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## **HAHN RECEIVES MIKE DUGDALE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

2010 National Junior Shorthorn Show & Conference



OMAHA, Neb., (July 8, 2010) – At the 2010 National Junior Shorthorn Show and Conference, held in East Lansing, Mich., scholarships were awarded to several deserving individuals. Of these scholarship recipients, Callyn Hahn, Watseka, Ind., was awarded the Mike Dugdale Memorial Scholarship. This \$1000 scholarship is awarded to a collegiate upperclassman who is an active AJSA (American Junior Shorthorn Association) member with a sincere interest in bettering the beef cattle industry after college.

The Shorthorn family lost one of its long time members with the passing of D. Michael Dugdale in 2006. Dugdale was involved in the first importation of Irish Shorthorns in the late 70's and early 80's. He served both Nebraska and Iowa Shorthorn Associations, holding several offices in each. In the early 80's, he was elected to the board of directors of the American Shorthorn Association. In his history of being a manager, herd consultant, and order buyer, Dugdale attended hundreds of Shorthorn sales throughout North America and Canada and has purchased untold numbers of Shorthorn cattle. The Shorthorn Foundation funds a memorial scholarship because of his dedication and inspiration to the breed.

Callyn Hahn has exhibited many of these similar qualities throughout her years of involvement in the Shorthorn breed. From several applicants, she stood out as a great asset to the industry. She is currently attending Kansas State University pursuing a degree in Animal Science with a business option and a minor in Psychology. As an exhibitor of Shorthorn cattle for eleven years, her goals for the breed are directed towards a well-rounded future. Her goals include becoming more competitive in the commercial market through performance and carcass data while capitalizing on exceptional maternal traits.

*“With the use of Gene Star testing, we can target exceptional genetics that are suited for the industry and from there work on numbers that will put Shorthorns on a competitive field. I say we, because as we know it is hard for one person to change the industry, but I as an individual have the voice to share my idea with hopes of support,”* Hahn said.

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Applications for the 2011 Mike Dugdale Memorial Scholarship are due May 1, 2011, to the ASA office located in Omaha, Neb. For more information, contact Amanda Reeson or visit [www.shorthorn.org](http://www.shorthorn.org).

The mission of the ASA is to contribute to the profitability and quality of life of its members and their customers by maintaining, protecting the vulnerability and enhancing the value of the herd book and performance database for Shorthorn cattle. The ASA is headquartered in Omaha, Neb., and was founded in 1872 with herd book records going back to 1822. As one of the oldest American breed associations, the ASA provides services for more than 6,000 junior and senior members who register nearly 18,000 cattle annually. The American Junior Shorthorn Association promotes personal development through youth activities and educational events. The AJSA is dedicated to the betterment of its members, promotes valuable skills, and fosters friendships that will last a lifetime. To learn more, contact the ASA office or visit [www.shorthorn.org](http://www.shorthorn.org).

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**A photo of Callyn Hahn is available upon request.**