

# Auxiliary Announces

Auxiliary scholarships presented to five boys, five girls in Indianapolis, Ind.

by **Linda Robbins**, assistant editor

The American Angus Auxiliary and its supporters set 10 qualifying junior Angus members on the path to excellent career performance when they announced the winners of \$13,000 in scholarships during the 2014 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Indianapolis, Ind., July 11.

The Auxiliary awards scholarships annually to five qualifying young men and five qualifying young women, chosen this year from among 23 applicants representing 19 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 2014 follow.

## Kyle Livingston

"I look at the NJAA as a 'pay it forward' type of association," says Kyle Livingston,



**Kyle Livingston**

Dover, Pa., the first-place boys' \$1,500 scholarship winner. "When I was first starting out in the association, I was encouraged by older members, and that's what I have been doing as I have become one of the older members in the NJAA."

Kyle has been active in the Pennsylvania Junior Angus Association, Pennsylvania 4-H and FFA. He was named the 2014 Young Cattleman of the Year by the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association, won the Golden Pitch Fork Award in 2013 at the Pennsylvania Breeders Show, and has participated in the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off and the photography contest at the NJAS.

He has competed in livestock judging at the local, state, regional and national levels for the past five to six years, and has a desire to learn more about livestock from structure and skeletal design standpoint. Kyle has won several local judging contests and has been undefeated at the state contest, winning twice as a junior and once as a senior at age 16. In the last year he judged, his team competed at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky.

"I have had a lot of great opportunities through livestock judging, and I have learned a lot," Kyle says. "These experiences have greatly increased my knowledge and my passion to learn more."

Kyle, the son of Tim and Nancy Livingston, is enrolled at Black Hawk College—East Campus in Illinois, where he hopes to compete on the livestock judging team, build connections within the livestock industry and obtain internships. After two years at Black Hawk, he plans to transfer to a four-year college and obtain a bachelor's degree in animal science, agricultural business or animal nutrition.

"After I graduate from college, I plan on getting a job within the agricultural industry, work on my family's farm and continue to build my swine and Angus herds," Kyle says. "I will transfer my junior membership to an adult membership in the American Angus Association, run as a director in my state and, hopefully, serve as a delegate to the annual meeting."

Kyle hopes to take part in Cattlemen's Boot Camps, the Young Cattlemen's Conference and the Beef Leaders Institute. He also plans to be involved in his county and state Farm Bureau organizations.

"I am now a fifth-generation farmer, and I hope to continue to live the dream," Kyle says.

## Reed McCormick

Winner of the second-place boys' \$1,400 scholarship is Reed McCormick, son of Chris and Dixie McCormick, Pleasantville, Iowa.

A graduate of Pleasantville High School, where he served as secretary of the National

Honor Society, Reed was active in the Shooting Stars 4-H Club and served as president of the Pleasantville FFA.

"Early on in school I chose my Angus cattle over sports," Reed says. "While my classmates



**Reed McCormick**

are sleeping in on weekends and days off, I'm up early heading to the barn to feed, rinse and work with my show cattle. Growing up in the [American] Angus Association has instilled in me a strong work ethic, honesty,

responsibility and communication skills."

He has been successful in the showing with the champion junior bull at the 2013 Iowa Angus Preview Show and the reserve champion bull and second high-selling bull of the 2012 Iowa Beef Expo. Reed had the top-gaining and top-indexing bull in the 2010 Iowa Angus Bull Test, and the champion Angus steer in the 2010 Iowa Beef Expo.

Reed participated in the 2008 NJAS mentoring program, judging contest and quiz bowl contest, and the photography and quiz bowl contests at the 2010 NJAS. He attended the Raising the Bar and Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conferences in 2010 and says those experiences helped him with public speaking.

"I didn't like speaking in front of a group," Reed says. "I give credit to these events in helping me be able to get up in front of hundreds of people and give a speech without my voice cracking and sweaty palms. The more I get in front of people, the easier it has become to get up and talk."

Reed will be attending Iowa State University in the fall, pursuing a degree in agricultural studies with minors in agronomy and ag marketing.

