

Hereford Juniors Awarded Scholarships

Hereford youth were awarded numerous scholarships during the 2019 VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) in Denver. More than \$27,000 was awarded to deserving junior members to aid in their academic endeavors.

Prospect, Junior Golden Bull and Golden Bull Achievement Awards

The Prospect and Golden Bull Awards recognize individuals for their involvement in the Hereford industry, agriculture and their communities. The National Hereford Women (NHW) and the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) sponsor these awards. Prospect Awards go to students in third through eighth grades, and Junior Golden Bull Awards to students in ninth through 12th grades. Prospect Award winners are given a leather halter with

nameplate while the Junior Golden Bull Award winners receive a bronze Hereford bull statue. The Golden Bull Achievement Award is given to college-aged students. Like the juniors, these students receive a statue as well as a scholarship.

Prospect Award

Third grade

Lauren Adkerson, Starkville, Miss.

Fourth grade

Brady Jones, Darlington, Wis.

Fifth grade

Kristin Waters, Norborne, Mo.

Sixth grade

Dustin Denton, Blue Rapids, Kan.

Seventh grade

Chase Harker, Hope, Ind.

Eighth grade

Sam Birdsall, Homer, N.Y.

Junior Golden Bull Award

Ninth grade

Rianna Chaney, Elwood, Neb.

10th grade

Lauren Jones, Darlington, Wis.

11th grade

Molly Biggs, Dixon, Ill.

12th grade

Regan Mitchem, Vale, N.C.

Golden Bull Achievement Award

Mallory Carlson

Murdock, Minn., \$1,875

Shelby Burlile

Emmett, Idaho, \$1,875

Austin Breeding

Miami, Texas, \$1,875

Emily Meinhardt

Marysville, Kan., \$1,875

Scholarship



Prospect Award winners are (l to r): third grade – **Lauren Adkerson**, Starkville, Miss.; fourth grade – **Brady Jones**, Darlington, Wis.; fifth grade – **Kristin Waters**, Norborne, Mo.; sixth grade – **Dustin Denton**, Blue Rapids, Kan.; eighth grade – **Sam Birdsall**, Homer, N.Y. Also pictured presenting the awards (l to r) are: National Hereford Queen Emily Meinhardt, NHW president-elect Sharon King and NHW secretary Amy Taylor.



John Wayne Memorial Scholarship (l to r) NHW Director Rhonda Eck; **James Brody Rogers**, Hamilton, Texas; **Parker Cantrell**, Skiatook, Okla.; and NHW President Erin Lockhart.



Junior Golden Bull Award winners are (l to r): ninth grade – **Rianna Chaney**, Elwood, Neb.; 10th grade – **Lauren Jones**, Darlington, Wis.; 11th grade – **Molly Biggs**, Dixon, Ill.; and 12th grade – **Regan Mitchem**, Vale, N.C. Presenting the award is National Hereford Queen Emily Meinhardt.



Golden Bull Achievement Award winners are (l to r): **Shelby Burlile**, Emmett, Idaho; **Austin Breeding**, Miami, Texas; and **Emily Meinhardt**, Marysville, Kan. Pictured presenting the award are (l to r): Katie Colyer, HYFA Scholarship Committee member, and NHW director Rhonda Eck.



National Junior Merit Award winners (l to r) are: first place – **Hannah Williams**, Kearney, Neb.; second place – **Brooke Hinojosa-Sidwell**, Ault, Colo.; third place – **Harley Rogers**, Hamilton, Texas. Also pictured presenting the award is Stuart Wilson, American Livestock Insurance Inc.



Hereford Herdsman Scholarship (l to r) Erin Lockhart; **Parker Cantrell**, Skiatook, Okla.; **Austin Breeding**, Miami, Texas; and Sullivan Supply/Stock Show U representatives Taylor Harrison and Luke Bolin.

John Wayne Memorial Scholarship

John Wayne Memorial Scholarships are awarded to juniors who surpass the norm with their contributions to agriculture and the Hereford industry, as well as their moral character. The Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA) and the NHW sponsor the scholarships annually.

James Brody Rogers, Hamilton, Texas, \$1,000

Parker Cantrell, Skiatook, Okla., \$1,000

National Junior Merit Award

The junior merit scholarship annually recognizes exceptional junior members for their dedication to bettering the Hereford industry. The scholarship program is designed to encourage individual and cooperative effort, enthusiasm, excellence, leadership, and achievement among youth in order to develop reputable breeders for the good of the Hereford business and the beef industry. The first-place winner receives an expense-paid trip to a Hereford operation in the continental U.S. sponsored by American Livestock Inc. as well as a scholarship.

