



# Outstanding Youth Recognized

HYFA awards scholarships to deserving Hereford juniors.

National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) members were awarded more than \$40,000 in scholarships from the Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA) and National Hereford Women (NHW) during the 25th annual VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE).

“They were indeed an impressive group: thoughtful, accomplished, articulate and ambitious. It’s amazing that each year the applicants seem better than the previous year’s applicants,” says George Sprague, HYFA scholarship selection committee member. He helped evaluate the scholarship applications.

Cameron Kolinski represented NHW on the scholarship interview panel. “Some of these juniors left me speechless during their interviews,” Kolinski says. “Each year the pool gets stronger, making judging more challenging as they are all deserving. These juniors possess a passion for others in the industry and give credit where it is due. I think the Hereford industry is in excellent hands with these young members, and the future is bright.”

HYFA will award more than \$200,000 throughout the year to deserving NJHA members to aid in their academic endeavors.

## Golden Bull Achievement Awards

The Golden Bull Achievement Awards are given to three collegiate students

each summer. This is one of the most coveted honors awarded at the JNHE, as these young people not only receive a bronze bull, but also receive a \$2,500 scholarship to help further their education.

**Blake Bruns**, North Platte, Neb., is a senior at Kansas State University (K-State) where he is majoring in animal sciences and industry. After receiving his bachelor’s degree, Bruns plans to pursue a master’s in beef cattle nutrition.

Bruns has been a member of the NJHA for 18 years and is now looking at how he can give back to the organization that has helped shaped him.

“I think the greatest impact I can offer is by recruiting youth to be members of their state association and mentor them with their projects and help them be successful in contests,” Bruns explains. “My past experiences will help me to coach youth livestock judging teams and encourage youth to be involved in the many contests that the NJHA offers.”

**Paige Lemenager**, Hudson, Ill., is a junior at Texas Tech University (TTU), where she is pursuing a degree in animal science with a minor in agricultural economics. After completing her undergraduate degree, Lemenager plans to pursue a career as an agricultural attorney. She hopes to serve as an advocate for farmers facing financial challenges.

“I recognize the abundant enthusiasm of the Hereford youth; therefore, I am honored to have earned the respect of my peers and to have been elected to represent junior breeders in Illinois,” Lemenager says. “To serve as a role model in the eyes of young members is an opportunity I value every day. No matter where I travel or the opportunities I seek, it is in the forefront of my mind that I represent my family, state association and the entire NJHA.”

**Lydia Shaw**, Caldwell, Idaho, is a sophomore at the University of Idaho, where she is studying agricultural science, leadership and communications. Shaw plans to pursue a master’s degree after receiving her bachelor’s, and ultimately, she hopes to serve as an advocate for the agricultural industry. Shaw aspires to share stories and educate the public on the importance of American agriculture.

Shaw credits her time in the NJHA with helping to shape her into the person she is today. “I look back at my four years of high school, and during that time, I learned so much about myself through all the positions, activities and teams that I was a part of,” Shaw says. “I am grateful for all the opportunities, good and hard, successes and failures, which helped me grow into the person I am today.”

## Junior Golden Bull Awards

Junior Golden Bull Awards are given to high-achieving students in ninth through 12th grades. The winners received a small bronze Hereford bull statue.

This award program is unique to the NJHA and recognizes those members who go above and beyond in the Hereford breed, the agricultural industry and their communities.

“The NJHA offers wonderful opportunities for the youth because they see the value in preparing the next generation,” says Harlee Watson, a Junior Golden Bull Award recipient. “The youth of the NJHA are better prepared to lead the agricultural industry because of all that the NJHA offers us.”



Golden Bull Achievement Award winners (l to r): **Paige Lemenager**, Hudson, Ill.; **Lydia Shaw**, Caldwell, Idaho; and **Blake Bruns**, North Platte, Neb.

“The NJHA and American Hereford Association (AHA) work together to build a pipeline of industry leaders, and this starts at an early age with the Prospect and Junior Golden Bull Awards programs,” explains Amy Cowan, AHA director of youth activities and foundation. “The NJHA is excited to have a record-high number of applicants this year for these prestigious awards, and we salute all of the winners and can’t wait to watch them continue to do big things in the Hereford breed.”

