



**Brian Good Memorial Scholarship Recipients
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Rocky View County, AB — The Canadian Angus Foundation is awarding two scholarships totalling \$5,000 to Arlis Hanson of Val Marie, Saskatchewan, who placed first and receives \$3,000, and Emma Thomason of Central Butte, Saskatchewan, who placed second and receives \$2,000.

The Brian Good Memorial Scholarship was established after former Canadian Angus Association staff member Brian Good passed away in July 2022. Brian had retired in 2021 after nearly 21 years of service. “Mr. Angus,” as he was often called, was the face of the Association across Canada at auction marts, sales, events, and in the pastures across the country—supporting auction markets, promoting the Angus breed, and working with the commercial cattle industry. Brian also strongly believed in supporting our youth. The inaugural scholarship was presented in 2023.

Arlis Hanson is enrolled in the Western College of Veterinary Medicine, class of 2029. A lifelong Angus enthusiast, Arlis has been heavily involved with his family’s VBP+ seedstock and commercial cattle operation in Val Marie, Saskatchewan, since 2015. Producing functional Black Angus cattle is his passion, and he recently graduated from the Canadian Cattlemen’s Association Young Leaders Program, where he gained experience in beef reproduction strategies, herd health management, and marketing.

Alongside his veterinary studies, Arlis manages his own herd of 20 registered Angus cows and 50 commercial Angus yearlings, operating independently on rented land and marketing cattle through the Grasslands Bull Sale and his family’s beef program. He also manages the reproductive operations for his ranch’s breeding program and operates a custom AI and embryo transfer business in southwest Saskatchewan. Arlis’ goal is to operate a veterinary practice focused on exceptional rural large-animal care while continuing to raise high-quality Angus cattle.

Emma Thomason grew up on her family’s ranch in Central Butte, Saskatchewan, where she helps manage 270 head of commercial cattle and 30 purebred Red Angus. Their program

combines Hereford and Red Angus genetics to balance maternal traits with growth potential, producing efficient, profitable calves. This year, Emma and her family made their first embryo and semen purchases, expanding their herd's genetic potential and deepening her interest in breeding management—an area she plans to focus on throughout her career.

Emma recently completed her Animal Science diploma with a beef major and is now pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Technology at Lakeland College. She applies her education directly to her family's operation, implementing new breeding techniques, rotational grazing systems, and digital record-keeping tools such as CattleMax. Her goal is to grow her purebred Red Angus herd to 70–80 head and one day host her own bull and female sale.

The Canadian Angus Foundation is run by a group of dedicated volunteers. The main functions of the Foundation are to preserve and expand the Angus breed for future generations through education, youth development, scientific and market research, and historical preservation and restoration. The Canadian Angus Foundation was incorporated in 1993 and is the charitable arm of the Canadian Angus Association.



Arlis Hanson of Val Marie, SK, place first and received \$3000, and Emma Thomson of Central Butte, Saskatchewan placed second and receives \$2000.

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