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## \$13,500 in Scholarships Awarded at CJA Workshop

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**Rocky View County, AB** — Canadian Junior Angus hosted 60 members at a virtual workshop on Thursday, April 8, 2021. \$11,000 was awarded to the five finalists in the Canadian Angus Foundation Legacy Scholarship program and \$2,500 was awarded in memory of Gordon Prichard to two junior Angus members pursuing a career in agriculture.

Baxter Blair of McLean, SK placed first in the Legacy program and received a \$5,000 scholarship. Blair owns Double B Angus near McLean. He is enrolled in his freshman year at Hutchinson Community College, Kansas, where he is pursuing an Associate's Degree in Animal Science. He is also a member of the Hutchinson Community College Livestock Judging Team where they travel across the country adjudicating livestock and competing at a national collegiate level. Upon completion of his two-year term at Hutchinson, Blair plans to transfer to a four-year senior-college where he will pursue enrollment in Veterinary Medicine with a future goal of becoming a large animal veterinarian specializing in theriogenology and eventually owning his own veterinary practice that specializes as a complete reproductive center. Blair is actively involved in Canadian Junior Angus and serves as a director on the Saskatchewan Junior Angus board. He also volunteers during the summer at a local veterinary clinic.

Thomas Wildman of Sangudo, AB placed second and received a \$3,000 scholarship. Wildman is part of Towaw Cattle Co. Ltd. at Sangudo, Alberta and has participated in many junior Angus events across Canada. Wildman is currently serving on the board of directors for the Alberta Junior Angus Association and served in various capacities, including as president, of his local 4-H club. He has also volunteered with many organizations including the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation and Kids with Cancer Society. Wildman is a first-year student at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, enrolled in Radio and Television Arts. He plans to pursue a career in broadcasting and his dream job is to become a play-by-play announcer on Canada's sports network TSN.

Placing third and receiving a \$2,000 scholarship is Jessica Davey of Saskatoon, SK. Davey's family operation Rivendale Cattle Co., just west of Saskatoon, runs Angus and Shorthorn cattle. Davey is completing grade 12 this June and has been accepted to the University of Saskatchewan where she will pursue a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. Her goal is to be a purebred and commercial cattle producer as well as further develop her photography and marketing business that she started a couple of years ago. Davey is currently serving as president of the Saskatchewan Junior Angus Association and has been involved in 4-H in various capacities for the last 10 years.

Keely Adams of Forestburg, AB and Caylee Dorval of Glaslyn, SK each received \$500 as runners-up in the competition. Adams is a first-year student at Red Deer College pursuing a Bachelor of Science. Her career path is still being determined, however she plans to stay involved in her family operation Ter-Ron Farms. Dorval attends Lakeland College and is in her second year of the animal science technology diploma

program. She intends to transfer to university and complete a degree in agriculture with a career goal of becoming a livestock feed and extension specialist as well as a cattle producer.

The Legacy Scholarship program awards \$11,000 in prizes to Canadian Junior Angus members recognizing overall academic achievement, leadership and community involvement, and industry knowledge. The top five applicants completed an interview with industry representatives and created videos on provided topics relating to historical Angus events. The videos will be available on the Canadian Angus Association YouTube channel: [www.youtube.com/CanadianAngusAssoc](https://www.youtube.com/CanadianAngusAssoc)

The Gordon Prichard Memorial Scholarship was created for 2021 students pursuing careers in agricultural fields. \$1,500 was awarded to Halley Adams of Forestburg, AB and \$1,000 to Heidi Tymko of St. Paul, AB. Adams has a small herd of Red and Black Angus cows that she runs alongside her father and grandfather's cows at Ter-Ron Farms, the family operation. Adams is in her first year of Veterinary School at the University of Calgary with a goal of becoming a large-animal veterinarian and pursuing a career in genetics and embryo work. Tymko's family runs Crestview Angus, a purebred and commercial operation. Tymko is completing her Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (Honours) this month and will be pursuing graduate studies in Agricultural Economics this fall with a future career goal of becoming a beef economist and working in beef research. Both Adams and Tymko have been involved as directors on the Alberta and Canadian Junior Angus Associations as well as 4-H.

The virtual workshop featured presentations from Dr. Karin Orsel and Dr. Claire Windeyer from the University of Calgary on current research regarding newborn calf care and preconditioning. Kajal Devani, Canadian Angus Association Director of Science and Technology updated the members on genetic improvement and technologies. Saskatchewan YouTube sensation Quick Dick McDick (Dickson Delorme) educated and entertained delegates with his perspective on agriculture advocacy and having an opinion in today's fast-paced world.

Canadian Junior Angus (CJA) is a group of Angus enthusiasts under the age of 21. The CJA Board of Directors works to provide leadership programming as well as events dedicated to fostering members' interest in the breed and to encourage juniors to become a permanent and active part of the livestock industry in their careers or as advocates for the industry as they pursue work in other areas.

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