

HYFA Awards More Than \$37,000 in Scholarships

During the American Hereford Association (AHA) Honorees Reception on Oct. 31, the Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA) recognized National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) members, presenting scholarships totaling more than \$37,000.

Since 2000 more than \$450,000 has been dispersed to Hereford youth by HYFA. This year's recipients include:

EE Ranches, Bill and Jo Ellard Scholarships – \$5,000

Whitney Andras, Checotah, Okla.
Tara Jo Ellerman, Everest, Kan.

Bob and Dolores Call Scholarship – \$5,000

Miranda Stotz, Skiatook, Okla.

Whitehead Ranches and Rocking Chair Ranch Scholarship – \$2,500

Taryn Adcock, Assumption, Ill.

Bob and Lucy Kube Scholarship – \$2,500

Cole Kaufman, Mt. Sidney, Va.

Owen Family and Tennessee River Music Inc. Scholarship – \$2,500

Brooke Jensen, Courtland, Kan.

Ball/Cottonwood Springs Scholarship – \$2,500

Hailey Goble, Alto, Mich.

Bar One Scholarship, George and Karen Sprague – \$2,500

Kelsey Repenning, Mitchell, S.D.

Vanier Family Scholarship – \$1,250

Kendi Sayre, Arenzville, Ill.

Blin Family Scholarship – \$1,250

Koby Rogers, Hamilton, Texas

Larson Polled Herefords Scholarship, Ken and Carolyn Larson – \$1,250

Rachael Buzanowski, Pompeys Pillar, Mont.

Gary Bishop Memorial Scholarship – \$1,000

Brooke Jensen, Courtland, Kan.

Hereford Youth Foundation of America Scholarships – \$1,250

Amanda Bacon, Siloam Springs, Ark.

Joel Butler, Republic, Mo.

Alecia Knapp, Waverly, Iowa

Hayley Miller, Lebanon, Mo.

Taryn Adock, 20, is a junior at Illinois College, majoring in business marketing. She was elected to the NJHA board of directors in 2013 and is currently serving as the leadership chair.

Taryn says she hopes to have a career assisting agriculture companies with event planning whether it be marketing a new product or service or telling its ag story. Her list of showring accomplishments is long, having been

reserve champion intermediate and junior showman at the Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE).

Whitney Andras, 20, graduated in May with her associate degree in animal science from Connors State College in Warner, Okla. She is now attending Texas Tech University, majoring in agricultural communications and animal science.

While in college, Whitney has remained involved in the cattle industry, working after school and on weekends for ranches close to college. She was the 2012-2013 National Hereford Queen.

Amanda Bacon, 21, is a junior at Oklahoma State University (OSU) where she is majoring in agricultural communications and animal science.



HYFA scholarship winners recognized during the AHA Annual Meeting pictured (l to r) are: Whitney Andras, Checotah, Okla.; Miranda Stotz, Skiatook, Okla.; Taryn Adcock, Assumption, Ill.; Brooke Jensen, Courtland, Kan.; Kelsey Repenning, Mitchell, S.D.; Kendi Sayre, Arenzville, Ill.; Rachael Buzanowski, Pompeys Pillar, Mont.; Amanda Bacon, Siloam Springs, Ark.; Hayley Miller, Lebanon, Mo.; Joel Butler, Republic, Mo.; and Alecia Knapp, Waverly, Iowa. Not pictured are: Tara Jo Ellerman, Everest, Kan.; Cole Kaufman, Mt. Sidney, Va.; Hailey Goble, Alto, Mich.; and Koby Rogers, Hamilton, Texas.



Taryn Adcock, Assumption, Ill., was awarded a \$2,500 Whitehead/Rocking Chair Ranch Scholarship. Pictured (l to r) are: Bob Kube, HYFA director, Warrenton, Va.; Adcock; and Nancy Keilty, HYFA director.

She plans to pursue a law degree and a career in agricultural marketing.

