

HYFA Awards \$147,500 in Scholarships

During the American Hereford Association (AHA) Hereford Honorees Reception during the AHA Annual Meeting and Conference in Kansas City, Mo., on Oct. 27, Hereford youth were awarded 23 scholarships through the Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA), totaling \$147,500.

Jack and Donna Vanier Family Scholarship awards \$100,000

Ten National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) members were awarded a \$10,000 Jack and Donna Vanier Scholarship. The Vanier Family of CK Ranch in Brookville, Kan., donated 10 scholarships totaling \$100,000 to youth who demonstrate a commitment to higher education and who have overcome obstacles in their lives.

Shelby Bagnell, Slater, Mo., 21, is a junior 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.

Tyler Eldred, Bozeman, Mont., 20, is a sophomore attending Montana State University. He is majoring in agribusiness and recently completed an internship with Windwood Enterprises.

Ellen Mason, Miller, Mo., 22, is a senior attending Iowa State University where she is pursuing a degree in agricultural engineering and is a member of the livestock judging team.

Abby Repenning, Mitchell, S.D., 21, is a senior attending South Dakota State University majoring in agricultural and bio systems engineering. Abby is currently

interning with Ag Property Solutions designing livestock facilities.

Rachael Buzanowski, Pompeys Pillar, Mont., 21, is a senior attending Kansas State University (K-State) pursuing an animal sciences degree. She currently works for the K-State Purebred Beef Unit working to maintain the health of the cattle herd.

Mason Blinson, Buies Creek, N.C., 19, is a sophomore pursuing a degree in plant and soil science and a minor in animal science from Oklahoma State University. She is currently serving as the fundraising chair for the NJHA.

Miranda Stotz, Skiatook, Okla., 22, is a senior at Tarleton State University majoring in animal science with a minor in chemistry. Upon graduation, she hopes to pursue a master's degree in genetics or reproductive physiology.

Kelsey Stimpson, Parma, Idaho, 20, is a senior at Oklahoma State University double majoring in agricultural communications and animal science. She is a past 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.

Jeremy Tjardes, Gibson City, Ill., 22, is a senior attending Iowa State University majoring in agricultural engineering with a minor in agronomy. He has completed engineering internships with Kuhn North America and John Deere.

Brooke Hinojosa-Sidwell, Carr, Colo., 20, is a sophomore at Oklahoma State University majoring in agricultural economics and accounting. She currently serves as the leadership chair of the NJHA.



Ten outstanding NJHA members received a \$10,000 Jack and Donna Vanier Family Scholarship. Pictured (from l to r) are: Katie Colyer, HYFA board of directors; Bruce Everhart, HYFA vice president; **Brooke Hinojosa-Sidwell**, Carr, Colo.; **Jeremy Tjardes**, Gibson City, Ill.; **Kelsey Stimpson**, Parma, Idaho; **Miranda Stotz**, Skiatook, Okla.; **Mason Blinson**, Buies Creek, N.C.; **Rachael Buzanowski**, Pompeys Pillar, Mont.; **Abby Repenning**, Mitchell, S.D.; **Ellen Mason**, Miller, Mo.; **Tyler Eldred**, Bozeman, Mont.; **Shelby Bagnell**, Slater, Mo.; and Jill Bielema, HYFA board of directors.

Scholarships awarded to Hereford youth

Bill and Jo Ellard Scholarships — \$5,000

Austin Matheny, Mays Lick, Ky.
Taylor Belle Matheny, Mays Lick, Ky.

Bob and Dolores Call Scholarship — \$5,000

Rylee Barber, Channing, Texas

Perks Ranch Scholarship — \$5,000

Emily Bernard, Grand Ridge, Ill.

Ball Foundation/Cottonwood Springs Farm Scholarship — \$5,000

Katie Nolles, Bassett, Neb.

Bar One Ranch Scholarship — \$2,500

Del Adcock, Assumption, Ill.

Bob and Lucy Kube Scholarship — \$2,500

KC Barnes, Hulbert, Okla.

Gary Bishop Memorial Scholarship — \$2,500

Rachael Buzanowski, Pompeys Pillar, Mont.

Owen Family/Tennessee River Music Scholarship — \$2,500

Madison Goss, Rio Oso, Calif.

Whitehead/Rocking Chair Ranches Scholarship — \$2,500

Jessica Middleswarth, Torrington, Wyo.

Blin Family Scholarship — \$2,500

Whitney Steckel, Taylor, Neb.

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

Amy Larson, Tecumseh, Okla.

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

Gabrielle Torrance, Media, Ill.



Del Adcock, Assumption, Ill., was awarded the \$2,500 Bar One Scholarship. Pictured (l to r) are George Sprague, Bar One Ranch; and Adcock.



Rylee Barber, Channing, Texas, was awarded the \$5,000 Bob and Dolores Call Scholarship. Pictured (l to r) are Bruce Everhart, HYFA vice president and Barber.



KC Barnes, Hulbert, Okla., was awarded the \$2,500 Bob and Lucy Kube Scholarship. Pictured (l to r) are Jill Bielema, HYFA board of directors; Barnes; and Bob Schaffer representing the Kube family.

Del Adcock, 20, is a junior studying agricultural economics at K-State. He has experience working for several different Hereford operations including Perks Ranch, Stephens Hereford Farm and is the current co-owner of Adcock Show Cattle.

