

HYFA Awards \$142,000 in Scholarships

During the American Hereford Association (AHA) Honoree Reception on Oct. 28, the Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA) recognized National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) members, presenting scholarships totaling \$142,000.

Vanier Family Scholarship awards \$100,000

Ten NJHA members were awarded \$10,000 Jack and Donna Vanier Scholarships. The Vanier Family of CK Ranch in Brookville, Kan., created the scholarship fund to support youth who demonstrate a commitment to higher education and who have overcome obstacles in their lives.

Britney Adam, Plattsburg, Mo., 21, is a sophomore attending Iowa State University with a concentration in agricultural studies. She currently serves on the Missouri Junior Hereford Association board and is a recipient of the American FFA Degree.

Shelby Bagnell, Slater, Mo., 20, is a sophomore at the University of Missouri-Columbia majoring in agricultural education. She plans to pursue a career as an agricultural education instructor to improve the education of agriculture in future generations.

Calah Covey, Hamill, S.D., 19, is a freshman attending South Dakota State University pursuing an animal science degree with an emphasis in reproduction. She plans to seek employment in the embryo transfer field after graduation.

Madison Goss, Rio Oso, Calif., 18, is a freshman at Texas A&M University. She currently studies agricultural communications and plans to seek a career in public relations or agricultural politics after graduation.

Keayla Harr, Jeromesville, Ohio, 20, is a sophomore at Casper College in Casper, Wyo., where she studies animal science and participates on the livestock judging team. After graduating from junior college, she plans to transfer to Kansas State University to study animal science with an emphasis in ruminant nutrition.

Briana Katzenberger, Monroe, Wis., 21, is a senior attending University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. She is majoring in marketing with the goal of finding a career in advertising. Briana is currently serving as the president of the Wisconsin Junior Hereford Association.

Brianne Nelsen, Fredonia, Kan., 18, is a freshman attending Oklahoma A&M (NEO), where she is pursuing a degree in agribusiness and agricultural policy. She is an active member of the NJHA and was awarded first place in the intermediate individual sales competition at the 2016 Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE).

Katie Nolles, Bassett, Neb., 19, is a sophomore pursuing a degree in agricultural education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She served as the 2014-15 National Hereford Queen and plans to return to her hometown to teach agriculture after receiving her degree.

Kelsey Stimpson, Parma, Idaho, 19, is a junior at Oklahoma State University double majoring in agricultural communications and animal science. She currently serves as chairman of the NJHA board of directors and plans to seek a career in the multimedia industry to relay a positive message of agriculture to the public after graduation.

Lucas Stumpf, Columbia, Ill., 19, is a sophomore attending Black Hawk East College where he is a member of the livestock judging team. He plans to return home to his family farm to continue expanding their cattle and grain operation.

Ten outstanding NJHA members received \$10,000 Jack and Donna Vanier Family Scholarships. Pictured (l to r) are Bruce Everhart, 2016 HYFA vice president; **Shelby Bangell**, Slater, Mo.; **Briana Katzenberger**, Monroe, Wis.; **Brianne Nelsen**, Fredonia, Kan.; **Britney Adam**, Plattsburg, Mo.; **Calah Covey**, Hammill, S.D.; **Katie Nolles**, Bassett, Neb.; **Keayla Harr**, Jeromesville, Ohio; **Kelsey Stimpson**, Parma, Idaho; **Lucas Stumpf**, Columbia, Ill.; and **Madison Goss**, Rio Oso, Calif.



Scholarships awarded to Hereford youth

Bill and Jo Ellard Scholarships – \$5,000

Rylee Barber, Channing, Texas
Rachael Buzanowski, Pompeys Pillar, Mont.

Bob and Dolores Call Scholarship – \$5,000

Del Adcock, Assumption, Ill.

Perks Ranch Scholarship – \$5,000

Brooke Jensen, Courtland, Kan.

Ball Foundation and Cottonwood Springs Farm Scholarship – \$2,500

Mason Blinson, Buies Creek, N.C.

Bar One Scholarship – \$2,500

Emilee Holt, Caldwell, Idaho

Bob and Lucy Kube Scholarship – \$2,500

Nathan Hopkins, Winchester, Tenn.

Del Adcock, 20, is a junior at Kansas State University where he is majoring in agricultural economics due to his interest in market structures, trends and business operations in the agricultural industry. He is an active member of the Illinois Junior Hereford Association, and has served as president, vice president and director in his 11 years as a member.

Rylee Barber, 18, is a freshman at Texas A&M University majoring in agribusiness. She plans to pursue a career with a livestock marketing firm or a pharmaceutical sales company upon graduation. She has been active in the Texas Hereford Association for many years, and was awarded the outstanding state exhibitor of Texas at the JNHE in 2016.

Mason Blinson, 18, is a freshman studying plant and soil sciences with a livestock option and a minor in animal science at Oklahoma State University. She sees the need to utilize quality pasture management and crop production in order to sustain the growing need in the cattle industry. She was elected to the NJHA board of directors in 2016.