**Ninth-grade winner, Wyatt McIntyre**, Leedey, Okla., just finished his first year at Leedey High School. McIntyre enjoys showing and fitting Hereford cattle, judging livestock and attending the NJHA Faces of Leadership Conference. He has future goals to attend college, pursue an animal science degree and judge collegiately during his undergraduate studies. “The NJHA activities have made me really see that I want agriculture to be my future,” McIntyre says.

**10th-grade winner, Joseph Schohr**, Oroville, Calif., a fourth-generation Hereford breeder, cannot remember a time when the Hereford breed was not a part of his heart. The Gridley High School student, ranked number one in his class at the end of his sophomore year, and will also graduate with an associate’s degree in agricultural business from Butte College when he finishes high school.

After graduation, he plans to attend a four-year university to study animal science while judging livestock at the collegiate level, with hopes of

becoming an embryologist. “Each day I recall that little kid who had waited his whole life to step into a showing,” Schohr says. He credits the NJHA with continuing to help him achieve his boyhood dreams.

**11th-grade winner, Aidyn Barber**, Channing, Texas, recently finished her junior year at Dumas High School and plans to attend Texas A&M University and obtain a degree in agricultural communications with a minor in agribusiness. Barber is currently the president of the Texas Junior Hereford Association, and a director for the Texas Junior Polled Hereford Association.

“Being able to witness the incredible impact that the association has had on my family played a key part in my eagerness,” Barber says. “I was able to witness the lifelong friendships that they built, valuable lessons learned and the second family they came to have.”

Outside of her family operation, she spends her days mentoring local kids and helping them kick-start their show careers. Barber says the JHNE has instilled crucial life lessons that she will carry forever.

**12th-grade winner, Harlee Watson**, Flemingsburg, Ky., a recent graduate of Fleming County High School, is currently serving a three-year term on the NJHA board of directors. Watson plans to attend Butler Community College where she will study agribusiness while judging livestock. She hopes to attend mortuary school while managing her family’s farm.

Watson says her favorite NJHA events are the Faces of Leadership

Conference and Bridging the Gap College and Career Fair.

“The activities that I have participated in through the NJHA will help me tremendously in the future,” Watson says. “I have been able to make connections and learn more about the agricultural industry, which will allow me to be a better advocate.”

NJHA works to provide its more than 4,000 members with opportunities to further their leadership and education.

### Prospect Awards

The Prospect Award program recognizes junior members involved in the Hereford breed and agricultural industry, along with their communities and schools. Prospect Awards are given to the most active and dedicated students in the third through eighth grades.

Through this award program, juniors are able to showcase their hard work both in and outside of the showing while learning professional skills they will carry with them well beyond the JNHE.

**Third-grade winner, Cooper Acheson**, Wichita, Kan., finished third grade and is just beginning his journey with the NJHA. Acheson is passionate about raising and showing Hereford cattle and participates in the NJHA Fed Steer Shootout, Hereford bowl and football.

“When I grow up, I want to play in the NFL and raise Hereford cattle. The teamwork and leadership skills I learn through the NJHA will make me a good teammate,” Acheson explains. “Everything I learned will help me raise cattle on my own one day and continue to carry on the Hereford tradition.”

**Fourth-grade winner, Caroline Wagner**, Hull, Iowa, has spent her life surrounded by the Hereford breed. Wagner says she has been inspired by her mom and aunt to do big things in the NJHA, and she loves to raise and show Herefords just like they did.

“Now, having a herd of our own, I have my own drive and passion to have cattle that I am proud of and genetics that will keep up the high industry standards,” Wagner says.

She hopes to participate in even more JNHE events as she gets older and has dreams to one day serve on the NJHA board of directors.



Junior Golden Bull Award winners pictured (l to r): **Aidyn Barber**, Channing, Texas; **Joseph Schohr**, Oroville, Calif.; **Wyatt McIntyre**, Leedey, Okla.; and **Harlee Watson**, Flemingsburg, Ky.



