



# Junior Board Directors and Chairmen Elected



**2018-19 National Junior Hereford Association board of directors** (pictured seated front row, l to r) are: **Austin Matheny**, Mays Lick, Ky., chairman; **Brooke Hinojosa-Sidwell**, Carr, Colo., vice chairman; **Taylor Belle Matheny**, Mays Lick, Ky., communications chair; **Nathan Hopkins**, Winchester, Tenn., membership chair; **Rylee Barber**, Channing, Texas, fundraising chair; and **Brandt Downing**, Culver, Ore., leadership chair. Directors standing (l to r) are; **Abigail Spindle**, Moriarty N.M.; **Samuel Lawrence**, Avilla, Ind.; **Hannah Williams**, Kearney, Neb.; **Montana Lawrence**, Princeton, Minn.; **Brooklyn Adam**, Lathrop, Mo., and **Bailey Jones**, Darlington, Wis.

Four National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) members were elected to the NJHA board of directors at the 2018 VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) July 1-7 in Grand Island, Neb.

Brooklyn Adam, Lathrop, Mo.; Montana Lawrence, Princeton, Minn.; Samuel Lawrence, Avilla, Ind.; and Abigail Spindle, Moriarty, N.M., were welcomed as new NJHA directors by receiving their maroon jackets during the JNHE awards ceremony on July 5. Two delegates from each state junior Hereford association voted for the individuals they wanted to represent the membership. The NJHA board is comprised of 12 individuals who

serve three-year terms and govern the 3,000-member organization.

The 2018-19 officer team includes chairman Austin Matheny, Mays Lick, Ky.; vice-chairman Brooke Hinojosa-Sidwell, Carr, Colo.; communications chair Taylor Belle Matheny, Mays Lick, Ky.; leadership chair Brandt Downing, Culver, Ore.; fundraising chair Rylee Barber, Channing, Texas; and membership chair Nathan Hopkins, Winchester, Tenn. Also serving as directors are Hannah Williams, Kearney, Neb., and Bailey Jones, Darlington, Wis.

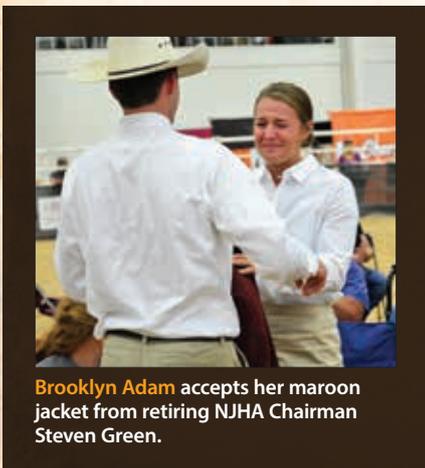
**Brooklyn Adam** is the 20-year-old daughter of Scott and Tammy Adam. She is a junior at Iowa State University pursuing a degree in agricultural communications with a minor in food science. In the future, she would like to combine her passions for photography, writing, and agriculture by becoming a photojournalist for an agriculture-based magazine company. Adam is a 12-year member of the Missouri Junior Hereford Association, where she is the current treasurer and has served as a board member.

**Rylee Barber** is the 20-year-old daughter of Brett Barber, Channing, Texas, and Nicole Barber, Mason City, Ill. She is a junior at Texas A&M

University, majoring in agricultural communications and journalism. She has been a member of the Texas Junior Hereford Association for 13 years. Barber's main goal is to include all members and to encourage them to increase involvement. She hopes not only to advocate for the agricultural industry but also to increase communication between the board and the junior members.

**Brandt Downing** is the 19-year-old son of Scott and Tracy Downing, Culver, Ore. He is a sophomore at Butler Community College, majoring in animal science with hopes of becoming a feed nutritionist. He has served as the treasurer, vice president and president during his time as a member of the Oregon Junior Hereford Association. His goal as a board member is to increase junior membership and participation. Downing ultimately aims to make a positive impact on the Hereford industry by keeping NJHA events fun and engaging for all participants.

