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

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Rocky View County, AB—At the Canadian Angus Association National Convention Banquet in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, the Canadian Angus Foundation selected Julie Sharp of Lacombe, AB as the 2023 Robert C. McHaffie Junior Ambassador and Chad and Becky Lorenz of Lorenz Angus in Red Deer County, AB were selected as the Outstanding Young Angus Breeder. Announced earlier in the day at the annual general meeting, Julie Sharp also received the Dick Turner Memorial Award.

Robert C. McHaffie Junior Ambassador

Julie Sharp has been a Canadian Junior Angus (CJA) member for nine years, receiving the 2020 CJA scholarship and 2022 Legacy Scholarship. She served as a director on the Alberta Junior Angus Association board of directors for four years and participated in 4-H for 10 years. She is currently pursuing a bachelor of science in agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan, majoring in animal science and minoring in agribusiness. She volunteers as the beef team merchandise coordinator and is an elected member of the animal (bio)science club. Sharp has been building her own herd of Black Angus cattle since she was 9 years old.

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. Jessica Davey of Saskatoon, SK; Sarah MacDonald of Vanderhoof, BC; Lainie Muir of Glenella, MB; and Carmen White of Claresholm, AB all deserve recognition for their impressive efforts in the competition.

Jessica Davey's family operates Rivendale Cattle Company near Saskatoon, SK and she also has her own herd of 15 Angus females. She established Jessica Davey Photography in 2018, does contract livestock photography on farms and at shows and has an agricultural blog. She recently completed the second year of her bachelor of animal science at the University of Saskatchewan. Davey is the past president of

the Saskatchewan Junior Angus Association and is secretary of her local 4-H club. She was also a finalist in the 2022 junior ambassador competition.

Sarah MacDonald grew up on a commercial Angus cow/calf operation in southern BC and her family currently ranches in the Nechako valley of northern BC. She recently graduated from Lakeland College with diplomas in crop technology and agribusiness with a major in marketing and communications. She is currently enrolled at the University of Saskatchewan, working towards a bachelor of science in agribusiness. MacDonald has also served as a CJA director and was president of the BC Junior Angus Association.

Lainie Muir volunteers extensively in her rural municipality of Glenella, MB organizing and promoting events and cleaning and maintaining local facilities. She is a student at the University of Saskatchewan College of Agriculture and Bioresources, is a CJA director and Manitoba Junior Angus Association president. She is also a 4-H member and volunteer, helping to organize and promote regional events.

Carmen White has had extensive involvement in Claresholm 4-H club serving as president, vice president, treasurer, reporter, parliamentarian, and secretary. She also enjoys volunteering in her community. White is in the Food and Agricultural Resource Economics program at the University of Guelph where she is on the Canadian Agri Marketing Competition Team and belongs to the beef science and judging clubs. White was also a finalist in the 2022 junior ambassador competition.

Dick Turner Memorial Award

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 his 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

Chad and Becky Lorenz operate Lorenz Angus with Chad's parents. Chad is the third generation to be involved in Lorenz Angus. Becky, nee Domolewski, grew up as part of CD Land and Cattle near Taber, AB. In 2018, Becky and Chad were married and purchased a homestead with land, which allowed them to expand the Lorenz Angus herd. Both Becky and Chad work off-farm, Becky for ATB Financial and Chad for Bouchard International, and remain actively involved in the day-to-day management of their operation. Chad and Becky both received a Dick Turner Memorial Award and Chad served as Robert C. McHaffie Junior Ambassador. Chad was a driving force in buying Black Angus sires for the Lakeland College herd during his time as president. Darryl Hickman, the staff member responsible for mentoring the Stockman's Club at the time pointed out that Chad's knowledge of Black Angus pedigrees was a major asset to improving the herd's genetics. Chad and Becky both have a great mind for pedigrees and have a passion for sourcing out quality cattle. Becky and Chad value longevity in their cow herd and cull hard for feet and udders. They strive to create honest, balanced cattle that can go out into the industry and thrive. Having a small commercial herd as well as a boxed beef program allows them to observe

their purebred herd through a commercial lens and see the impact of the decisions that they make on genetics all the way through to the final product.

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 \$5,000 cash prize.



Left to right: Belinda Wagner, CAF Executive Director; Julie Sharp, 2023 Robert C McHaffie Junior Ambassador and Dick Turner Memorial Award recipient; Tammi Ribey, Canadian Angus Foundation Chair; Tom deWaal, Canadian Angus Association President



Outstanding Young Angus Breeders Becky and Chad Lorenz with newborn son Kesler



Junior Ambassador Finalists

Left to right: Jessica Davey, Lainie Muir, Carmen White, Julie Sharp, Sarah MacDonald

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