**Fifth-grade winner, Crayton Chapman**, Seneca, Ill., recently completed fifth grade and enjoys participating in speech contests, judging livestock and showing Hereford cattle. Chapman says he cannot wait to see where the NJHA takes him as he grows older and can participate in even more events.

“Now that I am a little bit older, I am finally able to understand what it really means to be a part of the Hereford breed,” Chapman explains. “The lessons I can learn from this program will help me for many years, and I plan to keep growing my own herd and selling feeder calves to save money for college.”

While Chapman says he was hesitant to show his first Hereford heifer, he trusted his dad and is so thankful he did.

**Sixth-grade winner, Josie Beltz**, Canton, Kan., completed sixth grade and attended her fourth junior nationals this year. For years, while she looked up to the NJHA board of directors and her older brother, she could not wait to start her own journey through the JNHE. Not only does she love to show, but Beltz is determined to compete in almost every contest offered.

“I love being involved in the livestock industry, anywhere from exhibiting my cattle at all levels to the judging and speech contests,” Beltz says. “As I continue my NJHA career, I hope to compete in every JNHE until I age out.”

Her ultimate goal is to be on the NJHA board of directors and encourage other members, like they do her.

**Seventh-grade winner, Jarrett Worrell**, Mason, Texas, recently finished seventh grade and just retired as a 2021-2023 Texas Junior Polled Hereford Association director. He is passionate about judging livestock and competing in all of the events JNHE offers. He loves showing Hereford cattle, but he loves raising them even more.

“My goal is to raise the grand champion bred-and-owned cow-calf pair at the Junior National Hereford Expo,” Worrell says. “If she can win this award, then I am doing something right because, to me, a rancher’s goal should be to raise cows that can raise good calves.”

**Eighth-grade winner, Hadley Harrison**, Montague, Calif., just finished eighth grade and has been a member of the NJHA for five years. She loves all things JNHE. From showing Hereford cattle to judging livestock and competing in fitting contests — she’s all in.

“Being involved with the NJHA gives me the opportunity to see new areas of the beef industry and hopefully encourage other kids to get involved and see what all NJHA can do for them,” Harrison says.

**Hereford National Junior Merit Scholarship and Trip**

**Haley Mouser**, Tenstrike, Minn., received the National Junior Merit \$5,000 Scholarship.

Mouser is a junior at South Dakota State University (SDSU), where she is double majoring in animal science and agricultural science. Mouser plans to pursue her master’s and doctorate degrees, with hopes of working within the agricultural industry and telling consumers about the science within the beef industry.

Mouser is no stranger to the Hereford breed; she has been a member of the NJHA for eight years. She has attended several conferences, including the 2022 BOLD Conference, and she has served as Minnesota Junior Hereford board president and currently serves on the NJHA board of directors as vice chairman.

“Because of all that has been poured into me over the past few years, I am now ready and excited to give back by encouraging, being invested and dedicating my time to our juniors,” Mouser said.

The National Junior Merit Scholarship is one of the most prestigious awards given at the JNHE. It was developed to encourage individual and cooperative effort, enthusiasm, leadership and achievement and to develop well-rounded breeders for the Hereford breed and beef industry. Each year, the winner receives a subsidized trip to a Hereford operation of their choice in the continental U.S., along with a \$5,000 scholarship.

**Bud Snidow Award**

**Logan McFatridge**, Otterbein, Ind., received the \$2,500 Bud Snidow Award.



**Prospect Award winners** (l to r) are: **Cooper Acheson**, Wichita, Kan.; **Caroline Wagner**, Hull, Iowa; and **Crayton Chapman**, Seneca, Ill.



**Prospect Award winners** (l to r) are: **Josie Beltz**, Canton, Kan.; and **Jarrett Worrell**, Mason, Texas. Not pictured: **Hadley Harrison**, Montague, Calif.



**National Junior Merit Scholarship winner, Haley Mouser**, Tenstrike, Minn.

McFatrige is a senior at Purdue University, majoring in agribusiness. After graduation, McFatrige plans to pursue a career in the beef industry with a goal of becoming a cattle buyer. McFatrige also hopes to play an active role in his family's cattle operation. Additionally, he currently serves as chairman of the NJHA board of directors.