**Brooke Hinojosa-Sidwell** is the 20-year-old daughter of Bryan and Linda Sidwell, Carr, Colo., and has been a member of the Colorado Junior Hereford Association for eight



**Brooklyn Adam** accepts her maroon jacket from retiring NJHA Chairman Steven Green.



**Montana Lawrence** is fitted into her new director jacket with help from retiring Fundraising Chair Mason Blinson.

years and a member of the NJHA for 12. Brooke served as the Colorado Junior Hereford Association president from 2015 to 2017 and was the state Hereford Queen from 2011 to 2013. She is a junior agricultural economics and accounting student at Oklahoma State University (OSU). She hopes to work for a breed association or an agricultural accounting firm upon graduation. Hinojosa-Sidwell says as a board member she plans to encourage other junior members to become more involved and to give back to an industry that has given so much to her.

**Nathan Hopkins** is the 21-year-old son of Roy and Kim Hopkins, Winchester, Tenn., and has been a member of the Tennessee Junior Hereford Association for 12 years. He studies biological sciences at Vanderbilt University and plans to continue his education in medical school upon graduation. Hopkins enjoys serving the NJHA, and he hopes to move the breed forward during his time on the board.



**Samuel Lawrence** gets into his maroon jacket with help from retiring Communications Chair Bailey McKay.

**Bailey Jones** is the 21-year-old daughter of B.J. and Kim Jones, Darlington, Wis., and has been a member of the Wisconsin Junior Hereford Association for 14 years. She attends Madison College, pursuing a paramedic technician track. Her overall goal while serving as a board member is to give all NJHA members a sense of ownership in the organization and a feeling of belonging.

**Montana Lawrence** is the 20-year-old daughter of Bryan and Marytina Lawrence. She is a junior at the University of Minnesota-Morris where she is studying political science and studio art. Lawrence has served as president and state Hereford queen for the Minnesota Junior Hereford Association.

**Samuel Lawrence** is the 20-year-old son of Scott and Susan Lawrence. He is a junior at Kansas State University (K-State), where he is pursuing a degree in animal science with a business option. After college, Lawrence plans to manage the business and sales aspect of an up-and-coming bull stud and recipient program in central Illinois. He has been a member of the Indiana Junior Hereford Association for 13 years and has served as director as well as many state offices.

**Austin Matheny** is the 22-year-old son of Andrew and Suzanne Matheny, Mays Lick, Ky., and has been a member of the Kentucky Junior Hereford Association for 11 years. He graduated from K-State with an animal science degree and is now expanding his family operation, raising high-quality Herefords. Matheny wants to prioritize developing junior members into better leaders, cattlemen, showmen, speakers and individuals.

**Taylor Belle Matheny** is the 20-year-old daughter of Andrew and Suzanne Matheny, Mays Lick, Ky. She is a senior at K-State studying agricultural communications and animal science. She hopes to pursue a career with a cattle breed association as a youth activities director. She is a 13-year member of the Kentucky Junior



**Abigail Spindle** receives her maroon director jacket from retiring NJHA Vice Chairman Brooke Jensen.

Hereford Association and served as the 2015-16 National Hereford Queen. As a board member, she hopes to increase contest participation, to continue junior membership growth and to promote Certified Hereford Beef.

**Abigail Spindle** is the 19-year-old daughter of Tom and Becky Spindle. She is a sophomore at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, where she is majoring in animal science and is a successful member of the livestock judging team. Spindle plans to attend OSU and further her education in agriculture economics. After college she wants to keep up the family tradition and raise cattle on her family's farm. Spindle is a 10-year member of the New Mexico Junior Hereford Association, where she served as queen and princess.

**Hannah Williams** is the 19-year-old daughter of Jim and Sheila Williams and Aaron and Angie Kelly, Kearney, Neb. She is a sophomore at K-State studying animal science. She hopes to eventually attend veterinary school and to work in the animal pharmaceutical field. She is a 10-year member of the Nebraska Junior Hereford Association, where she has served as the historian and is the current reporter. Her main goal is to focus on the junior membership and to support the everlasting legacy of the NJHA by building a tremendous foundation for the future of the Hereford breed. **HW**