

# 2023 Update





Education & Research

Infrastructure

# **Beef Promotion**

Historical Preservation

The mission of the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation is to advance the future of Nebraska's Beef Industry by investing in research and education programs.

# Board of Directors / Staff / Financial Summary

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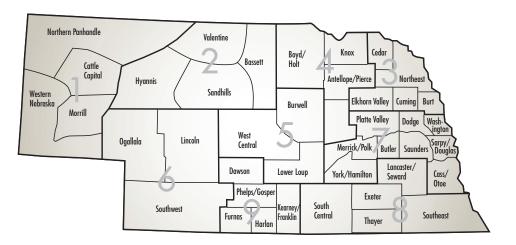
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# Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation Financial Summary

As of August 31, 2023

Endowed Scholarship/Grant Accounts	\$2	,066,939.38
Funds at UNL Foundation	\$	375,217.02

Total Assets = \$2,442,156.40







The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation contracts with the Nebraska Community Foundation to assist with fundraising and planned giving opportunities.

# Providing Grants for Youth, Education, Beef Promotion, Research, Infrastructure & Historical Preservation

Youth & Education		Infrastructure
Nebraska Cattlemen Young Cattlemen Conference	\$10,000	Feedlot Innovation Center in memory of
Nebraska FFA Foundation EDGE Leadership Conference	\$5,000	Terry Klopfenstein \$50,000 (\$10,000 for 5 years)
Omaha Home for Boys/ Valley View 4-H Club	\$5,000	Research
Nebraska Junior Beef Expo	\$1,500	UNL – Global Water for Food Conference Fund \$1,500

## Youth & Beef Promotion

Nebraska Beef Ambassador Contest	\$1,200
Nebraska Cattlemen Beef Pit 4-H/FFA/HS Rodeo Sandwich Voucher	\$2,500
Ag Sack Lunch Program	\$5,000
Beef It Up/NE Farm Bureau	\$7,400
NC/NCW Consumer Promotion & Education Committee – activity book for youth	\$6,300
Nebraska Cattlemen NCW Consumer Promotion Education Committee	\$7,286
Reprinting of two books – A Doctor for Cows and Beef from the Pasture	



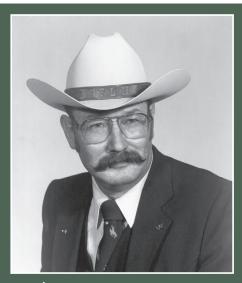
Omaha Home for Boys/Valley View 4-H Club member talking with Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation board members about his steer.



Nebraska FFA Foundation EDGE Leadership Conference



Nebraska Beef Ambassadors Paige Wood and Chaylee Tonniges



#### \*Robert F. Lute II Endowed Scholarship established September 30, 1993, with \$20,000

Lute was a teacher, lawyer and accountant and had a love for young people and a tremendous respect for education. The foundation became a way for him to unite the two. "Education was very important to both of us," Kathy Lute said. "Robert knew that education was necessary and not just any type of education. He felt that students needed brawn and brains. He discussed it with me before his death. He wanted money put into a good foundation." Lute's father, Robert Sr., and Kathy, Lute's widow, established an endowed scholarship in Lute's name after his death.

### \*Vance Uden

**Endowed Scholarship** established September 8, 2009, with \$10,000

Vance Uden was a long-time Black Angus breeder from Franklin, Nebraka. He owned and operated TC Ranch which produced some of the breed's leading genetics. Vance earned many awards and was known world wide for cattle while always striving to produce herd sires that would improve the Angus breed. He was a strong supporter of youth and never



#### \*Martin Viersen Range Management/ Conservation Endowed Scholarship

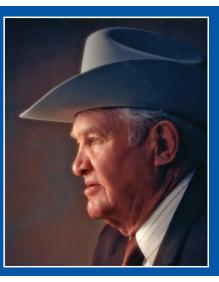
established in 2005, with \$10,000

Bill Rishel, longtime friend of the Viersen's and former Foundation board member said, "creating a scholarship in Martin's name is a fitting way for Arlene to honor her late husband's legacy as a pioneer in rangeland management and conservation."

### Frank & \*Shirley Sibert Endowed Scholarship

established May 15, 1995, with \$20,000

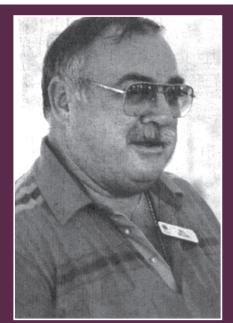
"I can remember how broke I was in college. I received a \$50 scholarship and it was like finding the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. I know that college students today need and appreciate any financial assistance they can get. I also know that today's students will be tomorrow's leaders. It seems to me that a scholarship to a worthy student today is a good investment in the future," said Frank Sibert.



turned down a livestock judging team that needed a place to work out. As a University of Nebraska graduate and former meats and livestock judging team member, it was very fitting when Connie, Dru and Ty Uden chose to create the Vance Uden Memorial Endowed Scholarship Account that will annually award a scholarship of at least \$1,000 to a UNL Senior Livestock Evaluation Team member with preference given to a student majoring in Animal Science and preparing for a career in agriculture.