"For as long as I can remember, I've known what I want to do with my life," Reed says. "I want to follow in my father's

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and grandfather's footsteps and engage in farming. I plan to grow my Angus herd and continue raising quality Angus cattle. In the far future, I want to raise my children on a farm as I was raised and have them involved with the National Junior Angus Association."

## Dylan Kennedy

The third-place, \$1,300 boys' scholarship winner, Dylan Kennedy, Nashville, Mich., has been a three-sport athlete at Maple Valley High School, a four-year member of the basketball team and captain of the varsity football team in 2013, and captain of the varsity track team in 2014.

"Having been selected to act as team captain by my coaches and peers on multiple sports teams, I have had the opportunity to serve as a role model — not only for my teammates, but for my school and community," Dylan says. "I have learned to be



Dylan Kennedy

productive as an individual and collaborate as a team member to accomplish larger tasks. By being a strong, active leader, I have tried to instill in my fellow teammates that when we work together side-by-side, we can achieve our goals."

Dylan has been a member of a first-place NJAS Cook-Off team, and has participated in team sales, team fitting and quiz bowl. He has also been successful in the showing at the local, state, regional and national levels, having the grand champion and reserve grand champion Angus heifers at the Michigan Alpha Gamma Rho (AGR) Beef Preview Show in 2013 and 2014 and at the Michigan Angus Preview Show in 2013, where he was also named champion senior showman.

Dylan, the son of Jeff and Heather Kennedy, says being a member of the Michigan Junior Angus Association and the NJAA and participating in the team events at NJAS has become an important part of who he is today, and has helped him get outside

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his comfort zone to meet new people and other Angus enthusiasts.

"I was normally not one to go out of my way to meet and talk to new people," Dylan says. "I enjoy the feeling of satisfaction I get from meeting people from other teams and other states that share my desire to promote the Angus breed."

Dylan plans to pursue a degree in athletic training, and hopes to find a job at either the high school or college level. He plans to retain and expand his Angus herd in the future, continue showing cattle, and he looks forward to applying for his NJAA Gold Award.

"I plan to continue contributing to the Michigan Junior Angus Association. Most importantly, I will continue to be an involved member and supporter of the Angus breed and beef cattle industry," Dylan says.

## Randall "Randy" Frye

Randy Frye, son of Ron and Lanette Frye, Three Forks, Mont., is the fourth-place boys' \$1,200 scholarship winner.

"Patience was a weakness I had when I started with the National Junior Angus Association, but that soon turned into strength," Randy says. "As I started to take my time, I started to connect with my steers and heifers and learned to enjoy them, and they did not fear the process. My family later referred to me as the 'cow whisperer.' As I got older I realized that the patience process works if you are halter breaking, loading the trailer, working the cattle in the corral or just trailing them down the road. Less stress and taking your time will make for much happier cows and family."

Randy served as president for the Willow Creek Wranglers 4-H Club, is a board member of the Montana Junior Angus Association, and



Randall "Randy" Frye

a member of the Montana Angus Association and the South Montana Angus Association. He has pitched for the Gallatin Valley Outlaws Legion baseball team. He has been successful as a showman at local, state, regional and national events, and has also participated in the NJAS writing and judging contests.

Randy hopes he has encouraged Montana Angus youth to take advantage of the guidance and education Angus associations have to offer.

"My position on the junior Angus board in Montana has given me an opportunity to mentor others and guide them through the process of raising their own cattle," Randy says. "Additionally, and maybe most important, is giving others the opportunity to use the tools Angus offers so they can reach their personal goals."

Randy will attend Montana State University and pursue a degree in business management. Though his career goals are not firm at this time, he plans to continue to be connected to the Angus industry. He intends to continue with a donor cow project that he purchased 18 months ago. He wants to sell some bred heifers, put bull calves on test and sell next spring. He also wants to continue to help others.

"Our world has so many needs; to make a difference is something my family and my church family has taught me to be very important," Randy says. "I would feel disrespectful if I did not give back in some way to the breed that made me the young man I am today. I plan to promote, advocate and support the Angus breed and cattle industry."

