

Pennsylvania's Outstanding Collegiate Exhibitors Awarded Scholarships

Harrisburg – Six livestock enthusiasts received \$6,000 in scholarships rewarding their leadership development, showing success, scholastic merits, an interest in the livestock industry as a career path and participation in the Keystone International Livestock Exposition during the 61st show's opening ceremonies Thursday, Oct. 5, at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center in Harrisburg.

The scholarships were given to collegiate exhibitors by the Pennsylvania Livestock Association (PLA). Recipients are Caleigh Anderson, Samuel Bacon, Heidi Barkley, Claudia Hissong, Emily Mattocks, and Delbert Voight.

Caleigh Anderson is the 18-year-old daughter of Bob and Jeanie Anderson of Saltsburg, Westmoreland Co. A sophomore at Penn State's New Kensington Campus, Anderson is an Animal Science and Food Science major with a minor in Equine Science and pre-law. Anderson is working toward a career as a corporate lawyer in agriculture. While in high school, she was the president of Mock Trial, the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) vice president, a member of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), a therapeutic riding volunteer, Sunday school teacher, and a vacation bible school volunteer. Anderson also has been an active 4-H member, serving in several officer roles, participating in Teen Council, equine, rifle, goat and poultry project areas.

Samuel Bacon is the 19-year-old son of Eric and Sally Bacon of Brogue, York Co. He is a sophomore attending Oklahoma State University, majoring in Animal Science. Bacon is studying to be a reproduction specialist. While at college, he is active in the Meat Science Club, intramural football and softball teams, and has earned Dean's List honors. During his 4-H and FFA career, Bacon belonged to the York County 4-H Lamb Club and Exchange Club and the Red Lion Area FFA Chapter, earning his FFA Keystone Degree in 2016.

Heidi Barkley is the 18-year-old daughter of Brian and Melanie Barkley of Manns Choice, Bedford Co. Barkley is a freshman at Penn State's Altoona Campus, majoring in Animal Science with a business focus. While in high school, she was active in FBLA, tennis, ski club, and was a PA Junior Beef Ambassador. Barkley was a member of the Allegheny Foothills 4-H Club and the Bedford FFA Chapter carrying sheep projects in both. A highlight of her accomplishments came in 2016, when she was awarded the Keystone Junior Stockman of the Year award.

Claudia Hissong is the 20-year-old daughter of Spencer and Regina Hissong of Greencastle, Franklin Co. She is in her junior year at Kansas State University where she is majoring in Agricultural Economics with a specialty in pre-law. Hissong would like to become an agricultural lobbyist in the future. While in college, she is a College of Agriculture Ambassador, a member of Block & Bridle, and participates in the Animal Science Quadrathlon. Her time as a 4-H member included sheep, pig, goat, and cattle projects. Hissong is a past Pennsylvania Angus Princess.

Emily Mattocks is the 18-year-old daughter of Ryan and Lisa Mattocks, Guys Mills, Crawford Co. She is a freshman attending Cedarville University majoring in Allied Health and Biology. Mattocks' future career plans are to be a physician or physician assistant. While in high school, she was active in orchestra, ballet, fencing, ski, and snowboarding. Mattocks held several offices within the Cross-Trainers 4-H Livestock Club where she carried beef and swine projects. This year she was named Outstanding 4-Her of Crawford County.

Delbert Hunter Voight is the 19-year-old son of Delbert and Wilhelmina Voight of Fredericksburg, Lebanon Co. He is in his sophomore year at Penn State's Berks Campus, studying Agricultural Science with plans to minor in Agronomy or Wildlife Science. In high school, Voight was actively involved in baseball, winter track, concert band, church youth group, 4-H, PA Junior Angus, and National Junior Angus Associations. In 2016, he was awarded the PA Junior Angus Association's Outstanding Boy award.

Scholarship winners each received a \$1,000 scholarship.

The Keystone International Livestock Exposition is the largest livestock show on the East Coast, with more than 1,300 beef cattle, 300 horses, 1,500 sheep, 300 swine, and 375 goats in 2017. This year, more than 725 exhibitors from 27 states and Canada are competing in livestock events. The show also includes the 10th Annual Keystone Classic Barbecue Competition, a Kansas City Barbecue Society-sanctioned event to select the state's finest culinary competitors.

All events are open to the public with free admission and parking. Find more information and a complete schedule of events at www.keystoneinternational.pa.gov.