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## **American Royal Awards a Heifer to 2016-17 Calf Scramble Winners**

Kansas City, Missouri – The American Royal is awarding a \$1250 voucher to purchase a weanling heifer to 13 students who successfully competed and won a place in the 2016-17 American Royal Calf Scramble Class.

The American Royal Calf Scramble, in its 10<sup>th</sup> year, provides students in 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade an opportunity to compete for a chance to receive a voucher to purchase a weanling heifer to raise for the next year. In 2016 there were 17 students who scrambled for 13 vouchers. Each student successfully captured a calf during intermission of the PRCA rodeo, and now can purchase a heifer calf of any breed to raise throughout the next year. Each of the students were either a member of FFA or 4-H. The 13 students include:

Jessica Ambrosier of Norton, KS – Daughter of Wade and Diana Ambrosier  
Taylor Thomas of Emporia, KS – Daughter of Floyd and Tammy Thomas  
Jaimee Foster of Emporia, KS – Daughter of Keith Foster & Shirley Crist  
Olivia Hamlin of Americus, KS – Daughter of Rick and Lacie Hamlin  
Austun Periman of Cassville, MO – Son of Larry Periman  
Trey Sturgell of Cassville, MO – Son of Chad Sturgell  
Kaylee Coursey of Butterfield, MO – Daughter of Donald and Jennifer Privett  
Alexis Coursey of Butterfield, MO – Daughter of Donald and Jennifer Privett  
Riley Healey of Lampe, MO – Son of Jason and Jessie Ponder  
MaKayla Bray of Lawrence, KS – Daughter of Mike and Sherri Bray  
Emma Brown of Linnwood, KS – Daughter of David and Angie Brown  
Hunter Whitt of Savannah, MO – Son of Bill and Tonya Graebe  
Halley Flory of Wellsville, KS – Daughter of Clint and Josie Flory

In addition to raising their heifer, the students will provide a monthly report back to the American Royal and their assigned sponsors. The completion of the program occurs when the student and their heifer return to the special American Royal Calf Scramble show during the 2017 American Royal Livestock Show. Once the show is complete the heifer is the student's to keep to start their own cattle herd.

“The Calf Scramble Program truly embraces the American Royal’s mission of impacting the future of agriculture said Lynn Parman, President and CEO of the American Royal. “This program teaches its young participants responsibility and accountability through the monthly reporting requirement and gives them the opportunity to influence their future through hard work and dedication.”

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## **About the American Royal Association**

Woven through the history of Kansas City since 1899, the American Royal provides opportunities for youth and adults from around the country to compete in our Livestock Show, ProRodeo, Horse Shows, and the World Series of Barbecue®. These events allow the American Royal, a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization, to give over \$1 million annually for youth scholarships and support agriculture education programs. Over 270,000 attendees annually attend American Royal events that generate over \$60 million of economic impact. To learn more about the American Royal visit [AmericanRoyal.com](http://AmericanRoyal.com).

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