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Canadian Junior Angus Presents Scholarships Totalling \$6,500, \$7,000 in Heifer Vouchers, Shares Showdown Results

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Rocky View County, AB—125 youth and 153 cattle gathered in Grassie, Ontario, July 18-20 for Showdown, the Canadian Junior Angus annual national show. The Canadian Junior Angus (CJA) scholarships were presented, and Kylie Willms of Dundurn, SK, received the first-place scholarship of \$3,000; Hanna Fitchett of Quesnel, BC, received the second-place scholarship of \$2,000; and Lauren Irvine of Guelph, ON, received the third-place scholarship of \$1,500. The Canadian Angus Foundation presented \$7,000 in heifer vouchers through a random draw. Avery Broadfoot received a voucher for \$3,000 and Madelyn Armstrong and Emily Hartle each received a voucher for \$2,000. The vouchers are to be used toward the purchase of a registered Angus heifer.

Reese Wildman of Sangudo, AB was recognized with the Spirit of Youth Award for enthusiasm, leadership, participation and guidance of younger members.

The highest-scoring juniors who competed throughout Showdown received Grand Aggregate awards. The junior division (ages 9–12) Grand Aggregate winner was Emily Honey of Warkworth, ON. The reserve junior Grand Aggregate was presented to Jordyn Petherick of Campbellford, ON.

In the intermediate division (ages 13–16), the Grand Aggregate winner was Kasey Adams of Forestburg, AB. Riley Chown of Thorndale, ON was reserve intermediate Grand Aggregate. In addition, the Angus Roots scholarship program adds four additional winners in the Grand Aggregate intermediate division. Each recipient receives \$500 in trust for when they enter post-secondary education. The Angus Roots recipients are all Ontario residents: Gus Reid of Moorefield; Madison Hammell of Dobbinton; Hailey Ernewein of Walkerton; and Grace Dudgeon of Dobbinton.

The senior division (ages 17–21) Grand Aggregate was won by Baxter Blair of McLean, SK. Reserve Grand Aggregate went to Keely Admas of Forestburg, AB.

To compete for the Grand Aggregate award, Juniors must compete in at least eight of the following Showdown competitions: conformation, showmanship, literature, judging, scrapbook, photography, art competition, graphic design, print marketing, sales talk, team grooming and public speaking. Competitors receive aggregate points based on participation and how they place in all competitions. At the end of all the competitions, the individual with the most points is named the grand aggregate for the year. The grand aggregates are presented with a cash award and a buckle and the reserve aggregates are presented with a cash award at the final Showdown banquet.

To view the results in the conformation classes and each of the competitions, please visit www.cdnangus.ca/canadian-junior-angus/showdown.

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 a 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 15 competitions now available including print marketing, sales talk, judging, team judging, team grooming, photography, literature, art, scrapbooking, graphic design, public speaking, Angus cook-off, best herdsman, showmanship, and conformation as the current competitions.



Showdown 2024 attendees



2024 Canadian Junior Angus (CJA) scholarship recipients, left to right: Kylie Willms, first-place scholarship of \$3,000; Hanna Fitchett second-place scholarship of \$2,000; and Lauren Irvine of Guelph, ON, third-place scholarship of \$1,500



Belinda Wagner, Canadian Junior Angus Coordinator with Spirit of Youth award recipient Reese Wildman



Grand aggregate winners

Left to right: Junior: Grand Champion Emily Honey and Reserve Champion Jordyn Petherick; Intermediate: Grand Champion Kasey Adams and Reserve Champion Riley Chowen; Senior: Grand Champion Baxter Blair and Reserve Champion Keely Adams; Belinda Wagner, Canadian Junior Angus Coordinator



Intermediate grand aggregate and Angus Roots Scholarship recipients, left to right: Gus Reid, Grace Dudgeon, Hailey Ernewein, Madison Hammell, Kasey Adams, Riley Chowen and Belinda Wagner, Canadian Junior Angus Coordinator

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