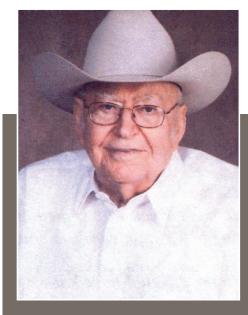


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#### \*Bill Heller Endowed Scholarship established October 14, 1996, with \$20,000

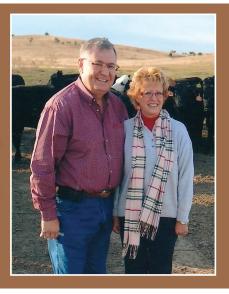
Bill Heller worked for Syntex and was a strong supporter of the Foundation. After his death, the allied industry group held a golf tournament to benefit the foundation to honor Bill. As a result, an endowed scholarship will forever honor Bill.

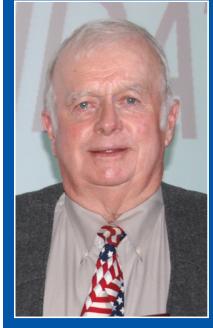


#### Ron & Shirley Huss Endowed Scholarship

established in December 2012 with \$25,000

Ron and Shirley Huss established this endowed scholarship account to provide an annual scholarship of at least \$1,000 to a student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln majoring in Animal Science and preparing for a career in agriculture. Preference will be given to applicants whose course of study focuses on beef production.





#### Bill Pullen Endowed Scholarship established in December 2012, with \$25,000

Bill's Volume Sales and Service, owner Bill Pullen, of Central City, Nebraska, was awarded The Friend of the Foundation Award at the 2012 NC Convention. Bill has served as one of the main sponsors for the Foundation's primary fundraiser, the Retail Value Steer Challenge since inception and has donated a steer each year also. After receiving his Friend of the Foundation award, Bill announced he was contributing \$25,000 to the Foundation, this became the Bill Pullen Endowed Scholarship. This endowed scholarship will provide an annual scholarship of at least \$1,000.

#### \*Colonel Melvin Huss Endowed Scholarship established in December 2012, with \$25,000

Colonel Melvin Huss was a well-known auctioneer, cattleman and livestock market owner. Huss owned and operated the Lexington and Kearney Livestock Markets. The family established this endowed scholarship to honor their father and provide an annual scholarship of at least \$1,000 to a student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln majoring in Animal Science and preparing for a career in agriculture. Preference will be given to applicants whose course of study focuses on beef production.

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\*Donavan Yoachim Endowed Scholarship established in 2002, with \$20,000

Donavan Yoachim was a farmer/ stockman from the Hebron area who was instrumental in establishing the Nebraska Cattlemen's Beef Pit at State Fair Park and was a major promoter of the beef industry in Nebraska.



### Nebraska Cattlemen – Beef Pit

Endowed Scholarship established in 2007, with \$6,000

The Nebraska Cattlemen Beef Pit Scholarship was established by the Beef Pit Committee to provide funds to junior or senior undergraduate students and/or graduate students enrolled full time in a Nebraska college or university studying meat and/or food science. This account was fully funded in 2010 with Beef Pit proceeds.



\*Clarence and Lois Jean Hartmann

#### **Endowed Scholarship**

established in December 2012, with \$10,000

The Nebraska Beef Pit established this endowed scholarship to honor Clarence and Lois Jean for serving on the original committee that established the Nebraska Cattleman's Beef Pit at the Nebraska State Fair. Clarence was a lifelong farmer/cattleman and an active member of the Dodge County Cattlemen which contributed an additional \$6,500 to this account. This account will provide an annual scholarship of at least \$1,000.



### \*Todd Ricenbaw Endowed Scholarship established in 2016

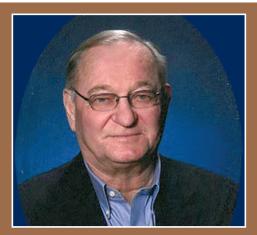
The Ricenbaw Family and the Nebraska Cattle Beef Pit established the Todd Ricenbaw Memorial Endowed Scholarship which will provide a scholarship of at least \$1,000 to a student attending the University of Nebraska majoring in an agriculture field. "Todd loved supporting and promoting agriculture, especially the beef industry, and we believe in young people who will continue to make a difference in agriculture and want to help them in their educational endeavors."



#### Cattlemen's Open Endowed Scholarship

established in 2011, with \$17,000

The Cattlemen's Open was a well known golf tournament held at the Holdrege Country Club in Holdrege, Nebraska, and largely supported by cattlemen from across the state for seventeen years. Steve Bohr started the golf tournament as a fundraising event while serving as Chairman of the Nebraska Cattlemen PAC Committee, with help from Wes Nelson.



