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Canadian Angus Youth to Represent in New Zealand

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CALGARY, AB — The Canadian Angus Association on behalf of the Canadian Angus Foundation is excited to announce those chosen to represent Canadian Angus in New Zealand for the 2013 PGG Wrightson World Angus Forum during the Youth Program.

Congratulations to those members chosen to compete on three teams of four – Stacey Domolewski, Taber, Alberta; Sean Enright, Renfrew, Ontario; Ty Dietrich, Forestburg, Alberta; Erika Easton, Wawota, Saskatchewan; Kaitlynn Bolduc, Stavely, Alberta; Matthew Bates, Cameron, Ontario; Chad Lorenz, Markerville, Alberta; Patrick Holland, Montague, Prince Edward Island; Melissa McRae, Brandon, Manitoba; Austen Anderson, Swan River, Manitoba; Michael Hargrave, Maxwell, Ontario; and Jared Hunter, Didsbury, Alberta.

Initially, the Angus Foundation had committed to sending up to eight individuals for two Canadian teams to the competition. After reviewing applications, the additional four students were made possible by an additional contribution from the CAA board of directors to financially support this program to include funding for three teams of four.

“The CAF has committed to financially getting these teams to New Zealand for a couple of years now with fundraising efforts,” said Michael Latimer, CAA General Manager. “We are excited to send 12 youth that very well represent our Association and will surely make our membership proud as they compete abroad.”

Chairman of the Foundation Doug Fee said, “The Foundation has been able to support these young people through the generous donations of Angus breeders and supporters across Canada. The primary focus of the Foundation is to enhance junior activities to encourage young people to follow a career in agriculture.”

The CAF funds scholarships and activities for members of the Canadian Junior Angus Association as well as funding for the Junior Ambassador Program.

“The international opportunity to learn from breeders in New Zealand is a unique experience, and it was very gratifying to see so many excellent applicants from all regions across Canada,” said Fee.

Team members will travel October 2-18, 2013, to Palmerston North, North Island, New Zealand, for a five section contest including general knowledge, parading (presentation, showmanship and sportsmanship with an Angus animal), stock judging, animal preparation (clip an animal for show) and agri-sports (hands-on team challenge involving day-to-day tasks). Team members will also have the chance to visit Angus studs in the area and prepare animals for the World Angus Forum.

“Investing in the youth program will provide invaluable experience in the skills and leadership for the future of world Angus organizations,” said the WAF Organizing Committee. “This is a great opportunity for Angus youth to make friendships and contacts that will last a lifetime and further strengthen the Angus Breed.”

The Canadian Angus Foundation functions to preserve and expand the Angus breed for future generations through education, youth development, scientific and market research, and historical preservation. The Canadian Angus Foundation was incorporated in 1993 and is the charitable arm of the Canadian Angus Association.

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