"The NJHA and HYFA have had a huge role in growing me as a person. Having the opportunity to receive a scholarship through our organization is a blessing to me," McFatrige says.

Each year, the NHW honor Bud Snidow, a former employee of the AHA and noted Hereford historian, with a custom buckle and scholarship. This buckle is awarded to an exemplary NJHA member who embodies the qualities Snidow valued most: honesty, fairness, hard work, enthusiasm and dedication to the Hereford breed and its community.

### Donna Curry Memorial Scholarships

For the first time, three Hereford juniors were awarded a \$2,500 Donna Curry Memorial Scholarship.

In 2022, the Hereford community lost an extraordinary woman and cherished friend — Donna Curry of McAlester, Okla. She is fondly remembered for her unwavering dedication to youth and her lasting impact on countless lives. HYFA and the Curry family seek to honor Donna's legacy through this scholarship, ensuring she continues to inspire future generations.

**Lauren Jones**, Darlington, Wis., is a senior at Oklahoma State University (OSU) where she is majoring in animal science with a pre-veterinary concentration. She plans to attend veterinary school. Jones has been a member of the NJHA for 14 years and plans to give back to the industry after her time with the NJHA is complete.

"I would love to have the opportunity to become an advisor for the association in my state to help the younger generation develop as leaders within the Hereford breed," Jones says. "I feel like it would be a great way to give back to the Hereford youth and share my passion and knowledge of the breed for a good purpose."

**Jalyn Davis**, Maple Hill, Kan., is sophomore at Butler Community College. Davis plans to transfer to K-State and finish her bachelor's degree. She hopes to work for a breed association and promote cattle and youth through social media and graphic design.

"I have learned so much from influential Hereford breeders who have helped me in several areas, such as advice for interviews, resume suggestions and life lessons," she says. "I will strive to be a great mentor, leader and learner as so many have done for me."

**Kaylee Lunsford**, Fort Scott, Kan., is a senior at OSU. She is majoring in both animal science and agricultural leadership. Lunsford plans to start a career in international agriculture where she can fulfill her dream of

promoting and protecting agriculture on a global scale.

"From my mother's veterinary truck, I saw agriculture through the eyes of the future as I watched my mother educate the younger generations on the latest technology and practices to promote sustainable agriculture for our community," Lunsford says. "I learned that agriculture was one of the few things that connected the entire world, and even the greatest nations could not live without it."

Cameron Curry, Donna Curry's son, was a member of the scholarship committee. "This scholarship is a massive blessing for our family. It will help keep Donna's name alive and show people across the country what kind of person Donna was. When the auction was set up for Mom, the American Hereford Association informed us that it had to bring in \$50,000 for a scholarship to be endowed for life. We had no idea it would bring in over \$100,000," Curry says. "So, for us, it's a blessing that we have that many people in the Hereford breed willing to support the cause to keep her name alive. Our family will be forever grateful and thankful for the people within this breed for making this scholarship a reality for Mom's legacy."

### Hereford Herdsman Scholarships

Every year, Sullivan Supply Inc., and Hereford herdsman from across the country collaborate with HYFA to support two \$2,500 Hereford Herdsman Scholarships.



**Bud Snidow Scholarship** winner, **Logan McFatrige**, Otterbein, Ind.



**Donna Curry Memorial Scholarship** winners (l to r): **Lauren Jones**, Darlington, Wis.; **Kaylee Lunsford**, Fort Scott, Kan.; and **Jalyn Davis**, Maple Hill, Kan.



Mason Allan, Nocona, Texas, is a junior at TTU, majoring in animal science with a focus in beef cattle nutrition. After college, Allan plans to pursue a career as either a beef cattle nutritionist or work in the commodities sector.

“My biggest passion lies within raising and selling Hereford cattle with emphasis on junior exhibitors,” Allan says. “I plan to continue to serve and promote our breed to everyone I come into contact with. If allowed, my biggest dream is to one day have a family of my own who exhibits Herefords across the country and are afforded the same opportunities I have had.”