## Carter Ward

"I hope that others see the hard work and dedication that I have shown with my Angus projects," says Carter Ward, Plattsburg, Mo., fifth-place winner of the \$1,100 boys' scholarship. "Whether it is in the showing or by participating in contests, I always try my best."

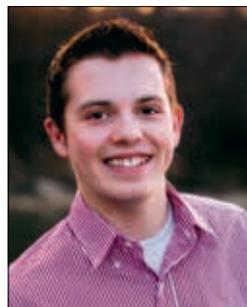
Carter has been very successful in the showing in local, state, regional and national competitions. He showed the grand champion heifer at the NAILE Angus Junior Show in 2013 and the reserve grand champion heifer at the National Western

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Stock Show (NWSS) Open Show in 2014.

He has also been successful at NJAS shows and contests, including placing first or second in team sales or quiz bowl in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2013. In 2010 he was also on the Cook-Off team that won the Black Kettle Award. Carter is particularly



**Carter Ward**

proud to have been on the NJAS first-place fitting team in 2013.

“I was once a very shy kid,” Carter confesses. “By participating in contests at the NJAS, I became closer with my state teammates and was forced

out of my shell with public speaking. I have made so many lifelong friends, and the experiences I have had will affect my life forever.”

Carter has been secretary and president of the Plattsburg Hustler’s 4-H Club, a member of the Plattsburg FFA Chapter, the Missouri Junior Angus Association, the Missouri Cattlemen’s Association, the Clinton County Cattlemen’s Association and the NJAA. As a member of the Clinton County Livestock Judging Team in 2013, he placed second in individual state competition. He played on the Plattsburg High School varsity basketball team from 2010-2013.

Carter will be attending Black Hawk Junior College in Kewanee, Ill., where he plans to participate in the livestock judging team. After that he wants to attend a highly ranked agricultural senior college where he will major in animal science with a minor in agricultural economics.

The son of Jack and Mary Ann Ward, Carter sees his leadership potential leading to a career with a purebred association and managing his own Angus herd.

“I plan on promoting and advocating for the Angus breed and beef industry for the rest of my life,” Carter adds. “I want to be able to give back some of the opportunities I was given.”

**Madison “Maddi” Butler**

The first-place winner of the girls’ \$1,500 scholarship is Maddi Butler, daughter of Robert and Casey Butler, Vincennes, Ind.

Valedictorian of her class at South Knox

High School, Maddi has served as treasurer for the National Honor Society, the student government and the Spanish Club, and was a member of the Science Academic Team and the Spell Bowl Academic Team.

She has also served as president of the Knox County 4-H Club and South Knox FFA. Maddi has served as president and voting delegate for the Indiana Junior Angus Association (IJAA), and was named junior chairman for the 2014 NJAS.

“Serving as the junior chairman for the 2014 NJAS has greatly broadened my appreciation for the way the [American] Angus Association promotes youth and gives them opportunities to become successful,” Maddi says. “It is also giving me innumerable opportunities to use my leadership skills to help make this show an exciting event for youth across the country.”

Successful in the showing at the local, state, regional and national levels, Maddi has also been on first-place senior Cook-Off and quiz bowl teams. She has participated in the NJAS team sales and judging contests and has served as Indiana Angus royalty. She was a mentor at the NJAS and serves in that capacity in the IJAA.

“Growing up, I was reserved and sometimes shy, which made it hard to meet new people, but after becoming a member of the Indiana Junior Angus Association, that changed,” Maddi says. “I have met people from various parts of the Angus organization and worked with Indiana State Fairgrounds board members, government officials, event planners and donors.”

Maddi will be attending Hutchinson Community College in Kansas on a livestock judging scholarship. In addition to judging, she plans to be actively involved with the Kansas Young Farmers Association and the college’s beef unit. After receiving an associate degree, she plans to attend Purdue University to study food science.

As a food scientist, Maddi wants to ensure a safer, more nutritious food supply and participate in research and development that would help feed a rapidly growing world

population by finding ways to utilize food resources.

“I have many goals and ambitions for my future, but I also know that with additional experiences and knowledge, these directions may change,” Maddi says. “I do know, however, that being involved with and supporting Angus cattle will continue to be a part of my future.”