Amanda served as the 2011-12 National Hereford Queen and as president of the Arkansas Junior Hereford Association. She was elected to the NJHA board of directors at the 2013 JNHE. She is currently serving as NJHA vice chairman.

Joel Butler, 21, is a senior at Missouri State University, majoring in animal science with a minor in ag business. Before transferring, he completed his sophomore year at Ozarks Technical Community



Whitney Andras (left), Checotah, Okla., was awarded a \$5,000 Bill and Joe Ellard Scholarship. Also pictured is Nancy Keilty, HYFA director, Cedar, Mich.; Marcia Mickelson, HYFA director, Santa Rosa, Calif.; and George Sprague, HYFA director, Eugene, Ore.

College, Springfield, Mo., where he studied agriculture.

Joel is involved in the Missouri Junior Hereford Association (MJHA), having served as reporter and secretary. He is a fourth-generation Hereford breeder, and he, along with his sister, operates J&J Cattle Co.

Rachael Buzanowski, 18, is a freshman studying animal science at Butler Community College in El Dorado, Kan., where she is on the volleyball team. She plans to transfer to Kansas State University (K-State) after completing two years at Butler.

Her goal is to pursue a career in agricultural law.

Rachael graduated from high school in May first in her class with a 4.0 GPA. She enjoys showing cattle and in 2013 exhibited the champion steer at the Montana State Fair.

Tara Jo Ellerman, 20, is a senior at Northwest Missouri State University (NWMS), Maryville, Mo., majoring in agricultural business and animal science. She plans to pursue a career as a ruminant nutritionist.

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Tara Jo Ellerman (left), Everest, Kan., was awarded a \$5,000 Bill and Joe Ellard Scholarship. Also pictured is Marcia Mickelson, HYFA director, Santa Rosa, Calif.



Amanda Bacon, Siloam Springs, Ark.; **Joel Butler**, Republic, Mo.; **Alecia Knapp**, Waverly, Iowa; and **Hayley Miller**, Lebanon, Mo., were the recipients of the four HYFA Scholarships. Pictured (l to r) are: Bob Kube, HYFA director, Warrenton, Va.; Bacon; Miller; Butler; Knapp; Nancy Keilty, HYFA director, Cedar, Mich.; Marcia Mickelson, HYFA director, Santa Rosa, Calif.; and George Sprague, HYFA director, Eugene, Ore.



Rachael Buzanowski, Pompeys Pillar, Mont., was awarded the \$1,250 Larson Polled Herefords Scholarship. Pictured (l to r) are: Bob Kube, HYFA director, Warrenton, Va.; Buzanowski; and Nancy Keilty, HYFA director, Cedar, Mich.



Brooke Jensen, Courtland, Kan., was awarded the \$2,500 Owen Family/Tennessee River Music Inc. Scholarship. Pictured (l to r) are: Bob Kube, HYFA director, Warrenton, Va.; Jensen; and Nancy Keilty, HYFA director, Cedar, Mich.



Brooke Jensen, Courtland, Kan., was presented the \$1,000 Gary Bishop Memorial Scholarship. Pictured (l to r) are: Bob Kube, HYFA director, Warrenton, Va.; Jensen; Vickie Bishop Kerns and Tami Bishop Weaber.



Kendi Sayre, Arenzville, Ill., was awarded the \$1,250 Jack and Donna Vanier Scholarship. Pictured (l to r) are: Bob Kube, HYFA director, Warrenton, Va.; Sayre; and Nancy Keilty, HYFA director, Cedar, Mich.

Tara has been active in the Kansas Junior Hereford Association for many years, currently serving as president. She was a member of the NWMS women's basketball team and maintains a 3.9 GPA as well.

Hailey Goble, 19, is a freshman studying agricultural risk management and insurance at Olivet College, Olivet, Mich. She has been showing cattle for seven years and is involved in the Michigan Junior Hereford Association. Hailey is currently serving her second term as that association's president.