\*Bill Briggs Family Endowed Scholarship established in 2016, with \$26,000

Carole Briggs and her family established the Bill Briggs Family Memorial Scholarship Account remembering their husband and father, Bill Briggs, and showcasing the impact the Briggs family has had on the beef industry in Nebraska and Bill's lifelong career in the livestock feeding business. This endowed scholarship account will provide at least a \$1,000 scholarship to a junior or senior level student enrolled at a Nebraska college or university majoring in a beef industry related field and preparing for a career in the beef industry. Preference shall be given to a student with a GPA of at least 2.75.



#### Jim & \*Helen Gran Endowed Scholarship established in 2016, with \$25,000

Jim Gran established the Jim and Helen Gran Endowed Scholarship Account to honor his late wife Helen and his contributions to the Beef Industry in Nebraska. Both were lifelong ranchers and strong advocates for the Nebraska Beef Industry working locally and on the state level in various leadership positions. This endowed scholarship account will provide a scholarship of at least \$1,000 to a sophomore level student at NCTA majoring in an area of production agriculture and preparing for a career in production agriculture.

### Educational Funding

Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation Assists Nebraska Cattlemen Affiliates and State Breed Associations w/ Scholarship Accounts

The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation allows Nebraska Cattlemen Affiliates and Nebraska State Breed Associations to create accounts within the Foundation to receive charitable dollars to support youth and adult educational activities.

- Nebraska Cattlemen Affiliates taking advantage of this opportunity:
  - Cattle Capital Affiliate based out of Alliance
  - West Central Affiliate based out of Broken Bow
- The Nebraska Breed Association taking advantage of this opportunity:
  - Nebraska Hereford Association

#### **Cattle Capital Winners:**

Wade Sanders Wyatt Walker Braelyn Shrewsbury

#### West Central Winner:

Silas Cool Landri Loos BaiLee McMillan



#### \*Shari Flaming Endowed Scholarship established in 2021 with \$26,500

The Shari Flaming Memorial Scholarship was established from a planned gift. Shari was a teacher, a cattle feeder, a rancher, a fabulous cook and a lifelong Nebraska agriculture enthusiast. Shari was active in the Nebraska Cattlewomen. the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation and was instrumental in organizing the first Nebraska Cattlemen Ball. This account will award scholarships to students residing in Nebraska, majoring in animal science, feedlot management and/or range management. Students must be involved in student organizations related to their field of study. Students much have a 3.3 GPA and preference will be given to those with cattle industry involvement.

#### Western Nebraska Agriculture Scholarship Endowed Scholarship established in 2021 with \$25,000

The Western Nebraska Agriculture Scholarship will be awarded to students pursuing an education following high school at an accredited higher learning institution in Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming and/or South Dakota and majoring in agriculture. Students must have a home address located in the Mountain Time Zone in Nebraska. Preference will be given to students attending a two-year institution, community colleges, trade school and/or Chadron State College in Chadron, Nebraska.

### \*Dr. Jeff Fox

#### Endowed Scholarship established in 2021 with \$28,000

Dr. Jeff Fox ran his own feedlot consulting business, Bovine Veterinary Management Resources, LLC, out of Beemer, serving clients in three states. He served as the vice chair for the Nebraska Cattlemen's Animal Health and Nutrition Committee. Scholarships will be awarded to individuals attending the University of Nebraska, Iowa State University, or Kansas State University who are either a junior or senior undergraduate student majoring in Beef Production, Animal Science with beef emphasis, Feedlot Management or graduate students enrolled in Veterinary Science programs.





