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

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Rocky View County, AB—130 youth and 150 cattle gathered in Stettler, Alberta, July 24-26 for Showdown, the Canadian Junior Angus annual national show. The Canadian Junior Angus (CJA) scholarships were presented, and Reegan Frey of Oxbow, SK, received the first-place scholarship of \$3,500; Lilly Howell of Penhold, Alberta, received the second-place scholarship of \$2,500; and Arlis Hanson of Val Marie, SK, received the third-place scholarship of \$1,500. The Canadian Angus Foundation presented \$7,000 in heifer vouchers through a random draw. Owen Willms received \$3,000 and Madison Hammell and Ainsley Van Sickle received a voucher for \$2,000. The vouchers are to be used toward the purchase of a registered Angus heifer.

Calahan Findlay of Kinburn, ON 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 Calynn Gardner of Mountain View County, AB. The reserve junior Grand Aggregate was presented to Greeley Robertson of Medicine Hat, AB.

In the intermediate division (ages 13–16), the Grand Aggregate winner was Navada Murray of Tilley, AB. Paisley Robertson of Medicine Hat, AB 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 Joran Frey of Saskatchewan, Madison Hammell of Ontario, Daniel Pierson of Alberta, and Karson Van Sickle of Alberta.

The senior division (ages 17–21) Grand Aggregate was won by Jessica Davey of Saskatoon, SK. Reserve Grand Aggregate went to Kylie Willms of Dundurn, SK.

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, 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.

New for 2025 Showdown was the addition of the class Heifers of Distinction – a class that incorporates judging 50% on Genomic EPD's prior to the show and 50% on conformation placings in the ring. Champion, presented to Joran Frey of Oxbow, SK, Reserve Champion was awarded to Kaycee Buchanan, of Caronport, SK. Rounding out the class was Kilee Lange of Claresholm, AB, taking third, Saige Buchanan of Caronport, SK in fourth and taking fifth was Sarah Nizik of Brooks, AB.

To view the results in the conformation classes and each of the competitions, please visit [SHOWDOWN - Canadian Angus Association](#)

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



*Showdown 2025 attendees*



*2025 Canadian Junior Angus (CJA) scholarship recipients, left to right: Reegan Frey, first-place scholarship of \$3,500; Lilly Howell second-place scholarship of \$2,500; and Arlis Hanson third-place scholarship of \$1,500*



*Belinda Wagner, Canadian Junior Angus Coordinator with Spirit of Youth award recipient Calahan Findlay*



**Grand Aggregate Winners**

*Left to right: Reserve Senior Kylie Willms, Reserve Intermediate Paisley Robertson, Intermediate Grand Aggregate Navada Murray, Junior Grand Aggregate Calynn Gardner, Junior Reserve Greeley Robertson, Senior Grand Aggregate Jessica Davey, Chad Lorenz, CAF Director, Rob Garner, CAA Director*



*Angus Roots Scholarship recipients, left to right: Belinda Wagner, Canadian Junior Angus Coordinator, Navada Murray, Paisley Robertson, Madison Hammell, Joran Frey, Daniel Pierson, Karsen Van Sickle, and Chad Lorenz, CAF Director*

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