AJCA Awards $12,000 in College Scholarships

The Arkansas Junior Cattlemen’s Association is pleased to announce this year’s recipients of $12,000 in scholarship awards. Kylee Sigmon of Berryville receives $1,800, Will Clark of Rogers receives $1,800, Ryann Grubbs of Delight receives $1,800, Wyatt Mosher of London receives $1,300, Shaina Manning of Ash Flat receives $1,000, Dakota Williams of Ash Flat receives $1,000, Hunter McClellan of Greenwood receives $700, Rebecca Sterner of Mena receives $700, Griffin Varner of Leachville receives $700 and Kaitlin Wilson of Bradley receives $700. Wyatt Mosher was also awarded the MultiminUSA® $500 scholarship.

Kylee Sigmon, former AJCA treasurer and longtime board member, will attend the University of Arkansas to pursue a degree in agribusiness. Kylee says, “The responsibility I gained while exhibiting and caring for my cattle helped me to mature and grow as an individual. I gained valuable leadership skills such as managing a budget, directing discussions and leading a meeting. My involvement in AJCA has helped shape my career goal which is to educate others towards making a positive perception of agriculture. Kylee is the daughter of Mike and Lisa Sigmon.

Will Clark, current AJCA Treasurer and two term Area Vice President, will also begin his studies at the University of Arkansas majoring in agricultural business and agricultural education. These areas of focus will allow Will to attain the skills needed to promote the beef and agriculture industries to consumers. Will comments, “Having been an active AJCA member, the skills that I have gained and the lessons I have learned are invaluable compared to experiences I have gained from any other youth organization.” Will is the son of Cleve and Cheli Clark.

Ryann Grubbs, current AJCA Area Vice President, will attend Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia where she will major in agriculture education with a minor in marketing. Ryan says, “Being involved in AJCA and showing cattle gives you an opportunity to share your passion for livestock, learn more about cattle, learn more about yourself as a person, have fun, meet top cattle producers and become friends with some extraordinary people.” Ryan is the daughter of Gary and Rebecca Grubbs.

Wyatt Mosher, a long time AJCA Area Vice President, will attend Arkansas Tech University pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering with the goal of working at Arkansas Nuclear One as an operator. Wyatt says, “Exhibiting cattle has benefited me by giving me the values and ethics that has shaped me into the person I am today.” It is Wyatt’s opinion that cattle people are the best people in the world. Wyatt also serves as the president of the Arkansas Junior Limousin Association. Wyatt is the son of Steve and Natalie Mosher.

Shaina Manning will attend Arkansas State University at Beebe to begin her studies in veterinary science to become a registered technician. Shaina says, “Showing cattle had given me the chance to start and build my own herd of Charolais cattle.” Shaina has been an AJCA member for seven years attending major activities and assisting with AJCA fundraisers. Shaina has held workshops for beginning cattle exhibitors. She spends time working with handicapped children providing equine therapy. Shaina is the daughter of John & Rhonda Manning.

Dakota Williams will attend Arkansas State University in Jonesboro majoring in agriculture business with an emphasis in marketing. Dakota wrote, “Exhibiting cattle has taken a very shy little girl and transformed her into a young lady who is not afraid to be in front of a crowd whether it be showing cattle at a national show, speaking to a group at a regional cattlemen’s meeting, teaching a class or being the president of an organization. Being a member of AJCA has had a tremendous impact on my life.” Dakota is the daughter of Dennis and Christi Williams.

Hunter McClellan will attend the University of Arkansas pursuing a degree in animal and poultry science. Hunter has been a member of AJCA for four years. Hunter says, “Working with livestock has been a passion of mine and now it is a career choice for me. Attending AJCA shows has taught me to continue to work hard, help others when there is a need and to accept help when offered.” Hunter is the daughter of Billy and Christy McClellan.

Rebecca Sterner will attend the University of Arkansas to major in agriculture communications with the goal of one day working for a major livestock feed company. Rebecca says, “Showing cattle through AJCA has made a positive impact on me. I will be forever grateful. Over my four years of showing cattle I’ve learned responsibility and gained leadership skills. Rebecca is the daughter of Kellie Sterner.

Griffin Varner will attend Arkansas State University with a major in agribusiness and plant science. For the past three years Griffin has traveled across the state exhibiting cattle. He says, “These experiences have given me the opportunity to meet other exhibitors with whom I have developed lasting friendships. I have gained valuable experience as well as a better knowledge of cattle. I enjoy working with the younger and new AJCA exhibitors.” Griffin is the son of Kevin and Tanya Varner.

Kaitlin Wilson will attend the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope where she will study nursing. Her career goal is to become a specialized registered nurse. Kaitlin says, “Showing cattle opened many doors for me to grow as an individual. I particularly enjoyed meeting so many new people.” Kaitlin is the current vice president of her local FFA Chapter. Kaitlin is the daughter of Terry and Angela Wilson.

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