

Foundation Celebrates 35th Anniversary

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For more than three decades, the Angus Foundation has fostered investments toward the future of the Angus breed. Through support for Angus education, youth and research, the nonprofit arm of the American Angus Association provides invaluable

insight and opportunities for those involved with Angus cattle.

The Angus Foundation celebrated a milestone 35th anniversary during its Supporter Recognition Event hosted Nov. 2 at the Sheraton in Overland Park, Kan.,

prior to the start of the 2015 Angus Means Business National Convention & Trade Show.

The evening event also honored Angus Foundation supporters who have contributed \$250 or more during the past fiscal year (Oct. 1, 2014-Sept. 30, 2015).

“The Angus Foundation’s growth and progress these past 35 years can only be attributed to visionary Angus breeders, allied industry interests and friends,” says Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president. “We’re grateful for their continued support in our mission to advance the Angus breed through education, youth and research.”

More than 200 attendees enjoyed a delicious meal featuring the *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) brand. Serving as emcees for the evening’s festivities were National Junior Angus Board (NJAB) Chairman Alex Rogen, Brandon, S.D.; NJAB Foundation Director Evan Woodbury, Quenemo, Kan.; and Angus Foundation Board Chairman Charlie Boyd, May’s Lick, Ky.

“Celebrating 35 years of the Angus Foundation is a milestone not only for the Angus breed, but also for the countless individuals and families who benefit from its efforts,” Boyd said. “Pride overwhelms you when you see



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Angus Foundation Board Chairman Charlie Boyd served as co-emcee for the event.

countless people who are able to go one step further in college because of scholarships, evaluate their herd better because of research or strengthen their knowledge through educational events — all because of Angus Foundation-funded initiatives.”

During the event, the Angus Foundation announced that during fiscal year 2015, the organization reached an all-time record for total revenue.

“Our total revenue in 2015 topped \$11.3 million,” Jenkins says. “Our ability to fund scholarships, conduct research and continue education continues to grow. Each gift helps us fulfill that mission. Our sincere thanks to our donors who make this possible.”

Investing in the future

Dave Nichols, Bridgewater, Iowa, is a longtime supporter and current member of the American Angus Association Board of Directors. This fall, Nichols was inducted into one of the livestock industry’s most prestigious honors, the Saddle & Sirloin Club Portrait Gallery



Joe and Susanne Bush of J&S Ranch established the Joseph and Susanne Bush/J&S Ranch Scholarship and Junior Activities Endowment Fund. Pictured are (from left) NJAB Foundation Director Evan Woodbury, NJAB Chairman Alex Rogen, Joe and Susanne Bush, and Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president.

in Louisville, Ky. To celebrate that occasion, Nichols established the “Dave Nichols Beef Cattle Research Fund” through the Angus Foundation.

During the Supporter Recognition Event, an elite bred Angus heifer, Nichols Lula B14, was donated by Nichols Farms and sold with all proceeds to benefit the research endowment in Nichols’ honor. The female was purchased for \$35,000 by David and Mary Ann McMahan of Belle Point Ranch, Lavaca, Ark., who will donate her to Subiaco Abbey Angus.

The Angus Foundation also auctioned the American Angus Association’s 18 millionth animal registration number for \$15,000 to Whitestone Farm, Aldie, Va. The piece of Angus history will benefit the Angus Foundation’s education, youth and research initiatives.

Another highlight of the evening, Joe and Susanne Bush, J&S Ranch near Gatesville, Texas, announced a \$10,500 gift to establish the Joseph and Susanne Bush/J&S Ranch Scholarship and Junior Activities Endowment Fund.

The Angus Foundation was proud to honor Lifetime Giving Supporters for their continued investment in the Angus breed. The individuals and families recognized have, during the lifetime of the Angus Foundation, contributed an accumulative \$25,000 or more.

Honored as Angus Builders, contributing \$100,000 or more during the fiscal year, were:

- Wilma Minix of Black Witch Farm, Athens, Ga.;
- Bob and Dana McClaren, 44 Farms, Cameron, Texas; and
- Charles W. and Judy Herbster, Herbster Angus Farms, Falls City, Neb.

Honored as an Angus Patron for donations of more than \$50,000, were

- Gordon and Robin Keys, Beaver Dam Farm, Middleburg, Va.

Named lifetime Angus Benefactors, reaching \$25,000, were:

- Cargill Meat Solutions;
- the North Carolina Angus Association;
- the Virginia Junior Angus Association;
- the Indiana Angus Association; and
- Crazy K Ranch LLC of Michie, Tenn.

“Looking around the room, one can only be humbled by the support shown

by so many of our Angus friends and families,” Jenkins says. “If the past 35 years are any indication, the future is bright for the Angus Foundation and the entire Angus breed.”

Additional highlights from the evening included a special presentation to the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) Steer Carcass Contest winners, and recognition of Chairman Boyd for his service and

leadership on the Angus Foundation Board of Directors.

For more coverage of the convention, look for online summaries, speaker presentations, photos, videos and much more in the Newsroom at www.angusjournal.com/NCnTS/2015/index.html.