



Scholarship Awarded

Catie Wharton, Syracuse, Kan., named this year's \$1,000 Future Angus Stockmen Scholarship recipient.

by **SARAH HILL**, special projects editor

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Three win custom hats for judging skills

Attendees at the 2017 Angus Convention in Fort Worth, Texas, had the opportunity to utilize their livestock judging skills during a competition Nov. 5 within the live cattle demonstration area of the trade show. The judging contest drew 128 total contestants and at least as many spectators.

Participants placed four classes of Angus cattle — two sets of breeding heifers and two sets of yearling bulls. Selection scenarios were given for two of the classes, and questions were asked on one set of performance bulls.

The contest was divided into three age divisions: youth (13 and under), young adult (age 14-21) and adult (22 and older). The winner in each age division was awarded a custom-made Beaver 20 hat — valued at \$650 each — donated by Greeley Hat Works.

Colter Pohlman, Hereford, Texas, took home top honors in the youth division. Fellow Texan Cooper Dube of Thorndale placed first in the young adult category. Jeff Nemecek, Iola, Kan., placed first in the adult division and was also named the overall winner with the highest score.

producers. This program awards a \$1,000 scholarship annually thanks to support from Allflex USA Inc.

Catie Wharton, Syracuse, Kan., was awarded the scholarship during the 2017 Angus Convention in Fort Worth, Texas.

Wharton is a freshman at Texas Tech

Below: Catie Wharton, Syracuse, Kan., was presented the Future Angus Stockmen Scholarship Nov. 6 during the American Angus Association's Awards Recognition Breakfast. Pictured are (from left) Ginette Gottswiller, Association director of commercial programs; Catie Wharton, recipient; Scott Holt, Allflex North American marketing manager and sponsor representative; and Allen Moczygamba, American Angus Association CEO.



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Mark Sims, American Angus Association regional manager covering Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi, coordinated the 2017 Angus Convention Judging Contest with assistance from fellow regional managers Radale Tiner and Jeff Mafi, who selected the classes, and Casey Jentz, Chris Jeffcoat and Drew Feller, who helped number the cattle and sort during the contest. Additional Association staff members helped with the registration and score tabulation process.

"It's always fun and educational to bring Angus enthusiasts of all ages together to evaluate cattle and gain insight from the final placings discussed by the officials," said Sims of the event.

The heifer classes were provided by Cox Ranches, Weatherford, Texas, and the bull classes were provided by Evans Farm, Stephenville, Texas.

Ryan Rathmann, Texas Tech University animal science professor and livestock judging coach, and Austin Adams, a member of the 2016 National Champion Texas Tech Livestock Judging Team, were the officials. Rathmann is the all-time winningest coach in the 100-plus-year history of collegiate livestock judging.

University studying animal science with an emphasis in production. She fell in love with the beef industry as a young girl raising her first Angus bucket calf and now aspires to become a beef producer.

Wharton has served as treasurer, vice president and president in her county 4-H program and has taken grand champion accolades in beef, sheep, horse and photography projects. During her 4-H

and FFA careers, Wharton has learned the value of utilizing high-quality Angus genetics.

"Using genetics on the ranch is important because the cattle have to fit their environment while producing the product that the consumer wants," Wharton says.

Future Angus Stockmen participants can enroll each year and take advantage

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