She enjoys working on the family farm when she can and looks forward to helping farmers reduce risk by being properly insured.

Brooke Jensen, 18, is a freshman studying agricultural business at K-State.

Brooke graduated in May from Pike Valley High School with a 4.0 GPA. She was the 2013-14 National Hereford Queen and served as the 2013 Kansas Hereford Queen. At the 2014 JNHE, she placed seventh in senior showmanship and received the Golden Bull Achievement Award, a John Wayne Memorial Scholarship, the first-place Ed Bible Memorial Scholarship, the Hereford Herdsman Scholarship and the Bud Snidow Award.

R. Cole Kaufman, 19, joined the NJHA and the Virginia Junior Hereford Association when he was 7 years old. He has served his state association as vice president for two years, reporter for two years and a director for six years.

He has competed at six JNHEs. At the 2014 JNHE, Cole was a Herdsman of the Year finalist and recipient of the



Kelsey Repenning, Mitchell, S.D., was awarded the \$2,500 Bar One Scholarship. Pictured (l to r) are: George Sprague, HYFA director, Eugene, Ore.; Repenning; and Nancy Keilty, HYFA director, Cedar, Mich.

Golden Bull Achievement Award and a Poll-ette Founders Scholarship. He is a sophomore at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, Miami, Okla., majoring in animal nutrition, and is a member of the livestock judging team. He plans to continue his education at the University of Tennessee, majoring in animal nutrition.

Alecia Knapp, 21, is a senior studying animal science and biology at the University of Wisconsin at Platteville. She's been active in the Hereford industry, building her own herd from scratch and making all the breeding decisions.

Alecia earned an American FFA Degree and was the first runner-up in the National Hereford Queen contest in 2011.

Hayley Miller, 22, is a senior studying agriculture education and animal science at OSU. Hayley was active in the Indiana Junior Hereford Association, serving as president for three years.

She's currently active in the MJHA. She plans to be a high school ag teacher and an FFA advisor.

Kelsey Repenning, 20, is a junior studying animal science and agricultural communications at South Dakota State University. She plans to pursue a graduate degree in ruminant nutrition at K-State after graduation.

At the 2014 JNHE, Kelsey was elected to the NJHA board of directors. She was the 2013 South Dakota Beef Ambassador.

Koby Rogers, 18, is in his first year studying culinary arts at OSU's



Miranda Stotz, Skiatook, Okla., was awarded the \$5,000 Bob and Dolores Call Scholarship. Pictured (l to r) are: Stotz; Nancy Keilty, HYFA director, Cedar, Mich.; and Marcia Mickelson, HYFA director, Santa Rosa, Calif.

Institute of Technology. After two years, he plans to transfer to OSU to study meat science. He hopes that being a chef and a meat scientist will make him valuable to the food industry. Koby and his siblings started their own grass-fed beef company, Cowhouse Creek Meat Co., servicing retail and wholesale customers in Dallas, Fort Worth and Austin.

Koby has served as a director of both the Texas junior Hereford and polled Hereford associations.

Kendi Sayre, 19, is a freshman at Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, Ill., studying animal science. She is also on the livestock judging team.

She and her family have been very involved in the Hereford industry, winning the premier breeder at the Illinois State Fair six of the last nine years. Kendi graduated first in her high school class with a 4.0 GPA. After her two years at community college, she plans to attend a four-year university.

Miranda Stotz, 19, is attending Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas. She graduated from high school in May with a 4.23 weighted GPA. She has been showing Herefords for 11 years. She was named champion intermediate showman at the 2013 JNHE. At the 2014 JNHE, she placed fourth in senior showmanship and received the Golden Bull Achievement Award and the John Wayne Memorial Scholarship.

Miranda is active in the Junior Hereford Association of Oklahoma, having served as president, vice president, secretary and region leader. **HW**