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\$13,000 in Scholarships and Prizes Awarded at 15th Annual GOAL Conference

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Rocky View County, AB — Sixty-one Canadian Angus youth gathered in Calgary, Alberta over the weekend for the fifteenth annual Guiding Outstanding Angus Leaders (GOAL) Conference. \$11,000 was awarded to the five finalists in the Canadian Angus Foundation Legacy Scholarship program and a \$3,000 heifer voucher prize was awarded to one lucky attendee.

Morgan Davey of Saskatoon, SK placed first and received a \$5,000 scholarship. In addition to playing an active role in his family farm Rivendale Cattle Company near Saskatoon, Davey works casually for many other farms and ranches in the region. He is a first-year agriculture science student at the University of Saskatchewan intending to launch his own agricultural businesses, including an agricultural manufacturing business, after receiving his degree. This summer he will be working with the Government of Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture. Davey is actively involved in 4-H, Canadian Junior Angus, and serves as a director on the Saskatchewan Junior Angus board.

Alana Higgins of Knutsford, BC placed second and received a \$3,000 scholarship. Higgins is currently serving as vice president of the BC Junior Angus Association and served as president of her local 4-H club for five terms. She has held numerous leadership roles within volunteer organizations. Higgins is a second-year student at the University of Calgary studying biological sciences with a goal of becoming a large animal vet. She also intends to complete the LSAT and pursue a law degree if veterinary school doesn't work out.

Placing third and receiving a \$2,000 scholarship is Halley Adams of Forestburg, AB. Adams has a small herd of Red and Black Angus cows that she runs alongside her father and grandfather's cows at Ter-Ron Farms, the family operation. Adams is a third-year University of Alberta student pursuing her Bachelor of Science in Animal Health with a goal of becoming a veterinarian and pursuing a career in genetics and embryo work. She has served as president of the Alberta Junior Angus Association and her local 4-H club and is currently a director with Canadian Junior Angus.

Beverly Booth of Jolicure, New Brunswick and Sarah MacDonald of Rock Creek, BC each received \$500 as runners-up in the competition. Booth is a second-year student at Dalhousie University Faculty of Agriculture in the pre-veterinary medicine program. Her career goal is to become a large animal veterinarian with a focus on bovine, running her own veterinary clinic and maintaining a herd of purebred Black Angus cattle. MacDonald attends Lakeland College and is in her first year of the crop technology diploma program. She intends to transfer to university and complete a degree in agriculture with a career that will focus on soil science and sustainability in agriculture.

The Legacy Scholarship program awards \$11,000 in prizes to Canadian Junior Angus members recognizing overall academic achievement, leadership and community involvement, and industry knowledge. The top

five applicants attend the GOAL conference for an interview and panel discussion and the scholarships are awarded during the conference.

In addition to the scholarships, Mariah Mitchell of Delisle, Saskatchewan won a \$3,000 heifer voucher. All attendees had their names entered into a draw and her name was selected. Mitchell will use the funds toward the purchase of an Angus female in 2020.

The theme of this year's conference was Adding Variety to your Tack Box. CJA members participated in many events as well as workshops throughout the weekend. Highlights from the event included presentations from Cynthia Beck, Clinical Psychology master's student on mental health issues, Nicki Westersund of Neogen Canada about how the DNA testing lab operates; James Bradbury, Bradbury & Company about marketing; a meat cutting and culinary demonstration from Chef Cameron Pappel, Canadian Beef Centre of Excellence; Kajal Devani, Canadian Angus Association; Erika Stewart, Rancher/Provincial Coordinator for Saskatchewan VBP+; and Stirling Fox, Director of Procurement, JBS Food Canada ULC; a formal dinner and etiquette training; and attending a dinner theatre.

The GOAL Conference promotes leadership skills within the Angus breed. Junior members from all over the country attend this three-day event held in a different Canadian location each year. During the event, Juniors hear from nationally recognized speakers, participate in workshops designed to improve their leadership skills, get involved in teamwork activities, and develop beef and industry knowledge. Participants are also given the opportunity to network and socialize with fellow Junior Angus members.

Canadian Junior Angus is a group of Angus enthusiasts under the age of 21. GOAL is an annual networking and interactive function organized by the Canadian Junior Angus board. It rotates throughout the country every February.



Legacy Scholarship Recipients

Left to right: Kirk Wildman, Canadian Angus Foundation Chair; Morgan Davey; Alana Higgins; Halley Adams; Beverly Booth; Sarah MacDonald; Belinda Wagner, Canadian Junior Angus Coordinator



Heifer Voucher Draw Winner

Left to right: Kirk Wildman, Canadian Angus Foundation Chair; Mariah Mitchell; Belinda Wagner, Canadian Junior Angus Coordinator

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