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Canadian Junior Angus Presents 2022 Scholarships Totalling \$4,500 and Awards \$7,000 in Heifer Vouchers at Showdown

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Rocky View County, AB—Canadian Junior Angus presented three juniors with scholarships totaling \$4,500 at Showdown in Brandon, MB. Shawna Williams of Fraser Lake, BC received the first-place scholarship of \$2,000; Chloe Loane of Kilmuir, PEI received the second-place scholarship of \$1,500; and Lainie Muir of Glenella, MB received the third-place scholarship of \$1,000. The scholarships were presented at Showdown, the annual national Canadian Junior Angus show.

In addition, three participants at Showdown were randomly drawn to receive heifer vouchers from the Canadian Angus Foundation. Jordan Dorrance of Wawota, SK received a voucher for \$3,000 and Carson Baker of Neepawa, MB and Emily Richards of Fort Saskatchewan, AB each received a voucher for \$2,000. The vouchers are to be used toward the purchase of a registered Angus heifer.

This year's Showdown was the first full Showdown since 2019 due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and travel challenges which saw the event cancelled in 2020 and offered as a hybrid model in 2021. 95 participants and 90 head of cattle took part in Showdown in Brandon, Manitoba. Results can be accessed through the Canadian Angus Association website at www.cdnangus.ca/canadian-junior-angus/showdown.

About the Award Winners

Williams is entering her fourth year of the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture program, majoring in animal science at the University of Saskatchewan. She intends to pursue a career as a large animal veterinarian. Williams is vice president of the BC Junior Angus Association, has been involved in 4-H for nine years and is a member of the U of S pre-vet club, beef team and judging team.

Loane and her family operate Whiskey River Stock Farm where they raise purebred Black Angus, Simmental, and Hereford cattle as well as mixed crop/forage. The Angus operation dates back to 1957 when her grandfather started in the business. Loane has also been involved in 4-H serving as vice-president, secretary, club reporter, Mac representative, and currently as treasurer. She is entering her first year at Lakeland College Animal Science Technology program, beef major, with an interest in beef cattle genetics. Loane also represents the Maritimes on the Canadian Junior Angus Board of Directors.

Muir is the Manitoba Junior Angus Association president and is currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Science (agriculture/plant science) at Dalhousie University and intends to work as a soil scientist focused on conservation and/or pastoral land. She also has a keen interest in Angus genetics and trait selection. Muir has shown cattle extensively through junior programs and 4-H and has also participated in numerous speech competitions focusing her topics on beef advocacy. She also represents Manitoba on the Canadian Junior Angus Board of Directors.

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

Showdown began in 2000 as way for juniors from across the nation to gather in one location to exhibit their Angus cattle in conformation divisions. It rotates to provinces throughout the country every July. There have been many different activities and contests added over the years with 16 competitions now available including print marketing, sales talk, judging, team judging, team grooming, photography, literature, art, scrapbooking, graphic design, farm sign, public speaking, Angus cook-off, best herdsman, showmanship, and conformation as the current competitions.



First-place scholarship recipient, Shawna Williams



Second-place scholarship recipient, Chloe Loane



Third-place scholarship recipient, Lainie Muir

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