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Jake Fanning Awarded Richard Gebhart Leadership Legacy Scholarship

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., July 22, 2018 – Jake Fanning, was recently awarded the \$2,500 Richard Gebhart Leadership Legacy Scholarship. Fanning grew up in May, Okla. but now resides with his wife, Megan in the Oklahoma City area.

This scholarship is offered to students who have already received a 4-year degree and are enrolled in and/or pursuing a post-graduate degree. Fanning obtained an Agribusiness Pre-Law degree at Oklahoma State University. He plans to earn his Juris Doctorate at Oklahoma City University School of Law this fall.

The Gebhart Legacy Scholarship Fund is administrated through the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Foundation (OCF). Applicants must be able to show experience and involvement in cattle industry leadership activities and must be members in good standing of the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association (OCA) or their state cattlemen's association.

In cooperation with his siblings, Jake owns and operates EJM Cattle Company. He was the 2014 FFA State Star Farmer of Oklahoma. Additionally, Jake is an excellent student where he maintained a perfect 4.0 GPA throughout his college career all while being highly involved on campus.

"Richard Gebhart is a past president of the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association and served in several other capacities within the beef industry on a local, state and national level. Richard earned several degrees in diverse areas," said Weston Givens, OCA President.

This scholarship pays honor to Richard while supporting and encouraging young people with an interest in agriculture – another passion of Richard's.

"We are proud to administer this scholarship for the Gebhart family to assist agricultural youth, like Jake, further their education," Givens said.

The Gebhart Legacy scholarship was 1 of several scholarships totaling more than \$16,250.00 that the OCF presented during 66th Annual OCA Convention and Trade Show.

The Oklahoma Cattlemen's Foundation is dedicated to preserving the heritage of the West and the viability of Oklahoma's beef cattle industry through research and education. The Oklahoma Cattlemen's Foundation was founded in 1979 and is funded by personal contributions. The Oklahoma Cattlemen's

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Photo Cutline: The Gebhart family presents Jake Fanning with the Richard Gebhart Legacy Scholarship.

(L to R) Bryce and Adrienne Bethel, Susan Gebhart, Matt Boyer, Jake Sims and Weston Givens, OCA President.

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