry, hopefully, in promotional marketing that allows her to work with youth.



Brady Jensen, 20, is a sophomore in livestock management and merchandising at Butler Community College (BCC), El Dorado, Kan. At college Brady is on the livestock judging team and is a NJHA director. Brady plans to attend Kansas State University next year, majoring in animal science and ag economics. But, in the long term, he wants to get a master's degree in animal genetics.

Cody Jensen, 19, is a sophomore in animal science at BCC. He plans to transfer to K-State next year to study milling science. He has been a leader in the Kansas Junior Hereford Association and is also on the livestock judging team at Butler. He looks forward to a career in milling science, which will also allow him time to grow his Hereford herd.



Krissi McCurdy, 20, is from Chatsworth, Ga., but is currently studying agriculture at BCC and is on the livestock judging team. She is also serving the Hereford breed as vice chairman on the NJHA board of directors.



She is also a director for the Georgia Junior Hereford Association, having previously served as president and secretary. After graduating from Butler, Krissi plans to continue her education at a university to study agriculture education and then to return to the Southeast as an ag teacher.

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Hayley Miller, Thorntown, Ind., was awarded the \$2,500 Ball Foundation/Cottonwood Springs Farm Scholarship. Pictured presenting the award is Nancy Keilty, Cedar, Mich.

Hayley Miller, 20, is a sophomore studying agriculture education and animal science at Illinois Central College, East Peoria, Ill. Hayley is currently the Indiana Junior Hereford Association president. She has also served that association as board member, vice president and secretary. At college Hayley is a member of the livestock judging team. She plans to continue her education at Western Illinois University or Oklahoma State University (OSU) and to earn a bachelor's degree so she can become a high school agriculture education teacher and FFA advisor. She also wants to have her own small cattle operation.



Bethany Nolan, 20, is a sophomore at Texas A&M University, majoring in agricultural communications

and journalism. Bethany has served the breed as Texas Junior Hereford Association president, vice president, secretary and state Hereford queen as well as being the 2010-11 National Hereford Queen. At Texas A&M, Bethany is active in Saddle & Sirloin Club and Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow. She is also a member of Farmer's Fight, an ag advocacy group. Bethany was recently designated as a Ranch House Designs scholar. After graduation, she hopes to work in television broadcasting.



Seely Sayre, 19, is a freshman studying pre-veterinary medicine at Lincoln Land Community

College, Springfield, Ill. She has served the Illinois Junior Hereford Association as director and reporter. At college she is on the livestock judging team. She plans to continue her education at the University of Illinois and to apply to vet school. She also wants to continue the family tradition of raising Hereford cattle.

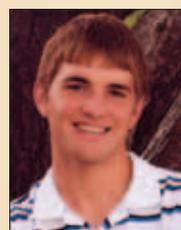
Chandler Mulvaney, 19, is a freshman at Auburn University. At the 2012 Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE), he made the top six in senior showmanship. In addition to his Hereford cattle responsibilities, Chandler is very active in school, community and church activities and is an accomplished baseball player. This year, he was selected to be on the 2013 National Beef Ambassador team. He intends to build a career in an organization closely tied to the cattle industry, as well as continue his own seedstock enterprise.



Kathleen Ochsner, 20, is a junior at UNL. She is majoring in animal science with a minor in agricultural leadership and communications. She was raised on her family's Hereford ranch and has served the breed through leadership roles in the Wyoming Junior Hereford Association. She plans to work in the ag industry, possibly as a 4-H youth educator.



Shelby Rogers, 18, is a freshman studying agriculture communications and animal science at OSU. At the 2011 JNHE, Shelby was elected to the NJHA board and is currently serving as fundraising chair. She says she looks forward to a career in ag journalism, promotions and marketing, where she can dispel myths about agriculture.



Tyler Schultz, 21, is a junior at K-State majoring in animal science and industry. He is excelling in the classroom

with a 4.0 GPA. He grew up on his family's nationally recognized Hereford seedstock operation, Sandhill Farms, Haviland, Kan. He has been a Kansas Junior Hereford Association board member for six years. Tyler plans to return to the family operation after college.

Keysto Stotz, 19, is a sophomore at the University of Tulsa, majoring in music education and pre-law. Keysto's interests are diverse: music and cattle. At the 2011 JNHE, Keysto was elected to the NJHA board of directors and is currently serving as leadership chair. He has also served as president of the Junior Hereford Association of Oklahoma. After he finishes his undergraduate education he will either pursue a master's in music or attend law school. **HW**