# **Scholarships**

# 2023-2024 Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation Scholarships

# **Donor Named Scholarship Recipients**

Roseland Samantha Bonifas	; \$1,200 Clarence & Lois Jean Hartmann Scholarship	Mead Abby Miller	\$1,200 Bill Briggs Family Memorial Scholarship
Bassett Brooklyn Buell	\$1,200 Bill Heller Memorial Scholarship	Genoa Katherine Mohr	\$1,200 Dr. Jeff Fox Memorial Scholarship
Callaway Silas Cool	\$1,250 West Central / Trotter Inc. Scholarship	Potter Kailey Nicklas	\$1,200 Western Nebraska Agriculture Scholarship
<b>Royal</b> Christen Curtis	\$1,200 Todd Ricenbaw Memorial Scholarship	Scribner Grace Schlueter	\$1,200 Todd Ricenbaw Memorial Scholarship
Ravenna Kacey Dethlefs	\$1,200 Bill Briggs Family Memorial Scholarship	Bayard Cambree Schmalt	z \$1,200 Donavan Yoachim Memorial Scholarship
Hershey Mekenna Fisher	\$1,200 Frank & Shirley Sibert Scholarship	Alliance Braelyn Shrewsbu	r <b>y</b> \$1,200 Jim & Helen Gran Scholarship
Cairo William Ford	\$1,200 Robert F. Lute II Memorial Scholarship	Page Tucker Stagemeye	r \$1,200 Cattlemen's Open Scholarship
Lincoln Bryan Garcia	\$1,200 Nebraska Cattlemen Beef Pit Scholarship	Cozad Gregory Treffer	\$1,200 Ron & Shirley Huss Scholarship
Elwood Lauren Hickey	\$1,200 Robert F. Lute II Memorial Scholarship	Overton Spencer Walahosl	<b>ci</b> \$1,200 Frank & Shirley Sibert Scholarshipp
Gothenburg Heath Keiser	\$1,200 Vance Uden Memorial Scholarship	Unadilla Sydney Wellsandt	\$1,200 Shari Flaming Memorial Scholarship
Lexington Dalton Kunkee	\$1,200 Donavan Yoachim Memorial Scholarship	Lemoyne Sheridan Wilson	\$1,200 Martin Viersen Range Management & Conservation Memorial Scholarship
Litchfield Landri Loos	\$1,200 West Central Affiliate Scholarship	Wilber Elsie Woerner	, \$1,200 Col. Melvin Huss Memorial Scholarship
Milburn	s \$1,200 Bill Pullen Scholarship	Sutherland Kaden Wykert	\$1,200 Col. Melvin Huss Memorial Scholarship
BaiLee McMillan	\$1,250 West Central / Trotter Inc. Scholarship		

# Retail Value Steer Challenge \$1,000 Scholarship Recipients

Braden Benes	Albion	Emily Jonas	Ansley	Jack Myers	Broken Bow
Ethan Bortner	McCook	Lance Jones	Stapleton	Jaylea Pope	Ravenna
Matthew Bruns	North Platte	Elizabeth Karnopp	Oakland	Colton Reiling	Lincoln
Josephine Cumming	St. Edward	Helene Keiser	Gothenburg	Ashlyn Robinson	North Platte
Gabriel DeNaeyer	Seneca	Madison Kreifels	Syracuse	Taylor Ross	Callaway
Autumn Deterding	Cambridge	Mackenzie Liakos	Gering	Wade Sanders	Alliance
Rheo Dykstra	Chappell	Emily Martindale	Brewster	Skyler Summers	Gibbon
Ashton Erickson	Wallace	Luke Mathiesen	Herman	Sarah Treffer	Cozad
Sadie Ference	Loup City	Jayda Meyring	Alliance	Gracie Wagoner	Shelton
Makenna Held	Leigh	Sid Miller	Merna	Clay Witthun	Stapleton
Cole Hutchinson	West Point			Jacie Wolfinger	Lexinaton

# **Beef State Scholarship**



2023 Beef State Scholarship winner Carsten Loseke from Columbus, NE

### 2023 Beef State Scholarship Winner

Carsten Loeske was the 2023 Nebraska Cattlemen Beef State Scholar. He is the son of Ryan and June Loseke of Columbus.

Carsten will be a senior at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln this fall, majoring in agricultural economics and minoring in animal science.

"I would say personally for me agriculture is important because I come from a long line of farmers before me in the area," Carsten said. "I'm a seventh generation on our family farm. The legacy of raising crops and livestock is really important to me and the opportunity to be able to continue to do that is one of the things that makes agriculture appealing to me."

"I'm honored to have the opportunity to use my education to give back to the beef industry," Carsten said. "Winning the beef state scholarship was important not only for my education but just for my mindset going forward, looking for different ways on how I can give back."

The \$10,000 Beef State Scholarship was established in 2014 to support outstanding junior, senior or graduate level Nebraska resident students enrolled in a Nebraska college pursuing a beef industry related degree.

#### **Past Beef State Winners**

- 2022 TaraLee Hudson2021 Malina Linstrom2020 Renae Sieck
- 2019 McKenzie Beals
- 2018 Hannah Esch
- 2017 David Schuler
- 2016 Elisabeth Loseke
- 2015 Curtis Wetovick

# Spotlight on former Beef State Winner – Hannah Esch Klitz

Since being awarded the 2018 Beef State Scholarship, Hannah graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science, accompanied by minors in the Nebraska Beef Industry Scholars, Engler Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Program, and Ag Business. When receiving the scholarship, Hannah had already embarked on an entrepreneurial venture, Oak Barn Beef - a farm-to-table, online, beef sales company. Dedicated to providing top-quality Nebraska-raised and dry-aged beef, Oak Barn Beef has customers in all fifty states and ships beef across the nation. Now, operating the business alongside her husband, Eric, in West Point, Nebraska, they have continued their online presence and added a physical storefront.

