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Five Young Women Awarded Steffany Lynn Sklar Memorial Scholarships

Five outstanding young women have been awarded \$1,000 scholarships from the Steffany Lynn Sklar Memorial Scholarship Fund, administered by the Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas (ICA). The scholarships were presented at the ICA convention held recently in College Station.

“All donations to the ICA's Steffany Lynn Sklar Memorial Scholarship fund, initiated in 2002, go to the best possible use -- the education of young men and women who hunger for knowledge, training and a career in agricultural-related fields,” said Bill Hyman, ICA executive director. “Thanks to the generosity of our members and a recent \$1,000 donation from M & J Fertilizer Company in Winnie, scholarships this year were extended to five outstanding young women who excelled academically and have served their schools and community.”

Recipient Dakota Fleming of Troy has been deeply involved in 4-H activities and with community events that teamed organizations, including the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and other youth groups to conduct county-wide events. Dakota, the daughter of Robert and Lynn Fleming, graduated 11th in her class at Troy High School, all while continuing activities in FFA, band and the student council. She will study agriculture leadership and development at Texas A&M University. (Photo not available.)



J'Storme Jannise, daughter Jay and Stacie Jannise of Hamshire, was on the varsity track and volleyball teams for Hamshire-Fannett High School and served on the student council for four years, all while maintaining her place in the National Honor Society. She was an FFA officer, earned the Lone Star FFA degree and competed in a broad array of livestock shows. She will study agribusiness and pre-veterinary medicine at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville.

J'Storme Jannise

Kristi Ikels of Marion plans to be a large animal veterinarian, specializing in cattle. She worked for veterinarian Scott Bugai for the past two years, and served on her church leadership council, taught Sunday school and was a Vacation Bible School teacher. Kristi was very active in FFA, the National Honor Society and was on the student council—and still managed to raise her own show cattle. Kristi is the daughter of Keith and Annette Ikels. (Photo not available.)



Julia Suzette Horn, the daughter of William and Delana Horn of Nome, near Beaumont, has been involved in nearly every available 4-H, FFA, scholastic, church and community service activity. A graduate of Hardin-Jefferson High School, Julia has been recruited by the livestock judging team at Butler Community College in El Dorado, Kansas, where she will train for and compete in numerous competitions across the country. Julie plans to then transfer to Texas A&M University, where she will pursue a degree in agricultural business, with a minor in agricultural communications.

Julia Horn

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When she wasn't practicing with the drill team or playing basketball or volleyball, Shelby Franzen of Winnie was volunteering with community service to the elderly, working on church projects or helping on her parents' hay and cattle farm. Shelby, the daughter of Steve and Lisa Franzen, was voted by her fellow students as the most involved, most courteous and most likely to succeed. Shelby was an honor student with perfect attendance. A gifted young writer, she will pursue a degree in business and education at Texas A&M University.

Shelby Franzen

“The Steffany Lynn Scholarship Memorial Fund has allowed the ICA to assist outstanding students, and it is not only a privilege, but a pleasure for the ICA to administer the fund and present these scholarships to graduating seniors who are either a member of the Independent Cattlemen's Association or a child or grandchild of a member.”

Founded in 1974, the ICA has become a voice on agricultural-related issues for thousands of Texas cow/calf producers. For more information about ICA, visit www.icatexas.com.