Logan Topp, Grace City, N.D., is a senior at K-State where he is studying animal sciences and industry. After his time at K-State, Topp hopes to produce breed-changing bulls that have the ability to add pounds and profit to a customer’s calf crop on an annual basis. He also plans to produce baldy cattle that perform well in the feedyard and on the grid.

“I aim to serve as a mentor for aspiring young individuals by encouraging them to pursue careers in agriculture. I now recognize the critical need for young individuals to return to their family ranches and farms to ensure the sustainability of agriculture,” Topp says. “I am passionate about raising awareness about the importance of succession planning and encouraging young individuals to consider returning to their family operations.”

Bobby Singleton helps review applicants for the Hereford Herdsman Scholarship. “It’s amazing how focused these young people are on their goals, whether it’s in their college studies and classes or their career goals, and how they are bettering themselves and their family while continuing their love of the agriculture industry and Hereford cattle in particular,” he says.

**Junior Herdsman of the Year**

Mason Allan, Nocona, Texas, garnered the title of 2024 Junior Hereford Herdsman of the Year.

The Junior Hereford Herdsman of the Year’s hard work during and before the JNHE helps them stand out among their peers. Herdsman winners demonstrate a tremendous work ethic coupled with knowledge about the Hereford breed and beef industry. The nominees are selected by a committee, then voted on by their peers throughout the week. This year’s winner received a \$2,500 scholarship sponsored by HYFA and Sullivan Supply Inc., along with a custom belt buckle.

Mason Allan is the son of Becky and Dave Allan. He studies animal science at TTU. He also attended Redlands Community College, where he was an All-American and member of the junior college livestock judging team of the year. The “Grand Daddy of ’Em All” marked Allan’s 16th JNHE. As a third-generation Hereford breeder, Mason works with his family at Bar A Cattle Co.

“Growing up, I looked up to my dad and uncle, previous Hereford Herdsmen

of the Year,” Allan says. “To be recognized for such a prestigious award is extremely humbling.”

**John Wayne Memorial Scholarship**  
Sydney Heins, Wayzata, Minn. (picture unavailable), was selected as the recipient of the John Wayne Memorial \$2,000 Scholarship.

Heins is a junior at SDSU, where she is majoring in animal science with a minor in biology. Heins plans to continue her education and earn both a master’s degree and a doctorate in bovine genetics. She hopes to pursue a career in the field of purebred cattle genetics.

Heins comes from a non-traditional background, growing up in the suburbs of Minneapolis. She didn’t let this stop her from becoming involved in the NJHA. Her advice to others from similar backgrounds, “... is to surround yourself with people who love you. Creating a network of people who care about you is one of the most pivotal things that one can do.”

The John Wayne Memorial Scholarship is awarded in remembrance of John Wayne — a legendary actor, agriculturalist and Hereford breeder — to a deserving college student who has made outstanding contributions to the agricultural industry and Hereford breed.

**Mead Memorial Scholarship**

Lauren Gatz, Fairview, Kan., was selected as the recipient of the Mead Memorial \$2,000 Scholarship.

Gatz is a senior at K-State, where she is majoring in agricultural communications and journalism with



Hereford Herdsman Scholarship winners pictured (l to r) are: **Mason Allan**, Nocona, Texas; and **Logan Topp**, Grace City, N.D.



Junior Herdsman of the Year winner, **Mason Allan**, Nocona, Texas.



Mead Memorial Scholarship winner, **Lauren Gatz**, Fairview, Kan.

minors in leadership studies and marketing. Gatz hopes to pursue a career within the communications and marketing field.

Gatz has been a member of the NJHA for 14 years. “My involvement in the NJHA has been instrumental in shaping who I am today. The NJHA has fueled my passion for agriculture and the livestock industry,” Gatz says. “As a result of taking advantage of the wide range of opportunities that are available within the organization, I have learned that success is achieved by dedicating myself to what I am passionate about.”

Mead Cattle Enterprises, Midville, Ga., has been breeding Hereford cattle for more than 40 years. As original members of the Pro Performance Breeders group, they supported young Hereford enthusiasts. In 2020, the Mead family lost two vital members of their Hereford operation, owner Tommy Mead’s mother, Hazel Mead, and his wife, Valarie Mead. In 2021, family and friends came together to honor Hazel and Valarie by establishing the Mead Family Memorial Scholarship Endowment.

