

2011-2012 Texas Beef Leaders of Tomorrow Team Announced

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College Station, Texas- Emily Jack, Giddings, TX, Lauren Grainger, Brenham, TX, Codi Coulter, Naples, TX, and Charley Martinez, Desoto, TX, were chosen as the 2011-2012 Texas Beef Leaders of Tomorrow Team winners at the annual competition, held July 30th, 2011 in College Station, Texas. Each contestant was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship from Texas CattleWomen and 6 hours of college internship credit at their respective universities. Emily Jack was chosen as the high point individual and will go on to represent Texas at the National Beef Ambassador Contest in Wooster, Ohio on September 30, 2011.

Emily Jack of Giddings, Texas, is a freshman at Texas A&M University majoring in Animal Science. She was home educated and attended a college preparatory academy interning in Pre-Calculus. She gained college credit for both Calculus I and II as a high school senior and is a member of Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society. Emily was team captain of her basketball team and is a gymnast. She plans on attending veterinarian school in the future.

Lauren Grainger of Brenham, Texas, a fourth generation rancher, is a freshman at Texas Tech University majoring in Agricultural Communications. She was active in FFA where she held several offices including Chapter President. She was also a member of the Brenham High School Theatre Department. Lauren shows Santa Gertrudis cattle and serves on the National Junior Santa Gertrudis Association Board of Directors as Chairman of the Communications/Social Committee.

Codi Coulter of Naples, Texas, is a freshman at Texas Tech University majoring in Agricultural Leadership. She was active in FFA where she held several offices and competed in multiple leadership, career development and speaking events. She was a member of the National Honor Society and the editor of the school newspaper. Codi shows Santa Gertrudis cattle and currently serves as the Mid-Coast Santa Gertrudis Association President and on the National Junior Santa Gertrudis Association Board of Directors as Secretary.

Charley Martinez of Desoto, Texas, is a sophomore at Texas A&M University-Kingsville majoring in Agriculture Business-Ranch Management. Charley currently serves as the Texas Junior Simmental/Simbrah Association Treasurer and was President in 2010-2011. He was awarded the Bronze Merit award in the American Junior Simmental Association Merit Program as well as other awards. Charley is on the Texas A&M-Kingsville livestock judging team and will be a member of the inaugural meats judging team in 2012.

While preparing for the Texas Beef Leaders of Tomorrow contest, contestants learned about the importance of the beef industry and beef as an agricultural product. The program highlights the positive impact the cattle industry has on the U.S. economy and families. The Texas Beef Leaders Team will travel across Texas addressing industry issues and misconceptions, while educating their peers and consumers about food safety, nutrition and the Beef Checkoff Program. The Texas Beef Leaders of Tomorrow program is hosted by Texas CattleWomen and funded by the Beef Checkoff Program. Additional sponsors include The George and Anne Butler Foundation, Novartis Animal Health, local Texas CattleWomen members and the Texas Livestock Marketing Association among others. For more information go to www.texasbeefleaders.org or Texas Beef Leaders of Tomorrow on Facebook.



L-R Emily Jack, Charley Martinez, Lauren Grainger and Codi Coulter