**Michaela Clowser**

“From an early age, I learned the hours of operation on a farm were directly dependent on hungry cows, the best and worst weather



**Michaela Clowser**

Mother Nature could muster, and meticulously completing a job before the sun fell in the western sky,” says Michaela Clowser, winner of the second-place \$1,400 girls’ scholarship.

The daughter of Blaine and Sharon Clowser, Seward, Neb., has been a member of the Nebraska Junior Angus Association for 11 years, serving in various leadership positions, including fundraising chair for the Nebraska Junior Angus State Show; junior co-chair for the Nebraska Junior Angus State Show in 2007 and 2013; director; historian; secretary-treasurer; and first vice president. She has attended multiple LEAD and Raising the Bar conferences.

She served as a reporter and then editor for *The Scoop* at the NJAS from 2009 through 2013, and was a participant or winner in the quiz bowl, photography, judging, poster, team fitting, carcass steer, and career development contests. Michaela was a mentor at the NJAS from 2010 to 2013, and a Cook-Off participant and second-place winner in 2008, 2010 and 2011.

Michaela was a member of the Seward High School Starlettes dance team, a team member for the girl’s varsity golf and soccer teams, and served in leadership positions on the Seward County 4-H Club and the Seward High School FFA Chapter.

“When I participated in my first NJAS in Denver in 2005, I was very shy and nervous about competing in the quiz bowl contest,” Michaela says. “Opening myself up to trying



new things was often intimidating for me. After completing the test, I quickly realized that I had prepared well. From that point, I didn't look back. I was going to participate in as many junior Angus opportunities as possible."

Michaela will attend Casper College in Casper, Wyo., where she plans to participate on the judging team and earn an associate's degree in ag business. She then plans to attend a four-year university to earn a bachelor's degree in ag marketing with an emphasis on international ag marketing and a minor in ag economics.

She testified at the Nebraska State Legislature's Agriculture and Education committees supporting the incorporation of agricultural education as an essential component in mainstream nonagricultural classes in mathematics, biology and ecology.

"I will continue to be an active advocate for Angus cattle and use my abilities, leadership and communication skills to promote the beef cattle industry," Michaela says.

### Karisa Pfeiffer

"Most honors and opportunities I have received have not been handed to me," says Karisa Pfeiffer, winner of the third-place \$1,300 girls' scholarship. "I have had to work hard to achieve goals. Some of my hardest work has not been rewarded with awards; it is not always about the hardware. I enjoy the journey that leads to accomplishment."

Karisa's journey started with winning first-place peewee showmanship at the Central Regional show in 2002, and she has continued to be successful on the state, regional and national level, receiving the master showman award at the Oklahoma Youth Expo in 2012.

She led the Oklahoma Angus Association show heifer of the year in 2011 and 2013, showed the supreme champion at the

Oklahoma Preview Show in 2013 and at the Northwest District Livestock Show in 2013 and 2014.

Karisa has served as president of the Mulhall-Orlando FFA and has been a member and director/reporter for the Oklahoma Junior Cattleman's Association. She was the president of the student council at Mulhall-Orlando High School, where she was captain of the women's varsity basketball team and a three-year letterman.

She is the current president of the Oklahoma Junior Angus Association, has



**Karisa Pfeiffer**

acted as the Oklahoma Angus Queen, and is the junior chairman for the 2015 NJAS in Oklahoma. "Since I was small I have been very involved in the Oklahoma Junior Angus Association," Karisa says. "I have an older brother and sister who paved the way for my Angus journey. I am not traditionally an explorer, especially without my family. The last two years I have stepped out of my comfort zone to attend the LEAD conference without any of my family. This has enabled me to accept opportunities that are given to me and enjoy the experience."

The daughter of Jerry and Ada Pfeiffer, Karisa plans to attend Redland Community College and then Oklahoma State University, where she wants to be a member of the livestock judging teams and be active in campus organizations while pursuing an associate's degree and a bachelor's degree in animal science.

