

Experience of a Lifetime for Michigan Scholars

According to the 2005 recipients, Judith Grauer and Dougal Purcell, the Semex Phoenix Genetics Michigan State University Scholarship has given them a fantastic, rounded learning experience.

During 2005, Judith and Dougal each attended Michigan State University (MSU) for one semester, where they studied a number of animal science and crop and soil subjects.

Their time at MSU wasn't all study; they were also involved in plenty of extra curricular university activities and social events such as crew rowing and football and baseball games. They toured the Michigan region and also attended numerous beef industry events.

As part of their Semex Phoenix Genetics Michigan State University Scholarship, Judith and Dougal were provided with a round-the-world airline ticket. This has given them both the opportunity to travel to Europe to gain an insight into the United Kingdom's beef industry. Dougal travelled to the UK on his way to the USA in June 2005, where he attended the Royal Show and stayed with prominent UK Angus and Shorthorn stud breeders James and Debbie Playfair-Hanney. Judith will be attending similar activities when she travels to Europe during the 2005-2006 summer.

When they arrived in the US, Judith and Dougal completed a one week genetics tour with Jim Bruce of Phoenix Genetics, travelling through Colorado, Nebraska, and



Dougal Purcell, Jim Bruce from Phoenix Genetics and Judith Grauer during their genetics tour in the US.

South and North Dakota. According to Judith and Dougal, visiting leading US seed stock and agribusiness organisations was a fantastic orientation to the US beef industry.




Following the tour they spent seven weeks in the west and mid-west of the US, staying at a number of ranches. During this time Judith and Dougal were given a unique insight into the US stud and commercial beef industries, had the opportunity to meet key US beef industry personnel and were treated to some real American hospitality.

Through sponsorship provided by Angus Australia and the Australian Beef Industry Foundation (ABIF), Judith and Dougal attended two major National Junior American Angus Association events: the National Junior Angus Show held in Denver,

Colorado, and the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference held in Boise, Idaho. They are looking forward to working with Angus Youth committees to implement some of the ideas and activities that were used at these events.

Judith and Dougal would like to acknowledge and send a big thank-you to all the sponsors of the Semex Phoenix Michigan State University Scholarship. These include Semex and Phoenix Genetics, Angus Australia and ABIF. Through this scholarship, these sponsors provide a fantastic opportunity for young people in the beef industry.

It is the opportunity to have the experience of a lifetime and should not be overlooked by any young beef enthusiast who is interested in broadening their knowledge of the beef industry.

   <p>INSPIRING BEEF INDUSTRY CAREERS</p>	<p>The Semex / Phoenix Genetics Michigan State University Scholarship is open to young beef enthusiasts aged between 21 and 30 when taking up the scholarship. Tertiary education is not a requirement.</p>	<p>They will also have the opportunity to join the Semex / Phoenix Genetics Beef Breeders tour in the US, travelling with Semex staff. There is also the possibility of receiving AUD\$1100 towards attending US National Junior Angus Association events.</p>
	<p>The Michigan scholar receives a return airfare to the US to study at Michigan State University for a semester, up to AUD\$2,000 towards subject enrolment and AUD\$2,000 for accommodation expenses.</p>	<p>To find out more about this wonderful opportunity, contact Leanne Waters, Angus Australia Youth Co-ordinator, on 02 6773 4608 or email leanne@angusaustralia.com.au.</p>