

Legendary Achievement

Auxiliary scholarships presented to five boys, five girls at Aberdeen in Twenty-thirteen.

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The American Angus Auxiliary and its supporters set 10 qualifying junior Angus members on the path to legendary career performance when they announced the winners of \$13,000 in scholarships during the 2013 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Kansas City, Mo., July 12.

The Auxiliary awards scholarships annually to five qualifying young men and five qualifying young women, chosen this year from among 24 applicants representing 17 states. To qualify for one of the scholarships, applicants must be National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members and graduating high school seniors nominated by their state or regional associations.

Applications are due in May, and winners are announced during the NJAS Awards Ceremony. The Auxiliary has awarded these scholarships for more than 50 years.

The recipients for 2013 are:

Katlyn Tunstill

The \$1,500 first-place female scholarship award winner is Katlyn Tunstill, Fayetteville, Ark.

Katlyn is currently serving as Arkansas Junior Angus Association (AJAA) president, has attended Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conferences since 2010, and has participated in various contests at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) since 2007. In 2012, she was the female



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Janet Castle Crystal Award winner at the NJAS, was the first-place winner in the intermediate division of the video and quiz bowl contests, and was the overall intermediate winner of the career development contest.

"While having the opportunity to serve as an officer for eight years, I have been a key part of recruitment and educating members,"

Katlyn says. "On the national level, I have served many times as a mentor to young members and written many articles for our junior magazine, *The Scoop*."

She has competed in the showing at the state, regional and national levels, showing the champion bred-and-owned (B&O) female at the 2012 Arkansas Junior Angus Summer Preview. She was named AJAA premier junior breeder and exhibitor of the year in 2007 and 2012.

Katlyn plans to attend Oklahoma State University with the goal of a degree in agricultural communications and agribusiness. She wants to share her knowledge of the beef industry with others by utilizing her photography, graphic design and writing skills.

"I love this type of work," Katlyn shares. "It is my passion."

She wants to use the leadership skills she has accumulated through her years in agricultural-related programs to stress the importance of beef and agriculture to youth around the country.

"Of course, I plan to continue developing and improving my herd of Angus cattle," Katlyn says. "All things Angus will continue to play an important role in my life as I cultivate friendships and networking opportunities with other Angus enthusiasts."

Gabrielle Lemenager

Winning the second-place female scholarship is Gabrielle Lemenager, Clifton, Ill. She will receive \$1,400.

Gabrielle is currently serving as a 1st vice president for the Illinois Junior Angus Association and has been a participant at the NJAS in team sales, the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® Cook-Off, livestock judging and quiz bowl. She has also been successful in the showing at the county, state, regional and national levels.

Gabrielle sees herself as a behind-the-scenes leader, quietly making sure she plays a part in making things run smoothly. She is proudest of helping a little girl named Emily at the 2013 Illinois Beef Expo whose heifer

was coming into heat and not being cooperative. She encouraged her and even gave her a few showmanship tips. When the show was over, Emily's dad thanked her for taking the time to help his daughter.

"I realized that day that it truly is the little things that matter," Gabrielle says. "If we all



Gabrielle Lemenager

take a few moments to better each other, we will eventually better our organizations and ourselves."

Gabrielle plans to attend Lake Land College and participate on the livestock judging team and in the ambassador's program this fall. Once she obtains an associate degree in agricultural business management, she plans to transfer to Kansas State University (K-State) in pursuit of a bachelor's degree and an eventual job in management and sales.

"Growing up on a farm that was established in 1816, it has always been my dream to carry on my family's tradition of being involved in agriculture," Gabrielle says. "Regardless of where I end up or where my career takes me, I plan to continue to be actively involved in the beef industry and within my own community. I believe it is my responsibility to come back into agriculture and give back to an industry that has given so much to me."

Catherine Harward

Catherine Harward, Richfield, N.C., will receive the third-place female scholarship in the amount of \$1,300.

