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Canadian Junior Angus Association Presents 2016 Scholarships Totalling \$4,500

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Truro, NS — The Canadian Junior Angus Association presented three young women with scholarships this morning. Michaela Chalmers of Ontario received the first-place scholarship of \$2,000; Melanie Wood of PEI received the second-place scholarship of \$1,500; and Rebecca Redner of Ontario received the third-place scholarship of \$1,000. The scholarships were presented at Showdown, the annual national Canadian Junior Angus show.

Michaela Chalmers was recently named the 2016 Robert C. McHaffie Junior Ambassador. She is enrolled in the University of Guelph Animal Biology program working toward an Honours Bachelor of Science and has been directly involved in her family operation JPD Angus, exhibiting cattle at shows across Canada. She has been a 4-H member and served as president of the Ontario Junior Angus Association. She currently sits as a director with the Canadian Junior Angus Association and helped organize the 2016 Guiding Outstanding Angus Leaders conference.

Melanie Wood is studying plant science at Dalhousie University in the faculty of agriculture. She hopes to become a certified crop advisor and work with both farmers and organizations upon graduation. She has been involved in 4-H, the Maritime Junior Angus Association and Canadian Junior Angus Association as well as volunteering in her local community. As well, Wood has played varsity volleyball and varsity rugby for the Dalhousie Rams.

Rebecca Redner will begin her post-secondary studies in food and agricultural business at the University of Guelph this fall. She was introduced to the beef cattle industry four years ago after being raised with dairy cattle and has been involved with 4-H throughout her youth. Redner has volunteered with her local cattlemen association, serving beef at the annual Surf n Turf day at the Trenton Air Base and with a long-term care home. She also plays many sports including soccer, basketball and curling.

Showdown began in 2000 as an outlet for Juniors from across the nation to gather in one location to exhibit their Angus cattle in conformation divisions. There have been many different activities and contests added over the years, with print marketing, sales talk, judging, team judging, team grooming,

photography, literature, art, scrapbooking, graphic design, farm sign, public speaking, Angus cook-off, Spirit of Angus youth and grand aggregate as the current competitions.

The Canadian Junior Angus Association (CJAA) is the national association for Angus youth up to age 21. The CJAA's goal is to help prepare future cattlemen for the beef industry by educating and informing Juniors about the Angus industry.



Left to right: Melanie Wood, Michaela Chalmers and Rebecca Redner

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