Tommy Mead reviewed scholarship applications this spring.

“This scholarship was established in memory of my wife and mother, following their passing,” Mead says. “We were blessed to be surrounded by such wonderful people and thought this would be a meaningful way to honor them while giving back to the Hereford family. I was grateful to be invited to serve on the committee, which faced the challenging task of selecting

recipients from an exceptionally talented group of applicants.”

**NOP Founders Scholarship**

Salem Sifford, Goldvein, Va., was selected as the recipient for the NOP Founders \$2,000 Scholarship.

Sifford is a junior at Virginia Tech where she is majoring in dairy science with a minor in animal and poultry sciences. She plans to work with families to improve their operations.

Sifford is a third-generation Hereford and Holstein breeder. She has been a member of the NJHA for 13 years. Leadership skills are one of her biggest takeaways from her time in the NJHA. “Learning the type of person you are, the type of leader you are and how you impact others can quickly change the way you feel about and represent yourself,” Sifford says.

The NOP Founders Scholarship was established in 2003, in honor of the women who laid the foundation for the National Organization of Poll-ettes (NOP), which was organized in 1965 and is now known as the NHW.

**Bluegrass and Buckeye Scholarship**

Emma Ballinger, McKee, Ky., received the \$1,500 Bluegrass and Buckeye Scholarship.

Ballinger is a sophomore at the University of Kentucky, double majoring in agricultural community and leadership and development as well as marketing. After college, she plans to pursue a career in agriculture where she hopes to leave a lasting positive impact.

Ballinger has been a member of the NJHA for 10 years.

“The NJHA has been instrumental in shaping my personal and professional growth by providing numerous opportunities for leadership development, networking and skill-building. Through participation in NJHA events, such as leadership conferences, educational workshops and cattle shows, I have learned invaluable lessons in teamwork, communication and problem-solving,” Ballinger says.

The Bluegrass and Buckeye Scholarship is made possible by the Kentucky and Ohio Hereford Associations, alongside HYFA. Each year they present a \$1,500 scholarship recognizing an outstanding NJHA member. The scholarship’s purpose is to develop leaders for both the Hereford breed and the beef industry.

**Charles E. Boyd Memorial Scholarship**

Samuel Birdsall, Torrington, Wyo., received the \$1,500 Charles E. Boyd Memorial Scholarship.

Birdsall is a sophomore at K-State, where he is majoring in agribusiness. After college, Birdsall plans to pursue a master’s degree in finance from K-State with the goal of being involved in the agricultural finance industry.

Birdsall is passionate about the Hereford breed. “I plan to stay involved with the breed by giving my future children the same opportunity I had in terms of raising and showing Hereford cattle. In short, I am certain I will spend my professional and personal life giving back to the agricultural industry and the Hereford breed,” he says.

The Charles E. Boyd Memorial Scholarship commemorates Charles E. Boyd, Sr., a third-generation Hereford



**NOP Founders Scholarship** winner, Salem Sifford, Goldvein, Va.



**Bluegrass and Buckeye Scholarship** winner, Emma Ballinger, McKee, Ky.



**Charles E. Boyd Memorial Scholarship** winner, Samuel Birdsall, Torrington, Wyo.



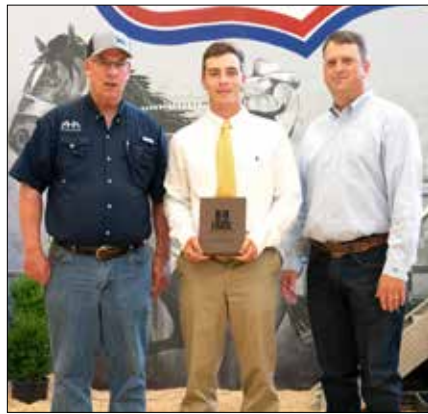
breeder from Mays Lick, Ky., who dedicated his life to youth in the agricultural industry. Throughout his lifetime, he was recognized on local, state and national levels for his accomplishments. As a renowned cattle judge, he participated in all major livestock shows and exhibited numerous international and national Hereford champions. This scholarship supports young individuals involved with the Hereford breed who aspire to attend college and pursue a degree in agriculture.

