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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 Toronto, Ontario, the Canadian Angus Foundation selected Lainie Muir of Glenella, MB as the 2024 Robert C. McHaffie Junior Ambassador and announced Kaitlynn Bolduc of Cudlobe Angus in Staveley, AB as the Outstanding Young Angus Breeder. Announced earlier in the day at the annual general meeting, Lexi Dietrich of Forestburg, Alberta received the Dick Turner Memorial Award.

Robert C. McHaffie Junior Ambassador

Lainie Muir is a student at the University of Saskatchewan College of Agriculture and Bioresources, is the CJA secretary and a director with the Manitoba Junior Angus Association, having recently served as president. She is also a 4-H member and volunteer, helping to organize and promote regional events. Muir started her own purebred Angus herd in 2017.

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. CJA members Abigail Anderson, Peterborough, ON; Karli Crawford, Rocanville, SK; Bella Davidson, Dobbinton, ON; and Hanna Fitchett, Quesnel, BC were chosen as finalists to compete for the award.

Abigail Anderson is attending Durham College after completing a year at Fleming College. She enjoys taking care of animals and currently works in a veterinary emergency clinic. Anderson has been involved with 4-H since 2011 and has served as club president for three years. She is also the Ontario Junior Angus Association President and enjoys showing cattle.

Karli Crawford grew up around cattle and became interested in the industry when she was 8 years old. She is in her second year at the University of Saskatchewan in the agriculture and bioresources program working toward a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture with a major in animal science. Last spring, she created her own registered Red Angus herd. Crawford is also involved in 4-H.

Bella Davidson recently graduated from high school where she earned a Red Seal in agriculture, completing courses in greenhouse, crop and animal science, ag business and livestock production. She is a director with the Paisley 4-H Beef Club and held positions of press reporter, president and vice-president.

Hanna Fitchett has completed the first year of the business diploma program, finance stream, at Lakeland College. She started her own purebred Angus herd in fall 2018. Fitchett has been president of her local 4-H club and served as secretary and vice president of the BC Junior Angus.

Dick Turner Memorial Award

Lexi Dietrich has been in the agriculture business and selling beef cattle her entire life on her family operation, Redrich Farms. She recently finished her Animal Science Technology Diploma, beef major at Lakeland College. Dietrich currently serves as Alberta Junior Angus Association Vice-President and Canadian Junior Angus Treasurer and was heavily involved in 4-H, serving as secretary, treasurer and president.

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

Kaitlynn Bolduc was born into the Angus business and has been involved in her family's Cudlobe Angus operation from a very young age. Since finishing her university degree, Kaitlynn arranged for Cudlobe to be one of the first two Canadian operations to be certified for the Certified Angus Beef Ranch to Table Program, has started beef sales from the farm, created a social media presence, and has been instrumental in assuring that Cudlobe is an early adapter of new technologies designed to improve farm and herd management.

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.



Junior Ambassador Finalists

Left to right: Hanna Fitchett, Abby Anderson, Bella Davidson, winner Lainie Muir, and Karli Crawford



Canadian Angus Association CEO Myles Immerkar with Outstanding Young Angus Breeder Kaitlynn Bolduc, Canadian Angus Foundation Executive Director Belinda Wagner, Chair Shawn Birmingham and Canadian Angus Association President Ronnie Ford

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