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Canadian Junior Angus Presents 2021 Scholarships Totalling \$4,500 and Awards \$7,000 in Heifer Vouchers

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Rocky View County, AB—Canadian Junior Angus presented three juniors with scholarships totaling \$4,500 at the Showdown in Olds, AB. Keely Adams of Forestburg, AB received the first-place scholarship of \$2,000; Beverly Booth of Jolicure, NB received the second-place scholarship of \$1,500; and Sarah MacDonald of Vanderhoof, BC received the third-place scholarship of \$1,000. The scholarships were presented at Showdown, the annual national Canadian Junior Angus show.

In addition, three participants at Olds, Alberta were randomly drawn to receive heifer vouchers from the Canadian Angus Foundation. Hiller Gardner of Olds, AB received a voucher for \$3,000; Will Rosso of Moose Jaw, SK received a voucher for \$2,000 and Joran Frey of Oxbow, SK received a voucher for \$2,000. The vouchers are to be used toward the purchase of a registered Angus heifer.

Adams has been a Canadian Junior Angus (CJA) member for 13 years. She is currently transferring into the Bachelor of Science with Honours in Physiology program at the University of Alberta from Red Deer College. Upon completion of her program, she intends to pursue a career in the medical field while remaining integrated in agriculture. Adams has served as vice president of the Alberta Junior Angus Association and president of her 4-H club for two years.

Booth is enrolled in her fourth year of animal science with a minor in plant science at Dalhousie University Faculty of Agriculture. During her 12 years with CJA, she has served as vice president, secretary and treasurer of the Maritime Junior Angus Association. She is also very proud to have attended every Maritime Angus Field day since she was two years old.

MacDonald recently obtained her crop technology diploma and intends to earn her agribusiness diploma at Lakeland College next year before attending the University of Lethbridge to earn a Bachelor of Management degree with a major in marketing communications. She worked as assistant general manager at Lakeland College's student-managed farm, crop division.

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 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. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and travel challenges, this year events were offered both in person and virtually. 105 participants and 100 head of cattle took part in the 21st annual Showdown in Olds, Alberta.

There have been many different activities and contests added over the years with 16 competitions now available including print marketing, sales talk, judging, team judging, team grooming, photography, literature, art, scrapbooking, graphic design, farm sign, public speaking, Angus cook-off, best herdsman, showmanship, and conformation as the current competitions.



Left to right: Sarah MacDonald, Keely Adams and Beverly Booth



Left to right: CJA Coordinator and CAF Executive Director Belinda Wagner, Hiller Gardner, Will Rosso and Joran Frey

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