First place \$2,000 plus trip
Hannah Williams, Kearney, Neb.,

Second place – \$1,500

Brooke Hinojosa-Sidwell, Carr, Colo.,

Third place \$1,000

Harley Rogers, Hamilton, Texas,



Sandra Ostgaard Memorial Scholarship winners are (l to r): **Hannah Williams**, Kearney, Neb., and **Bailey Morrell**, Willows, Calif. Also pictured presenting the award (l to r) are: NHW director Rhonda Eck and NHW President Erin Lockhart.



Bud Snidow Award winner **Lauren Balmelli**, Chehalis, Wash.

Hereford Herdsman Scholarship

Sponsored by the HYFA and Sullivan Supply in cooperation with Hereford herdsmen, these scholarships recognize the value in NJHA members who take great pride in exhibiting their Hereford cattle and provide a scholarship to award their dedication to the breed.

Austin Breeding, Miami, Texas, \$2,500

Parker Cantrell, Skiatook, Okla., \$2,500

Walter and Joe Lewis High Point Senior Award

This scholarship award honors junior members for overall achievement in various facets of NJHA. Junior members are selected based on a point system for NJHA programs and activities weighted heavily on leadership, teamwork, skills and competition.

Ben Jensen, Courtland, Kan., \$500

2019 Sandra Ostgaard Memorial Scholarship

The HYFA funds the 2019 Sandra Ostgaard Memorial Scholarship, and the award is managed through the NHW. It recognizes juniors who have made significant contributions to NJHA during their time as a junior. Additionally, the scholarship honors the women who laid the foundation for the National Organization of Poll-ettes, which combined with the American Hereford Women in 2009 to form the NHW.

Hannah Williams, Kearney, Neb., \$1,000

Bailey Morrell, Willows, Calif., \$1,000

Bud Snidow Award

NHW sponsors the B.C. “Bud” Snidow Award. The award is presented annually to a commendable NJHA member who demonstrates

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Charles E. Boyd Sr. Memorial Scholarship winner **Bailey Morrell**, Willows, Calif. Pictured presenting the award are members of the Boyd family (l to r): Charlie Boyd II and his wife, Paula, and Suzanne and Andrew Matheny.



Bluegrass and Buckeye Scholarship winner **Abbygail Pitstick**, Washington Court House, Ohio. Presenting the award is Jill Bielema, HYFA Scholarship Committee member.

the characteristics most admired by Snidow. Those qualities include honesty, fairness, hard work, enthusiasm and dedication to the Hereford breed and its breeders. The recipient receives a hand-crafted belt buckle.

Lauren Balmelli, Chehalis, Wash.

Charles E. Boyd Sr. Memorial Scholarship

Charles E. Boyd Sr. was a third-generation Hereford breeder who mentored youth in the agriculture industry. Throughout his lifetime, he was recognized on local, state and national levels for his accomplishments. He was a prominent beef cattle judge at all major livestock shows and exhibited several international and national champion Hereford cattle. He lived his life selflessly, giving to others without recognition. The Charles E. Boyd Sr. Memorial Scholarship will continue to help young people in the Hereford breed who plan to attend college to pursue a degree in agriculture.

Bailey Morrell, Willows, Calif., \$1,500

Bluegrass and Buckeye Scholarship

The Ohio and Kentucky Hereford Associations along with HYFA sponsor the Bluegrass and Buckeye Scholarship through excess funds from the 2006 JNHE in Louisville, Ky. The scholarship's goal is to provide recognition for one outstanding member of the NJHA. In order to

receive the honor, applicants must first be nominated by their state junior association advisor.

Abbygail Pitstick, Washington Court House, Ohio, \$1,500

Biographies for this year's scholarship and award winners

Lauren Adkerson, 8, is the daughter of Jeff and Amy Adkerson. Lauren has been an NJHA member for two years. She has been competitive at several livestock shows across Mississippi and has participated in the judging and showmanship contests at JNHE. Lauren won the third-grade Prospect Award.

Lauren Balmelli, 18, is the daughter of Dave and Brenda Balmelli. Lauren is a six-year member of the NJHA and has served as a director for the Washington State Junior Hereford Association (WSJHA) for several years. She is also the 2018-2019 WSJHA Hereford Queen. Lauren won the Bud Snidow Award.

