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Canadian Angus Foundation Announces Junior Ambassador, Dick Turner Scholarship Recipient & Outstanding Young Angus Breeder

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Comox, BC—The Canadian Angus Foundation is pleased to announce that the 2018 Robert C. McHaffie Junior Ambassador is Matthew McGillivray of Kamloops, BC; Macy Liebreich of Radville, SK received the Dick Turner Memorial Award; and Karl and Kristine Sauter of Wawota, SK were selected as the Outstanding Young Angus Breeder. Awards were presented at the Canadian Angus Convention banquet this evening.

Robert C. McHaffie Junior Ambassador

Matthew McGillivray from Kamloops, B.C. is attending the University of Alberta and plans to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture with a major in Animal Science. Upon completion, he will pursue a Doctorate in Veterinary Studies at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan, leading to a career as a large animal veterinarian specializing in food animal production. McGillivray's family operation is McGillivray Land & Livestock in Kamloops, BC where he has established a personal purebred Angus herd with Canadian genetics.

The Robert C. McHaffie Junior Ambassador program selects one Canadian Junior Angus (CJA) member to be an ambassador for the Canadian Angus Association at events across Canada and one international experience. Four other CJA members competed for the award. Tyra Fox of Lloydminster, Saskatchewan; Robert Geis from Barrhead, AB; Jarrett Hargrave of Proton Station, Ontario; and Jennifer Jerney of Ashern, MB all deserve recognition for their impressive efforts in the competition.

Tyra Fox of Lloydminster, Saskatchewan has just completed her first year of pre-veterinary studies at the University of Regina. In addition to working on her family Angus operation, Justamere Farms, she was a member of the Alberta Bandits 4-H club for 12 years serving as treasurer, secretary and president. Fox is the Saskatchewan Junior Angus Association President and a director with Canadian Junior Angus.

Robert Geis from Barrhead, AB is a director on both the Alberta Junior Angus Association and Canadian Junior Angus boards. His family operation is Geis Angus Farm where they operate a purebred Black Angus herd of 50 head. Geis has been actively involved in 4-H and also plays for the Barrhead Stealers Tier 1 AA ice hockey team, winning a gold medal and two silver medals in provincial competitions.

Jarrett Hargrave of Proton Station, Ontario is studying Animal Science Technology at Lakeland College in Vermilion, Alberta. His family Angus operation is Harprey Farms at Proton Station, ON. Hargrave is also a 10-year 4-H member whose hobbies include judging shows, showing cattle across Canada, and playing baseball in the spring.

Jennifer Jerney of Ashern is the junior representative on the Manitoba Angus Association board of directors. She was involved with 4-H from 2004 through 2016. Jerney currently attends Brandon University where she is studying education. She is involved with her family operation, Spruce Ridge Black Angus.

Dick Turner Memorial Award

Macy Liebreich completed her term as the Robert C. McHaffie Junior Ambassador and is a third-year commerce student at the University of British Columbia Sauder School of Business. She hopes to pursue a degree in law after completing her Bachelor of Commerce degree in order to pursue a career in beef and agriculture advocacy. Her family operation is Merit Cattle Co. In addition to 4-H involvement, she played hockey for the Weyburn AAA Goldwings, a high-level performance female hockey team and was also involved in the Junior Achievement program before starting university. Liebreich is also an Ice Team Member with Canucks Sports & Entertainment, assisting with fan promotions at Vancouver Canucks games and events.

The Dick Turner Memorial Award was established after the passing of legendary Angus icon Dick Turner in July of 2010. During his lifetime, Dick committed 55 years of his career to livestock publishing and successfully promoted and advertised the Angus breed specifically through the Canadian Aberdeen Angus News magazine. It was Dick's ability to foster relationships and boundless enthusiasm that led to his successful tenure. He believed that "information is power" and was best shared with all stakeholders. Dick was a hard worker and recognized the quality of life and relationships as the most rewarding part of his job.

Outstanding Young Angus Breeder

Karl and Kristine Sauter both grew up on mixed farming operations with commercial cow/calf operations. Karl created his purebred Angus herd in 2007 with the purchase of some bred females. Kristine created a small herd of purebred Red Angus females through her 4-H participation. They met through 4-H at a young age and married in 2011. Currently, the Bridgeway Livestock has over 160 Red Angus and Red Simmental breeding females. The Sauters are strong supporters of the Canadian Angus Tag Program and 4-H which both remain very active with. Kristine is also a director with the Saskatchewan Angus Association and Karl is involved with Canadian Western Agribition.

The Outstanding Young Angus Breeder Award recognizes an Angus breeder between the ages of 22 and 30 who has demonstrated a desire to stay involved in the Angus business for years to come based

on their involvement within the breed up to this point in his or her career. The award comes with a \$3,500 cash prize.

History Project Contest Winner Announced

CAF Chair Cecilie Fleming also announced the winner of the contest to name the Foundation's new history book which will launch at Convention 2019 in Alberta. Meggan Laidler of Frenchman Butte, Saskatchewan won the \$750 cash prize for her title submission, *The Breed, the Legends, the History: Canadian Angus History Book, 2019 Edition*.

The Canadian Angus Foundation was incorporated in 1993 and is the charitable arm of the Canadian Angus Association.

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