Rachael Buzanowski, 20, graduated in May with her associate's degree in animal science from Butler Community College in El Dorado, Kan., where she competed on the volleyball and track and field team. She is now attending Kansas State University majoring in animal science. In her first semester at K-State she secured a position at the Purebred

Gary Bishop Memorial Scholarship – \$2,500

Austin Cook, Greenbrier, Ark.

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

Taylor Belle Matheny, Mays Lick, Ky.

Whitehead/Rocking Chair Ranch Scholarship – \$2,500

Austin Matheny, Mays Lick, Ky.

Blin Family and HYFA Scholarship – \$2,500

Jessica Middleswarth, Torrington, Wyo.

Larson Polled Herefords and HYFA Scholarship – \$2,500

Jace Prough, Altus, Okla.

Hereford Youth Foundation of America Scholarship – \$2,500

Miranda Stotz, Skiatook, Okla.

Beef Unit, working to help maintain the health and performance of the cattle herd.

Austin Cook, 17, is a senior at Greenbrier High School with plans to study animal science and agricultural business at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville. After obtaining a degree, he hopes to advise farmers and ranchers in their financial investment decisions.

Emilee Holt, 20, is a sophomore studying agribusiness at Casper Community College in Casper, Wyo., where she is a member of the livestock judging team. She plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in agribusiness at Kansas State University after graduation.

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Del Adcock was awarded the \$5,000 Bob and Dolores Call Scholarship. Pictured (l to r) are Adcock and Ray Ramsey, HYFA president.



Rylee Barber, Channing, Texas, and **Rachael Buzanowski**, Pompeys Pillar, Mont., were awarded a \$5,000 EE Ranch Scholarship. Pictured (l to r) are Ray Ramsey, HYFA president; Barber; and Bruce Everhart, HYFA vice president.



Mason Blinson, Buies Creek, N.C., was awarded the \$2,500 Ball Foundation and Cottonwood Springs Farm Scholarship. Pictured (l to r) are Ray Ramsey, HYFA president; Blinson; and Nancy Keilty, donor representative and HYFA board member.



Nathan Hopkins, Winchester, Tenn., was awarded the \$2,500 Bob and Lucy Kube Scholarship. Pictured (l to r) are Ray Ramsey, HYFA president; Hopkins; and Jill Bielema, HYFA board member.



Brooke Jensen, Courtland, Kan., was awarded the \$5,000 Perks Ranch Scholarship. Pictured (l to r) are Bruce Everhart, HYFA board member; Jensen; and Tammy Boatman and Tom Boatman representing Perks Ranch.

Nathan Hopkins, 19, is a third generation Hereford breeder. He is currently serving on the NJHA board of directors. He is also an active member in the Tennessee Junior Hereford Association. Nathan is a junior at Vanderbilt University where he majors in biological sciences with the goal of one day becoming a physician.

Brooke Jensen, 21, is a junior majoring in agricultural business and minoring in animal science at Kansas State University. Brooke was the 2013-14 National Hereford Queen and is currently serving on the NJHA board of directors as the leadership chair. While attending K-State, she works as the student assistant academic coordinator in the agricultural economics department. Brooke plans to pursue a career in the sale and marketing of protein.

Austin Matheny, 20, is a junior at Kansas State University majoring in animal science with a business option. He was elected to the NJHA board of directors in 2016. Austin says he plans to return to Kentucky after graduation to continue being involved in the

progression of his family's Hereford and farming operation.

Taylor Belle Matheny, 19, is a sophomore studying agricultural communications and animal science at Kansas State University. Taylor was the 2015-16 National Hereford Queen and has been a member of the NJHA for the past 11 years. During her time as National Hereford Queen, Taylor raised more than \$17,000 for fellow NJHA member, Nathan Largent, in his battle against cancer.

Jessica Middleswarth, 20, is a junior majoring in agricultural communications and minoring in animal science at Oklahoma State University. Jessica is currently serving as the vice chairman of the NJHA. She plans to further the public's perception of agriculture by writing articles and sharing positive messages on social media.

Jace Prough, 20, is a junior at Oklahoma State University studying agricultural

communications and says he plans to increase consumer awareness of agriculture through his experiences as an agricultural communications major.

Miranda Stotz, 21, is a junior studying animal science and minoring in chemistry at Tarleton State University. She is currently employed by Tarleton State University as a research assistant. Her assistantship involves completing a research project focused on isoforms in relation to meat tenderness. After graduation she plans to join the Peace Corps in hopes of teaching sustainable agriculture. **HW**



Jessica Middleswarth, Torrington, Wyo., was awarded the \$2,500 Blin Family Scholarship. Pictured (l to r) are John Blin, Middleswarth, and Crystal Blin.



Austin Matheny, Mays Lick, Ky., was awarded the \$2,500 Whitehead/Rocking Chair Ranch Scholarship. Pictured (l to r) are Ray Ramsey, HYFA president; Matheny; and Lloyd Whitehead representing Rocking Chair Ranch.



Taylor Belle Matheny, Mays Lick, Ky., was awarded the \$2,500 Owen Family/Tennessee River Music Scholarship. Pictured (l to r) are Ray Ramsey, HYFA president; Matheny; and George Sprague, HYFA board member.