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## **Canadian Angus Foundation Announces Dick Turner Scholarship Recipient, Junior Angus Stockman & Outstanding Young Angus Breeder at Canadian Angus Virtual AGM**

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**Rocky View County, AB**—The Canadian Angus Foundation is pleased to announce that Sarah MacDonald of Rock Creek, BC received the Dick Turner Memorial Award; Jill McLerie of Red Deer County, AB is the Junior Angus Stockman and Matthew Fleury of Aberdeen, SK is the Outstanding Young Angus Breeder. The award recipients were announced last night during the Canadian Angus Association virtual Annual General Meeting.

### **Dick Turner Memorial Award**

MacDonald is President of the BC Junior Angus Association. She recently completed her first year in the Crop Technology Diploma program at Lakeland College. She intends to utilize the double-major option available at Lakeland College to achieve a diploma in agribusiness and become an advocate for the agriculture industry. MacDonald is also involved in 4-H and was treasurer of the Lakeland College Judging Club.

The Dick Turner Memorial Award was established after the passing of legendary Angus icon Dick Turner in July 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.

### **Junior Angus Stockman**

McLerie and her brother Cache own and operate Black Chrome Livestock near Innisfail, AB. She has been an active Canadian Junior Angus member for six years, served on the Alberta Junior Angus board for two years, and has extensive experience showing cattle through 4-H and in recent years at Showdown and the Alberta Junior Angus Show. McLerie has a commercial beef cattle upbringing and holds an agribusiness diploma in marketing and communication from Lakeland College.

The Junior Angus Stockman of the Year award was developed to recognize those outstanding young cattlemen who are constantly growing their “stockmanship” capability. The winner receives a \$3,500 bursary to be used for genetics, cattle supplies/equipment, training, etc.

### **Outstanding Young Angus Breeder**

Fleury was a long-time 4-H and Canadian Junior Angus member and was the Robert C. McHaffie Junior Ambassador in 2009. While he was still in high school, Fleury purchased Isaac Shellenberg’s Angus herd and pasture land. He now breeds 250 straight Canadian Angus females and continues to build Fleury Cattle Company with his wife Cassie. Fleury is dedicated to raising cattle and has never held an off-farm job. He is known as a positive cattleman who relates well with commercial producers.

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 \$3,500 cash prize.



*Sarah MacDonald, 2020 Dick Turner Award Recipient*



*Jill McLerie, 2020 Junior Angus Stockman*



*Matthew Fleury, 2020 Outstanding Young Angus Breeder (pictured here with his wife Cassie)*

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