Hannah remains grateful for the opportunities offered by the Nebraska Cattlemen and Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation. These invaluable resources, like the Beef State Scholarship, empower young producers to promote the beef industry while fostering valuable connections within the community



Former Beef State Winner Hannah Esch Klitz, pictured with her husband Eric and daughter

# Scholarships/Leadership Development

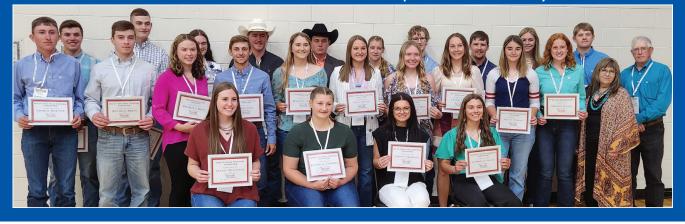
### UNL Animal Science Scholarship Winners

The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation presented 14 scholarships to UNL Animal Sciwstudents: 4 -\$500 presented to freshman, 4 - \$500 presented to sophomores, 3 - \$1,000 to juniors in the Nebraska Beef Industry Scholars program and 3 - \$1,000 to seniors in the Nebraska Beef Industry Scholars program.



From left to right: Kacey Dethlefs, Chaylee Tonniges, Elsie Woerner, Clay Witthuhn, Regan Rippy, Phoebe Ford, Avery Eitzmann, Kaytlynn Lemley, and Gregory Treffer. (Not pictured are Christen Curtis, Kayden Wykert, Sadie Ference, Emily Groeteke, and Heath Keiser.)

2023 Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation Scholarship Winners at Midyear Conference



Nebraska Cattlemen Young Cattlemen's Connections



The Nebraska Cattlemen Young Cattlemen's Connections is designed after the NCBA YCC program, but this program is strictly for the development of new leadership for Nebraska Agriculture, especially cattlemen/cattlewomen.

The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation contributes \$10,000 to this program annually.

Sitting from left to right: Natalie Jones, Stapleton, Christina Lammers, Hartington, Rachel Eickman, Chester Back row from left to right: Catie Blessin, Kenesaw, Tanner Justesen, Mitchell, SD, Connor Biehler, Lincoln, Jon Caraway, Lexington, Austin Aksamit, Denton, Devin Jakub, Dwigh, Morgan Rhea, Blair

# Nebraska Beef Industry Endowment



### Tommy Wheeler

Wheeler is the Supervisory Research Food Technologist at the US Meat Animal Research Center (USMARC) - Meat Safety and Quality Research Unit at Clay Center, Nebraska. Wheeler was honored by The National Provisioner magazine as one of the 25 industry icons that significantly impacted the meat industry in the last 25 years.

Wheeler receives a \$5,000 grant.

#### Past Winners:

2010	Dr. Rick Funston & Dr. Galen Erickson
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2012	Dr. Rick Funston
2013	Dr. Matt Spangler
2014	Dr. Matt Spangler, Jo Bek & Mike Roeber
2015	Dr. Jim McDonald, Jo Bek & Mike Roeber
2016	Dr. Dennis Burson, Jo Bek & Mike Roeber
2017	Dr. Andrea Cupp & Dr. Mary Drewnoski
2018	Dr. Brian Vander Ley
2019	Dr. Jim MacDonald
2020	Mark Goes
2001	

- 2021 Dr. Matt Spangler
- 2022 Dr. Kacie McCarthy

### History

The Nebraska Beef Industry Endowment was established in December 2009. It will provide grants to beef industry-related research and/ or teaching positions at Nebraska post-secondary educational institutions. This award will serve as a thank you and an incentive to those professors/instructors that are providing cutting edge research and/or student instruction in a beef industry related area. This grant will help fund valuable research that might not occur otherwise or allow the continuation of research already being conducted that might not continue because of lack of funding and/ or reward a professor/instructor for outstanding educational instruction to their students.

Since 1968, the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation has supported the beef industry by financially supporting research and educational projects/programs. Early on the Foundation was instrumental in prompting research in the area of calf-scours and center pivot irrigation and more recently providing funding for the new research feedlot at the Panhandle Research Center in Scottsbluff and the new educational facilities at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis. Funding scholarships has always been important for the Foundation with thousands of dollars in scholarships awarded to hundreds of students from numerous endowed scholarships accounts and other sources.

The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation established the Nebraska Beef Industry Professorship of Animal Science at UNL in December 1994 with \$200,000. This fund allows an annual stipend of \$10,000 to be awarded to a worthy professor with the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation wanted to duplicate that effort and create a fund that would not be limited just to UNL, but benefit a post-secondary educational institution and/ or teaching position any where in our great state of Nebraska, thus the Nebraska Beef Industry Endowment was created. The board plans to grant up to \$5,000 annually to an outstanding professor/instructor.

The Nebraska Beef Industry Endowment was endowed with \$100,000. The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation board of directors hopes others will see the vital importance of this endowed account and contribute. As the endowed account grows, more grants will be awarded to professors/ instructors and/or research projects that benefit the beef industry, especially the beef industry in Nebraska.

For more information please contact any Foundation board member or Jana Jensen, Fundraising Coordinator for the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation at janajensen@nebcommfound.org or 308-588-6299.