"I would enjoy working with the Angus breed and the livestock area of animal agriculture," Karisa says. "This industry is going to need strong, educated people to speak out with the facts. We are entering a time with fewer people exposed to animal agriculture. I love the Angus breed and what it has given me. It makes me proud to say 'I am Angus.'"

### Destiny McCauley

Destiny McCauley, Wauchula, Fla., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy McCauley and the late Bonnie McCauley, is the winner of the fourth-place \$1,200 girls' scholarship.

"For as long as I can remember, agriculture has been an integral part of my everyday life,"



**Destiny McCauley**

Destiny says. "The simple question, 'Do you want a baby calf?' asked by Billy McCloud, the owner of Black Crest Farms, where my father was manager, changed my path of life forever."

Destiny has been active in the Florida Junior Angus Association (FJAA), serving as a voting delegate for the National Junior Angus Board (NJAB), as secretary, as the Florida Angus Princess, and as Miss Florida Angus from 2013-2014.

The first person from the FJAA to receive Bronze and Silver awards since 2007, Destiny, who received hers in the summer of 2012, has encouraged other members to work for their awards, and started a program the following fall within the state to help others acquire the points to be eligible.

Destiny showed the grand champion bull at the Florida State Fair Junior Show and the Florida State Fair Open Show for two years in a row. She led the grand champion bull in the South Florida Fair Angus Show from 2010 to 2014 and was the champion showman at the same show from 2011-2014.

"It was actually a leadership position that helped me decide exactly where my passion for agriculture and Angus cattle was going to take me," Destiny recalls. "It was being a mentor to a young boy from Maryland at the 2012 NJAS and seeing how the little things I did to help him impacted his experience and him in one short week."

Destiny has been a participant at the NJAS in the livestock judging, quiz bowl, writing, graphic design and extemporaneous speaking contests. In 2012 she received a first-place award in the photography contest and has been a reporter for *The Scoop* since 2011.

Destiny plans to attend Western Kentucky University to pursue a degree in agricultural communications, public relations and marketing. She says her "dream job" is director of junior activities for the American Angus Association.

"I would like for my kids to experience

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both the joy and hardship of showing and raising cattle,” Destiny says. “I will continue to promote this breed for the rest of my life — for it is my life.”

**Katie Friederichs**

“Ever since I can remember, I have always been an extremely competitive person,” says Katie Friederichs, fifth-place winner of the girls’ \$1,100 scholarship. “Whether it is academics, livestock judging or showing cattle, I have always wanted to be the best. Working in teams for contests at the National Junior Angus Show and developing lifelong friendships with Angus breeders has given me a new perspective. I am still as competitive as ever; however, I understand that winning isn’t everything. In life, there will be failures and successes. It is how you react to those successes and failures that counts.”

The daughter of Dean and Deb Friederichs, Muscatine, Iowa, Katie says her most memorable Angus leadership accomplishment was serving as the 2013 Miss

Iowa Angus. She is also the current president of the Iowa Junior Angus Association and the Eastern Iowa Junior Angus Association.

She has participated in Raising the Bar and LEAD conferences and has been successful in the showring at the local, state, regional and national levels. She led the champion owned steer at the 2013 Iowa Southern Angus Preview, the reserve

**Katie Friederichs**

champion Angus bull at the Iowa State Fair FFA Show and the third-place bred-and-owned bull at the 2013 NJAS.

Katie has been a winner in the NJAS extemporaneous speaking and creative writing contests. She served as a reporter, editor and co-editor of *The Scoop*. She served

as a mentor at the NJAS from 2010 to 2012 and has participated as part of Iowa teams in Cook-Off contests.

She has been treasurer and secretary of the Muscatine 4-H club and is on the Finance Committee of the Iowa 4-H State Council. As a member of the Iowa FFA, she has been very successful at FFA livestock judging and ag sales contests at the state and national levels.

Katie plans to attend Oklahoma State University and pursue a career as an animal science professor or public relations manager. She also hopes to continue expanding her Angus herd and showing at the state and national level.

“As I look back, raising and marketing my own show stock has instilled in me the importance of a positive image, responsibility and humility,” Katie says. “Although getting to the backdrop is what every showman dreams of, the journey to get there and the people you meet along the way make all the difference.”