Catherine has served as president, treasurer, reporter, queen and voting delegate for the North Carolina Junior Angus Association. She has attended LEAD conferences and competed in the Cook-Off, poster and team fitting contests while showing at the regional and national levels.

A varsity athlete in volleyball, basketball



and softball at Gray Stone Day School, Catherine also served as student body president. She volunteers with Special



Catherine Harward

Olympics and with Relay for Life.

During the North Carolina State Fair Showmanship Contest, she won the intermediate division in 2007 and won reserve champion senior showman in 2012.

Catherine says she wants to show her younger sisters and other juniors that working hard and establishing a partnership with your animal(s) is essential to being successful.

“The key to success is never settling, and continue learning and growing by seeking information and advice from more experienced showmen,” Catherine says. “I enjoy helping younger juniors by answering their questions, as well as showing them how to prepare their animal and give them tips for showing.”

Catherine plans to attend North Carolina State University where she will study animal science and agricultural business management. After earning her bachelor’s degree, she hopes to attend a school of veterinary medicine, with the intention of owning her own large-animal veterinary practice.

“In addition to veterinary medicine, I plan to remain in the beef industry because I am passionate about raising beef cattle, specifically Angus cattle,” Catherine says. “I am determined to reach the goals I set for myself, and I plan to work hard to achieve these goals while promoting the Angus and beef industries.”

Morgan Alexander

The winner of the fourth-place female scholarship, Morgan Alexander, Berryville, Va., will receive \$1,200.

“Angus cattle have always been a major part of my life,” Morgan says. “Being raised on an Angus farm, I was given my first cow at 4 days old, and I became a life NJAA member as a baby.”

Morgan says she and her brother have always been a part of the process of feeding, working cows, checking heat, weaning calves and helping to halter-break the large percentage of her family’s calves marketed as

show projects to 4-H and junior Angus members.

She is the president-elect of the Virginia Junior Angus Association and has participated in LEAD conferences since 2010. Morgan has participated in the photography, Cook-Off, team sales, prepared public speaking, livestock judging and extemporaneous speaking contests at the NJAS since 2006.



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She has served as the Virginia Angus Queen and is currently co-chair of the 2013 Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show (ERJAS). Morgan has served as reporter, secretary,

vice president and president of the Lucky Leaf 4-H Club. She has won numerous awards as a member of the Clarke County FFA.

She plans to attend Virginia Tech as a human development major with a career goal of being an elementary school teacher. Morgan says she believes it is important for those Angus youth who have chosen a career path outside of agriculture to educate people concerning what is involved in the production of food.

“As a teacher, I will be able to share the knowledge I have acquired from our Angus farm with my students,” Morgan says. “My desire is that these students will share their knowledge with their parents, families, friends and peers. Teaching provides the perfect format to be an advocate for the industry that I love and respect.”

Brittany Eagleburger

Brittany Eagleburger, Buffalo, Mo., is the winner of the fifth-place female scholarship and will receive \$1,100.

Brittany has served as an officer for the Southwest Missouri Junior Angus and Missouri Junior Angus associations and has been a member of the Missouri team in the Cook-Off and team sales events at the NJAS. She has served as a Missouri Angus Auxiliary princess, and was the junior chairman for the trade show committee and junior co-chair for the decorations committee for the 2013 NJAS in Kansas City, Mo.

“Showing cattle, holding officer positions and being on committees has shown me the importance of responsibility, critical thinking

and handling situations calmly,” Brittany says. “With my life revolving around the livestock industry, I have learned many skills



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that impact my family farm’s prosperity, quality and success.”

Brittany has been successful in the showing at the county, state, regional and national level. In 2012, she showed

the grand champion bull at the Southwest Missouri Junior Angus Classic, and received the B&O bull of the year award from the Southwest Missouri Junior Angus Association.

A graduate of Buffalo High School, Brittany has served as president and secretary of the Aggies 4-H Club and secretary, vice president and president for the Dallas County 4-H Youth Council. Brittany was a member of the varsity track and varsity basketball teams, and has served as assistant historian and president of the Buffalo FFA.