Molly Biggs, 17, is the daughter of Marianne Biggs. She is a 10-year member of the NJHA and currently serves on the Illinois Junior Hereford Association board of directors. Molly has competed in the showmanship, judging and quiz bowl competitions at JNHE. She was named the 2017 Junior of the Year for her participation in the Fed Steer Shootout program. Molly won the 11-grade Junior Golden Bull Award.

Sam Birdsall, 14, is the son of Dennis and Heather Birdsall. He has been a member of the NJHA for 12 years and the New York Junior Hereford Association (NYJHA) for eight years, where he serves as the president. Sam has competed at eight JNHEs and represented the NYJHA in the intermediate division of the public speaking contests at the 2019 JNHE. He was also the champion junior showman of all breeds at the 2017 New York State Fair. Sam won the eighth-grade Prospect Award.

Austin Breeding, 19, is a 12-year member of the NJHA and has found much success in the show ring. He raised the Grand Champion Junior Hereford Heifer at the 2019 National Western Stock Show. At the 2019 JNHE, he showed the reserve bred-and-owned female and was named the champion senior showman. Outside the ring, Austin has competed in several other JNHE competitions, including team fitting, judging, team sales and the photo contest. Austin won a Golden Bull Achievement Award and a Hereford Herdsman Scholarship.

Shelby Burlile, 18, is a five-year member of the NJHA and is a sophomore at Clarendon College. Shelby served as an Idaho State 4-H ambassador and has held numerous leadership roles through 4-H and FFA. She is the 2018-2019 Idaho

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Junior Hereford Association president and also won the intermediate extemporaneous speech contest at the 2018 JNHE. Shelby won a Golden Bull Achievement Award.

Parker Cantrell, 20, is the son of Steve and Michelle Cantrell. He is studying animal science at Oklahoma State University and has been a member of NJHA and the Junior Hereford Association of Oklahoma for ten years. Parker was active in the Oklahoma FFA Association and served as his chapter's vice president in 2016-17. He exhibited the reserve champion junior A.I. (artificial insemination) bull at the 2013 JNHE and has been competitive in several JNHE contests over the years. Parker won a John Wayne Memorial Scholarship and a Hereford Herdsman Scholarship.

Mallory Carlson, 21, is the daughter of Ross and Beth Carlson. Mallory is a 14-year member of the NJHA and has held numerous leadership roles with the Minnesota Junior Hereford Breeders, including junior board president and Minnesota Hereford Queen. Through Minnesota FFA, Mallory was the Beef Entrepreneurship and Placement State Proficiency winner, and while studying at South Dakota State University, she is involved with several agricultural clubs. She won a Golden Bull Achievement Award.

Rianna Chaney, 15, is the daughter of Lee and Becky Chaney. Rianna has been an NJHA member for nine years and is actively involved in the Nebraska Hereford Association. In 2017 at the JNHE, she won the junior illustrated speech contest and was a member of the winning sales team. Rianna won the ninth-grade Junior Golden Bull Award.

Dustin Denton, 12, is the son of John and Angie Denton. As an active NJHA member since 2014, Dustin has helped serve his state association in several ways and has participated in almost every competition at JNHE, including the Certified Hereford

Beef® Grill-Off, quiz bowl, public speaking, showmanship and judging. Dustin has been a showmanship national semifinalist in both the peewee and junior divisions. He won the sixth-grade Prospect Award.

Chase Harker, 13, is the son of Dan and Jill Harker. He has been a member of the NJHA and the Indiana Junior Hereford Association for seven years. Chase has found much success in the showing, being named the champion junior showman at the 2018 JNHE and exhibiting the champion steer at the 2017 JNHE. He has also participated in the livestock judging, photography and Certified Hereford Beef® (CHB) Grill-Off contests. Chase won the seventh-grade Prospect Award.

Brooke Hinojosa-Sidwell, 21, is a 13-year member of the NJHA. She was elected to the NJHA board of directors in 2016 and was the 2018 vice-chairman. Brooke served as the Colorado Junior Hereford Association president from 2015-17 and was the state Hereford Queen from 2011-13. She was also a 2017 Jack and Donna Vanier Family Scholarship recipient. Brooke won the second-place National Junior Merit Award.

Ben Jensen, 19, is the son of Kevin and Sheila Jensen. He has been an NJHA member for 13 years, and he has held a variety of leadership roles in 4-H, FFA and athletics. Ben is an agriculture ambassador and the president of the Young Farmers & Ranchers club at Butler Community College. He has served as a director for the Kansas Junior Hereford Association and has been treasurer for three years. Ben won the Walter and Joe Lewis High Point Senior Award.