# Nebraska Range & Conservation Endowment



### Dr. Mitchell Stephenson

Dr. Mitch Stephenson is an Associate Professor and Range Management Specialist with the University of Nebraska - Lincoln stationed at the Panhandle Research, Extension, and Education Center in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. His research is focused on understanding how grazing management decisions influence livestock production, grazing behavior, plant communities, and soil health in the central and western Great Plains. Current research includes studies evaluating the grazing distribution and behavior of beef cows on Sandhills rangelands, timing and intensity of grazing on sandhill sub-irrigated meadow systems, plant community variability in the NE Sandhills, use of virtual fencing and other precision livestock management tools for defined objectives.

Stephenson receives a \$5,000 grant.

#### **Past Winners:**

2012	Dr. Jerry Volesky
2013	Dr. Karla Jenkins
2014	Dr. Karla Jenkins & Dr. Ron Bolze
2015	Dr. Ron Bolze & Dr. Doug Smith
2016	Dr. Doug Smith

2017 Dr. Mitchell Stephenson

2018	Aaron Berger
	& Bethany Johnston

- 2019 Dr. J. Travis Mulliniks
- 2020 Dr. Dirac Twidwell
- 2021 Dr. Karla Wilke
- 2022 Dr. Yijie Xiong

### History

The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation created the Nebraska Range and Conservation Endowment in 2011. This endowment will provide grants to range management and conservation research and teaching positions at Nebraska post-secondary educational institutions. This award will serve as a thank you and an incentive to those professors/instructors that are providing cutting edge research and/ or student instruction in a range management and conservation related area.

This endowment was created from one-half the net proceeds of the 2010-2011 Retail Value Steer Challenge. The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation voted to move enough money from the general account to fully endow the Nebraska Range & Conservation Endowment at \$100,000 at their September 17, 2013, board meeting.



# Supporting UNL



### Nebraska Beef Cattle Industry Professorship

The Nebraska Beef Cattle Industry Professorship of Animal Science at UNL was established in December 1994 with \$200,000. This fund allows an annual stipend of \$10,000 to be awarded to a worthy professor within the University of Nebraska College Agriculture and Natural Resources. Dr. Chris Calkins was awarded this stipend from 1995 – 2011. The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation proudly awarded Dr. Galen Erickson this stipend in 2012 for his cutting edge research with feedlot rations, especially the use of distillers grain and other by-product feed sources in finishing diets for beef cattle. Erickson will receive this award through July 1, 2027.

# UNL Feedlot Management Course

The Foundation funds a grant each year since 1997 to support the UNL Feedlot Management Course. This fund was established with \$20,000 from the Merck-Merial Generations of Excellence funds. This course is an intensive eight week study on and off campus that provides students an opportunity to get real life experience in the feedlot industry, including internships at feedlots.







Kevin Jess from San Luis Obispo, California NA Timmerman, Inc -Colby, KS



Kacie Leonard Christiana, Tennessee Roberts Cattle Company (an ILS yard)



**Gwen Olberding** Falls City, Nebraska UNL Beef Research Feedlot



**Bailey Tom** Pinehill, New Mexico M-Farms



**Sawyer Starrett** Pekin, Indiana Gottsch Feedlot



# Supporting UNL

### University of Nebraska – Lincoln

A \$100,000 endowed fund was established in 2001 with proceeds from three years of the Five-Star Heifer sale (approximately \$40,000 and then completed with proceeds from the Retail Value Steer Challenge). The UNL livestock judging team receives \$6,000 in support from this account.



UNL Livestock Judging Team

Savannah Millburn (Assistant Coach), Blake Wert, Tyler Perrin, Kolby Midcap, Tristin Smith, Jose De La Cruz, Layne Miller, Will Carbino, Chase Devries, Tigh Renken (Assistant Coach), Blaine French (Head Coach)

## Krutsinger Beef Industry Scholars Program

The Krutsinger Beef Industry Scholars Program, formerly known as the Nebraska Beef Industry Scholars Program (NBIS), is a unique four-year certification program for UNL students. It was created as a component of Beef Education Excellence for the Future (BEEF), an initiative to enhance beef education and research in the state of Nebraska. This program belongs to all who have a vested interest in the future of the beef cattle industry by developing beef industry leaders for tomorrow with insights from today's beef industry leaders. The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation contributed to this program for several years.



Front (L-R): Lauren Seier, Sarah Krueger, Abigayle Warm, Laura Reiling Middle: Carter Jensen, Tatiana Jones, Stacia Paitz, Delaney Jumps, TaraLee Hudson, Gracie Stout, Allissa Turnwall Back: Professor Jim MacDonald, Tyler Perrin, Tanner Lemke, Glenn Meyer, Mitchell Glaus, Cameron Johnston, Boone Svoboda, Tyson Haddix, Professor Kacie McCarthy

### Andy Bruntz Beef Industry Scholars Scholarship

This fund was originally established in 1997 by Andy's parents, Ann and David Bruntz, to assist with the Southeast Community College livestock judging team's travel expenses. Andy was a member of that team at the time of his death. In 2014 this fund was modified and now provides an annual grant to the Andy Bruntz Beef Industry Scholars Scholarship in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln.