Rylee Barber, 19, is a sophomore at Texas A&M University majoring in agricultural communications and journalism. She currently serves on the NJHA board of directors and is a past president of the Texas Junior Hereford Association.

KC Barnes, 22, is a student at Oklahoma State University double majoring in animal science and agricultural communications with a minor in agribusiness. In addition to his schoolwork and

various campus activities, KC works for Alexander Livestock. He uses his previous experiences with the NJHA to help advise current youth members on caring for their herd.

Emily Bernard, 19, is a sophomore studying agriculture at Joliet Junior College (JJC). She is currently

a member of the JJC livestock judging team and plans to transfer to K-State next fall. Emily has served as the Illinois Hereford Queen and was named the 2017 Illinois Junior Hereford Association Outstanding Member.

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Emily Bernard, Grand Ridge, Ill., was awarded the \$5,000 Perks Ranch Scholarship. Pictured (l to r) are Bruce Everhart, HYFA vice president; Bernard; and Tammy and Tom Boatman representing Perks Ranch.



Rachael Buzanowski, Pompeys Pillar, Mont., was awarded the \$2,500 Gary Bishop Memorial Scholarship. Pictured back row (l to r) are Vickie Bishop Kern, Buzanowski, Tami Bishop Weaber, front row (l to r) are Cooper and Wyatt Weaber.

Rachael Buzanowski, 21, is a senior attending K-State pursuing an animal science degree. She currently works for the K-State Purebred Beef Unit working to maintain the health of the cattle herd.

Madison Goss, 19, is a sophomore studying agricultural communications and journalism at Texas A&M University. Madison was named the Outstanding Texas A&M University Agricultural Communications and Journalism Freshman this past year. She also recently completed an internship with the Rice Growers Association of California developing business advertisements and managing social media.

Taylor Belle Matheny, 20, is a junior at K-State majoring in agricultural communications and animal sciences. Taylor plans to pursue a career in the livestock publications field. She served as the National Hereford Queen in 2015 and was recently elected to the NJHA board of directors.

Jessica Middleswarth, 21, is a senior at Oklahoma State University majoring in agricultural communications. She previously served as the vice chairman of the NJHA board of directors.



Amy Larson, Tecumseh, Okla., was awarded the \$2,500 Larson Polled Herefords and Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA) Scholarship. Pictured (l to r) are George Sprague, HYFA board of directors; Larson; and Nancy Keilty, HYFA board of directors.

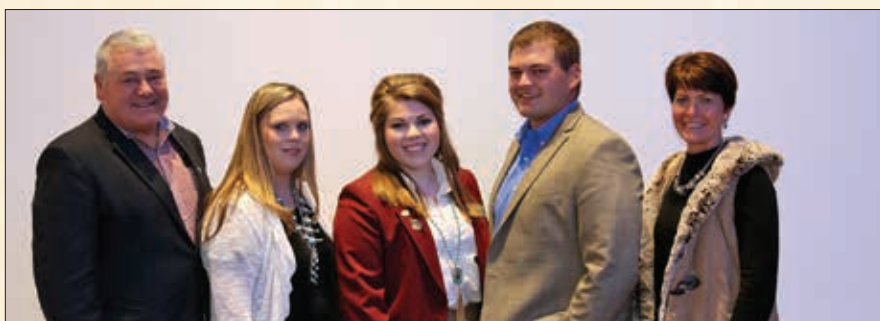
Amy Larson, 18, is a freshman at Connors State College studying agricultural communications with plans to become a livestock photographer. She is currently an active member of the NJHA.

Katie Nolles, 20, is a junior pursuing a degree in agricultural education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She served as the 2014 National Hereford Queen and plans to return to her hometown to teach agriculture after receiving her degree.

Whitney Steckel, 18, is a freshman majoring in agricultural communications at University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Whitney served as the 2016 Nebraska Hereford Queen and was recently named a finalist for the Nebraska State Star Farmer. With her degree in agricultural communications, she hopes to help bridge the gap between producers and consumers and promote the beef industry.

Austin Matheny, 21, is currently a senior at K-State majoring in animal sciences. Austin is currently a member of the K-State livestock judging team and also serves as the membership chair of the NJHA.

Gabrielle Torrance, 19, is a sophomore majoring in economics and sociology at Stanford University. She currently serves as the Illinois Junior Hereford Association (IJHA) president. Although attending one of the most prestigious colleges in the country, Gabrielle still finds time to lead the 120-member IJHA and connect with NJHA members. **HW**



Austin and Taylor Belle Matheny, Mays Lick, Ky., were awarded \$5,000 Bill and Jo Ellard Scholarships. Pictured (l to r) are Bruce Everhart, HYFA vice president; Katie Colyer, HYFA board of directors; Taylor Belle and Austin Matheny; and Jill Bielema, HYFA board of directors.



Jessica Middleswarth, Torrington, Wyo., was awarded the \$2,500 Whitehead/Rocking Chair Ranches Scholarship. Pictured (l to r) are Katie Colyer, HYFA board of directors; Middleswarth; and Lloyd Whitehead.



Katie Nolles, Bassett, Neb., was awarded the \$5,000 Ball Foundation/Cottonwood Springs Farm Scholarship. Pictured (l to r) are Nancy Keilty, Cottonwood Springs Farm and HYFA board member, and Nolles.



Whitney Steckel, Taylor, Neb., was awarded the \$2,500 Blin Family Scholarship. Pictured (l to r) are Steckel and Crystal Blin.