Brady Jones, 10, is the son of B.J. and Kim Jones. Brady has been an NJHA member since 2015. He has served in several leadership roles through the Wisconsin Junior Hereford Association and has competed in the speech, showmanship



and judging contests at JNHE. In 2017 Brady was a member of the champion fitting team at JNHE. He won the fourth-grade Prospect Award.

Lauren Jones, 15, is the daughter of B.J. and Kim Jones. Lauren has been a member of the NJHA and WJHA for nine years. She is currently serving as the WJHA treasurer and is also a WJHA princess. Lauren was a member of the 2016 junior national planning committee and was a member of the 2017 JNHE Champion Fitting Team. She has been competitive in several JNHE contests over the years. Lauren won the tenth-grade Junior Golden Bull Award.

Emily Meinhardt, 21, is the daughter of Bryndon and Julie Meinhardt. As a four-year NJHA member, Emily currently serves as the 2018-2019 National Hereford Queen. At Kansas State University (K-State), Emily is active in several agricultural clubs. Through the Kansas Junior Hereford Association and the NJHA, she has been competitive in the showing and in the photography contest and has participated in the queen's tea. Emily won a Golden Bull Achievement Award.

Regan Mitchem, 17, is the daughter of Wayne and Crystal Mitchem. Regan is a six-year member of the NJHA and is currently serving as the North Carolina Junior Hereford Association president. She has been a semifinalist in JNHE

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showmanship for the past three years, won the 2018 intermediate illustrated speech contest and has taken part in several NJHA activities, including the Faces of Leadership conference. Regan's champion Hereford heifer was named the supreme overall female at the 2018 North Carolina State Fair. She won the 12th-grade Junior Golden Bull Award.

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Bailey Morrell, 18, is the daughter of Barry and Carrie Morrell. She has been an NJHA member for 12 years and was elected at the 2019 JNHE to the NJHA board of directors. Bailey also served as the California-Nevada Junior Hereford Association president from 2014-2018 and the state Hereford Queen in 2014 and 2017. She has held a variety of offices and leadership roles through her involvement in 4-H and FFA. Bailey won a Poll-ette Founders Scholarship and the Charles E. Boyd Sr. Memorial Scholarship.

Abbygail Pitstick, 19, is the daughter of Neil and Elizabeth Pitstick. As a five-year NJHA member, Abbygail has been extremely involved at state and national levels. She was recently elected to serve a second term as president of the Ohio Junior Hereford Association. Abbygail served as the 2017 Ohio Hereford Queen before becoming the 2018 National Hereford Queen. Abbygail won the Bluegrass and Buckeye Scholarship.

Harley Rogers, 20, is the daughter of Keith and Cindy Rogers. She has been involved in the NJHA for 18 years and the Texas Junior Hereford

Association (TJHA) and the Texas Junior Polled Hereford Association (TJPHA) for 15 years. She served as the 2014-15 president of the TJPHA. Harley has participated in four PRIDE Leadership Conventions and has shown at every Texas state Hereford show and JNHE since 2004. In 2016 she exhibited the grand champion polled Hereford at both the Fort Worth junior show and the San Angelo junior show. At the 2018 JNHE, she and her brother the owned horned female show. Harley won the third place National Junior Merit Award.

James Brody Rogers, 19, is the son of Keith and Cindy Rogers. James is a 15-year member of the NJHA and has been a director for both the Texas Junior Hereford Association and the Texas Junior Polled Hereford Association. He and his sister exhibited the 2018 JNHE Champion Owned Horned Female show, and James has had multiple successes with his Hereford cattle across the state of Texas. He won a John Wayne Memorial Scholarship.

Kristin Waters, 10, is the daughter of Glen and Kyla Waters. She has been a member of NJHA since 2012. She has been involved in several leadership activities and has participated in peewee judging and speech contests at JNHE. Kristin was a peewee showmanship national semifinalist at the 2017 JNHE. Kristin won the fifth-grade Prospect Award.

Hannah Williams, 19, is an 11-year member of the NJHA and studies at K-State. Hannah was elected to the NJHA board of directors in 2017 and currently serves as the communications chair. At the 2019 JNHE, Hannah exhibited the champion bred-and-owned cow-calf pair. At the 2016 Nebraska State Fair, Hannah was named champion elite showman and the premier beef exhibitor and showed the owned champion heifer. Hannah won the first place National Junior Merit Award and a Poll-ette Founders Scholarship. **HW**