Deb Roeber VanOverbeke, UNL Animal Science Department Head, pictured with the 2022-2023 winner Evan Hartman receiving his \$1,200 scholarship.



### UNL Meats Judging Team

(Back L-R): Allison Everhart, Nicolas Herrera (Head Coach), Elizabeth Hodge (Front Row, L-R): Alexis Gerritse, Laura Reiling

The UNL Meats Judging Team receives \$3,000 in support.

# Statewide Support for Judging Teams

### Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) in Curtis

NCTA received \$4,500 from the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation. Those dollars were generated from the Retail Value Steer Challenge..



**2023 - 2024 NCTA College Livestock Judging Team** (Right to left) Jay Ady, Jasper Hunt, Kaydence Lamont and Kelley Duggan

### Northeast Community College (NECC) in Norfolk

NECC received \$4,500 from the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation. Those dollars were generated through the Retail Value Steer Challenge.

#### 2023-2024 Northeast Community College Livestock Judging Team

Front row (left to right) Grace Meiergerd, West Point; Emily Happold, Doniphan; Jack Ritter, Beemer; Cole Miller, Charter Oak, Iowa; Back Row (left to right) Nate Kaup, West Point; Kyle Rehak, Wisner; Tatelyne Snover, Seward; Kylie Luebbe, Seward; and Coach Mike Roeber.



# Honoring Donors

### Friend of the Foundation

Each year the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation will honor and thank an individual or business that has supported the Foundation in an extraordinary way. Each Friend will receive a special thank you gift and their name will be added to a plaque at the Nebraska Cattlemen office.

- 2011 Darr Feedlot, Inc.
- 2012 Bill Pullen
- 2013 Gallagher Grace/Mayer
- 2014 Craig and Teri Uden
- 2015 Frank & Shirley Sibert
- 2016 Al & JoAnn Svajgr
- 2017 Gary Tibbetts/Zinpro
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- 2019 Homer and Darla Buell
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- 2021 David and Ann Bruntz
- 2022 Bill and Kathy Rhea



Friend of the Foundation recipients Bill and Kathy Rhea pictured with Ryan Loseke, NCF President

### Cattlemen's Heritage Society

-donors that have created planned gifts that will benefit the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation will be welcomed into the Cattlemen's Heritage Society. Each will receive a special thank you gift and their name will be added to a plaque at the Nebraska Cattlemen office.

- Frank & Shirley Sibert
- Bill & Barb Rishel
- David & Ann Bruntz
- Al & JoAnn Svajgr
- Dave Hunt
- Jana Jensen

The Foundation has established recognition societies to **THANK** those promoting philanthropy by creating planned gifts and/or endowments through the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation.

#### Cattlemen's Legacy Society

-donors that have created endowments within the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation will be welcomed into the Cattlemen's Legacy Society. Each will receive a special thank you gift and their name will be added to a plaque at the Nebraska Cattlemen office.

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- Bill Heller Memorial
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- Martin Viersen Memorial
- NC Beef Pit
- Vance Uden Memorial
- Cattlemen's Open
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- Clarence and Lois Jean Hartmann
- Colonel Russell Huss
- Ron & Shirley Huss
- Bill Pullen/Bill's Volume Sales
- Bill Briggs Family
- Todd Ricenbaw Family
- Jim & Helen Gran
- Dr. Jeff Fox Memorial
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# Annual Fundraiser

### 170 steers were gathered for the 24th Annual Retail Value Steer Challenge!!

Serving as the primary fundraising event for the foundation, thousands of dollars has been raised over the last twenty-four years, which has enabled the Foundation to grant additional scholarships, support leadership development programs for youth and adults and fund research and education projects and infrastructure development. Next year's annual report will showcase the history of the RVSC and the changes that have been made over the years.

THANK YOU to ALL the STEER DONORS over the years, we greatly appreciate your support!

#### Average Daily Gain Winners

- 1st Steer #113 Waypoint Bank 2nd Steer #166 – Niobrara Valley Vineyards
- 3rd Steer #6 UNL Animal Science Teaching Spangler

#### **Carcass Value Winners**

- 1st Steer #29 High Plains Feed Yard
- 2nd Steer #51 Cross Diamond Cattle Company
- 3rd Steer #73 Ron & Nancy Kvols

#### **Overall Winners**

- 1st Steer #16 Anderson Grain
- 2nd Steer #91 21st Century Equipment
- 3rd Steer #117 Dinklage Feed Yard, Inc.



November 2023 kicked off the 25th Annual Retail Value Steer Challenge!

THANK YOU: Darr Feedlot and staff -For hosting all 25 steer challenges!

