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Texas Junior Awarded Australian Exchange Program Recipient

Congratulations to Molly Smith, former AJBA Director, for being the 2018 AJBA Australian Exchange Program Recipient. Each year this award is given to one AJBA member who has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills and a proven devotion to the Brahman breed and beef industry. The award recipient is given the opportunity to spend up to three months in Australia learning more about the Brahman breed and the Australian breeders. The time of the trip depends on the award recipient’s schedule.

Molly Smith grew up in Lockhart, Texas and is currently attending Texas A&M University- Kingsville. Molly has been involved in the cattle industry since the age of 8 but was only introduced to Brahman cattle six years ago, when she began showing them. Molly quickly fell in love with the Brahman breed as she found them to be “intelligent and inquisitive creatures that tend to be a little shy and love affection”. Molly decided to apply for this trip because she believes that if you truly want to understand something then you need to immerse yourself in all aspects of the subject. She learned about this opportunity from a friend of hers who was a prior recipient. After researching the award, she knew that this was a great opportunity for her to continue her education of the Brahman breed. In fact, Molly said “by applying for this award, I was giving myself the chance to have an educational experience of a lifetime!”

Molly is very excited to go to Australia where she will meet new people and learn about their culture. She is also enthusiastic about “the exposure to the breed in such a way that I have not encountered before”. In the future, Molly sees herself in agriculture as a college professor and researcher. She is particularly interested in “studying genetics and biometric traits of cattle to facilitate reproduction”. No matter what career Molly decides to be a part of, one thing is sure “I have a clear plan of what my future will hold and that includes making a positive impact on the Brahman breed”.

If you are an AJBA member between the ages of 18-25 please consider applying for this award in January of 2019.

For more information about the American Junior Brahman Association and this award please visit brahman.org.