Suzanne Matheny, Charles E. Boyd's daughter, sat on the interview committee. She says, "The quality of the junior Hereford breeders is second to none, and Dad would be so impressed with the scholarship candidates."

**Livestock Marketeers Scholarship**

Matt Bruns, North Platte, Neb., received the inaugural \$1,500 Livestock Marketeers Scholarship.

Presented in partnership with HYFA and the Livestock Marketeers,



**Livestock Marketeers Scholarship** winner, **Matt Bruns**, North Platte, Neb.

the Livestock Marketeers Scholarship is for junior association members in any beef breed organization with an interest in pursuing a career path in the livestock marketing industry. The first scholarship went to an NJHA member.

"This scholarship was created to help cultivate the next generation of livestock marketing professionals," explains Colt Keffer, CK Sales and Marketing and scholarship committee member. "On behalf of the Livestock Marketeers, we are proud to do our part to further the education and help develop careers in our industry."

Bruns is a junior at K-State, where he is studying animal sciences and industry and agricultural business. He is a nine-year member of the Nebraska Junior Hereford Association and NJHA and was elected to the NJHA board of directors at the 2024 JNHE.

After college, he intends to pursue a career in livestock marketing and hopes to be an auctioneer. He also plans to continue raising cattle with his family while building his own cow herd.

**Walter and Joe Lewis High Point Senior Award**

Lauren Jones, Darlington, Wis., received the 2024 Walter and Joe Lewis High Point Senior Award.

The Walter and Joe Lewis High Point Senior Award, one of the most coveted and historic JNHE awards, recognizes overall achievement in leadership, teamwork, skills and competition. Jones was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship and belt buckle. The award goes to the high point exhibitor in the senior division at the JNHE. NJHA members receive points for participating in a variety of JNHE

programs and activities. The senior with the most points on the final day of the event receives the award.

Jones is the 21-year-old daughter of B.J. and Kim Jones. She is a senior at OSU this fall, majoring in animal science with a pre-veterinary concentration. Her future career goals include attending veterinary school and pursuing a career as a practicing veterinarian. Jones has been an active member of the Wisconsin Junior Hereford Association for 14 years, where she has filled numerous leadership roles during that time.

**Faces of Leadership Travel Scholarships**

Ten NJHA members received Faces of Leadership Travel Scholarships.

The NHW annually awards \$400 travel scholarships to 10 young people attending the 2024 Faces of Leadership Conference. The NHW has worked hard to support Hereford juniors and ensure their future success. Through leadership development programs, like the Faces of Leadership Conference, NHW encourages young people to further develop invaluable skills for their futures.

These travel scholarship winners were randomly selected through a drawing process: **Paige Nichols**, Ovid, Mich.; **Mattie Flohr**, Danville, Ind.; **Mackenzie Ramsdell**, Limington, Maine; **Catie Musser**, Otterbein, Ind.; **Clayton Stapleton**, Clinton, Ill.; **Gabe Swallow**, Garland, Texas; **McKenzie Boyer**, Vinita, Okla.; **Caitlyn Clapper**, Magnolia, Texas; **Amberlyn Christenbury**, Starr, S.C.; and **Karsyn Kleeman**, Braymer, Mo. **HW**



**Walter and Joe Lewis High Point Senior Award** winner, **Lauren Jones**, Darlington, Wis.



**Faces of Leadership Travel Scholarship** winners, pictured (l to r): **Karsyn Kleeman**, Braymer, Mo.; **Amberlyn Christenbury**, Starr, S.C.; **McKenzie Boyer**, Vinita, Okla.; **Gabe Swallow**, Garland, Texas; **Catie Musser**, Otterbein, Ind.; **Paige Nichols**, Ovid, Mich.; and **Mattie Flohr**, Danville, Ind. Not pictured: **Mackenzie Ramsdell**, Limington, Maine; **Clayton Stapleton**, Clinton, Ill.; and **Caitlyn Clapper**, Magnolia, Texas.