Darr Feedlot

# Leadership Development

### Nebraska Youth Beef Leadership Symposium

The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation has supported this education event held at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln (UNL) for twelve years. Youth from across Nebraska get an inside look at life at UNL and the beef industry as a whole. This event has contributed to the increase in enrollment at UNL – CASN.

The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation contributes \$2,500 to this program annually.



Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation Board of Directors meets in person several times a year. In the fall the board travels to a location where grants have been awarded from the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation. On September 12, 2023, the board traveled to Northeast Community College in Norfolk to hold their meeting and tour the very impressive vet tech facilities/laboratory.





NCF President Ryan Loseke presented Mark Jagels a plaque thanking him for his years of serving on the NCF Board of Directors. Thank you Mark!



# Charitable Gift Planning Helps You Give Back

#### Originally published on 10/11's Pure Nebraska Program

A Lincoln couple says they've chosen to give 20% of their estate back to charitable causes. Others are being encouraged to make charitable gift planning a priority to support greater Nebraska.

For Chuck and Janel Hibberd, deciding to do some charitable gift planning just made sense. "We both come from families of parents who are engaged in the community and active in philanthropy," Chuck Hibberd said. "They set a tone for us in terms of the way we see the world." Chuck and Janel have always been active in their communities. Chuck is an emeritus professor at UNL. He held several positions, including Dean of Nebraska Extension. Janel spent many years in public schools working in areas of early childhood education. "It's all been about family and serving small communities," Janel said.

When it came to planning the future, the couple wanted to give back. "As we were revisiting our estate plan, one of the things we realized was, our estate plan did not reflect our values in terms of philanthropy and supporting issues and projects that we are passionate about," Chuck said. The couple decided to take another look at their will, and that was the beginning of the conversation. "What we really did next is, we said if we are going to do this, we started talking about what kinds of things were important to us, and what kinds of things reflect our values that we'd like to support longer term," Chuck said.

One area they chose to support is early childhood development. "Our children are the future," Janel said. "I always worked with kids. We both worked with kids and their creativity and passion in the way they problem-solve. We've just always invested in young minds." 4-H Youth Development is another area where Chuck and Janel want their charitable giving to go, as they both have a fond appreciation for their hometown areas. "Janel was born in Loup City, and grew up in Chadron, Norfolk and Fremont," Chuck said. "I grew up in Cozad and Lexington. So, the Nebraska Community Foundation was a logical place to think about a way to invest some of our estate to help support rural communities across Nebraska."

Chuck and Janel decided to use the tools available through NCF to help them make decisions. They approached the now-retired Director of Advancement and Gift Planning, Jim Gustafson to discuss those tools. "We talked about what is the nature of philanthropy, in terms of how you do the work," Chuck said. "Is it a charitable remainder trust? Is it a charitable fund? What is the vehicle, and what choices do we have? Jim also really helped us think about the tax consequences of the choices we were making. He helped us understand that using our tax-deferred funds to support this charitable work was an advantage to us, so that was incredibly valuable." NCF also helped Chuck and Janel find key experts to get the ball rolling. "As we got to the point where we knew what we wanted to do, we found people who knew how to do it," Chuck said. "We didn't have to worry about the legal language, so we could focus on our priorities and values, and what we wanted to accomplish."

"It wasn't hard, it just took some time, because we were very deliberate in what we were doing," Janel said. "All along the way, we visited with our kids, and let them know what we were trying to do, and we updated them." Now, Chuck and Janel Hibberd have a plan. "We



decided to commit 20% of our estate to charity," Chuck said. "That 20% will go to the Nebraska Community Foundation, and they will manage the Hibberd Charitable Fund for us. Once we are deceased, 50% of the annual earnings of that fund will stay with NCF for their priorities. 25% will go to the Nebraska 4-H Foundation to support 4-H Youth Development, and 25% will go to the 4-H Youth Foundation to support the early childhood development program at the University of Nebraska."

Chuck and Janel hope others will consider charitable gift planning. "I think the big thing is to spend some time talking about what is important to you," Chuck said. "Certainly, you want to take care of your family, and you want to take care of your kids. But, are there other priorities you want to focus on? Spend some time, dig in, and find some people who know about those areas who can help you learn more. If you actually do this, how would the money be used?" Both Chuck and Janel say Nebraska Community Foundation is a good place to get your questions answered and start the conversation.

Charitable gift planning allows people to provide for the future of their family and their community. If you are interested in having a conversation contact Jana Jensen, Nebraska Community Foundation and Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation Fundraising Coordinator at janajensen@nebcommfound.org or 308.588.6299.

# Giving Back to the Industry

### Endowed Scholarship Funds:

Permanent funds that will invest in the youth and future of our industry.

- 🗆 Robert F. Lute II Memorial
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- □ Jim & Helen Gran Scholarship
- Dr. Jeff Fox Memorial
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- Nebraska Beef Industry Endowment
- Nebraska Range and Conservation Endowment
- □ Nebraska Judging Teams Endowment
- UNL Meats Judging Team Endowment
- Leadership Development Endowment (Youth & Adult)
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