Brittany will attend Missouri State University to earn an undergraduate degree and plans to continue her studies at the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine.

“Some of my personal goals are to continue to stay involved with community activities, raise quality Angus cattle and try to make a difference one step at a time,” Brittany says.

Alex Rogen

Alex Rogen, Brandon, S.D., is the first-place winner of the boys’ scholarship and will receive \$1,500.

“My family purchased our first Angus cow when I was 3 years old,” Alex says. “I grew up in the barn — washing show calves in the summer and keeping calves’ ears from freezing in the winter.”



Alex Rogen

Alex has served as president of the South Dakota Junior Angus Association (SDJAA), president of the Dakota Tumbleweeds 4-H Club and president of his

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senior class at Brandon Valley High School. Alex was the captain of his high school soccer team, homecoming king and member of the National Honor Society.

He has participated in various contests at the NJAS, including the Cook-Off, judging, extemporaneous speaking, photography and poster. Alex was on an intermediate team that made it to the quarterfinals of the quiz bowl in 2012. He was also a member of the Minnehaha County 4-H livestock judging team that qualified to participate in the 2012 national livestock judging competition after earning their state's championship.

He earned all-state honors for acting at the South Dakota One-Act Play Festival and was a participant in Boys State.

Alex excels in the showing, leading numerous champion females and bulls at the Sioux Empire Fair, champion female and top-five overall bull at the South Dakota State Fair open show, and the champion and reserve division heifer at the National Western Stock Show Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus Show.

"I have consistently assumed leadership positions throughout my life," Alex says. "Being a leader is something I have always enjoyed. I find that the increased responsibility is well worth the payoff at the end of the endeavor."

Alex plans to attend South Dakota State University (SDSU) majoring in biology with the intent to study veterinary medicine at Iowa State University.

Will Pohlman

Will Pohlman, Prairie Grove, Ark., is the second-place winner of the boys' scholarship and will receive \$1,400.

"I was born with a showstick in my hand," Will says. "A fifth-generation American



Will Pohlman

cattleman, the beef industry runs through my veins. From as long as I can remember, Angus cattle and the beef industry have been the center of my life."

Will has served as vice president of the AJAA, was a member of the Black Kettle Award-winning team at the NJAS in 2012, and received the Janet Castle Crystal Award

in 2011 and 2012. Also in 2012, he won the creative writing and career development competitions in his age division and was on the champion quiz bowl team.

He has shared his experience and expertise in state and national competitions outside the showing with younger junior Angus members, and has actively attempted to mirror state contests to their national counterparts to help Arkansas juniors succeed at the national level.

"It is one thing to achieve success in one's own life; it is another thing entirely to inspire success in others," Will says. "I am perhaps most proud of my work with younger members both in Arkansas and across the nation."

Will has been active in 4-H as a state officer and as a team member of the state champion livestock skills team. He is active in FFA and was a member of the Arkansas Beef Council state champion beef quiz bowl team that progressed to a third-place finish at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association national beef quiz bowl.

Will plans to challenge himself with a dual major of biochemistry and animal science at the University of Arkansas. Upon completion of his bachelor's degrees, he wants to attend a top-notch medical school to achieve his childhood dream of becoming a pediatrician, though this will not keep him from remaining active within the Angus Association.

Clayton McGuire

The third-place boys' scholarship winner is Clayton McGuire, Waverly, Ala. He will receive \$1,300.

"Most of my weekends and afternoons are spent working hair in the show barn, vaccinating and medicating cattle when necessary, weighing, tagging, breeding and calving," Clayton says. "I am actively involved with every aspect of our farm."

Clayton has served as the vice president and president of the Alabama Junior Angus Association and is on the board of directors of the Alabama Junior Cattlemen's Association. He has won numerous awards in livestock judging as a member of the Lee County 4-H, the Lee County Cattlemen's Association and Auburn High School FFA.

Clayton has also been successful in the showing, showing the reserve champion Angus heifer at the 2012 Alabama Junior

Beef Expo. He has placed first in showmanship in state and regional contests, and was supreme champion showman at the



Clayton McGuire

Alabama Junior Beef Expo in 2013. At the 2012 NJAS, Clayton won first place in the intermediate division of the graphic design contest and first place in his division of the photography contest. He has participated in the team sales, cattle judging and Cook-Off contests, while helping to raise awareness in the Alabama Junior Angus Association about the importance of participating in the contests offered at the NJAS, and in showing cattle at smaller regional shows in the state.

Clayton will start his education at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, with plans to transfer to a four-year college where he will major in animal science and ag communications, and will pursue a career in livestock marketing.

"In addition, I also would like to stay close to our family farm and continue to be actively involved in production agriculture," Clayton says. "Whether I start my own herd, or just help out on our original farm, I will continue to raise the breed of cattle that has given me so many opportunities."

Jared Radcliffe

Receiving the fourth-place boys' scholarship is Jared Radcliffe, Weston, Wis. He will receive \$1,200.

"I started showing cattle when I was 8



Jared Radcliffe

years old, but before that I can remember most of my childhood being spent in the barn," Jared says. A graduate of D.C. Everest High School, Jared took first place in the Marathon County Manufacturers Welding Competition at school. He has volunteered as a construction crew member with Habitat for Humanity, and has been a member of the Popplewood

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4-H Club since 2004, serving as treasurer in 2008.

Jared has been a member of the Wisconsin Junior Angus Association since 2002 and served as director and show chair in 2012. He has participated in the Cook-Off, quiz bowl, fitting and photography contests at the NJAS since 2004, and was a member of the first-place fitting team in his age division in 2007, 2010 and 2012.

A winner in the showing at the state, regional and national levels, Jared led the reserve grand champion Angus heifer at the 2012 Minnesota State Fair Open Show and the supreme champion B&O female at the 2012 Wisconsin State Fair, where he was also the reserve grand champion showman.

Jared plans to earn a bachelor's degree in agricultural engineering from SDSU and will use the combination of his degree and welding skills to develop more efficient ways of handling feed and waste in the cattle industry.

"In addition, my future plans involve expanding my Angus operation," Jared says. "Promoting the Angus breed is in my future for certain. Being an advocate for the breed is truly something that I do not have to think about doing; it is like breathing. It's a natural reflex that I will always have and continue to practice."

Michael Cropp

Michael Cropp, Damascus, Md., is the fifth-place boys' scholarship winner and will receive \$1,100.

"I am very fortunate to have grown up in a family with Angus cattle," Michael says. "I have proudly given many presentations at



Michael Cropp

community events describing animal selection, feeding regimens and the value of joining the (American) Angus Association." Michael has participated in the poster, quiz bowl, team sales and livestock judging contests at the NJAS. At the 2011 NJAS, he had the grand champion B&O steer in the carcass contest. He has also



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► Kathleen (Moore) Perry of Missouri received the first Auxiliary scholarship in 1956. The scholarship trust fund was established in 1969.

participated in livestock judging at the county, state and national levels through the Montgomery County 4-H Beef Club, in which he has served as historian, treasurer and president. The Montgomery County team placed seventh overall in the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest in 2012.

Serving as reporter and vice president of the Maryland Junior Angus Association, Michael has also served on the Eastern Regional Show planning committee and is currently the liaison from the Maryland Junior Angus Association board to the Maryland Angus Association senior board.

Because he lives 12 miles (as the crow flies) from the White House, he interacts with the

sons and daughters of politicians. Michael says he tries to educate them and their families about the benefits of beef production and the cattle business.

Michael will attend Kansas State University, where he plans to study meat science with minors in either agribusiness or horticulture.

"I want to continue to be a leader in the beef industry," Michael says. "I will promote the Angus breed and plan to further develop my business as a provider of show cattle to local youth. It will be an exciting day for me when my own children have their first Angus heifer to show and raise."

