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## **Colton Tuff of Afton Awarded \$500 Scholarship**

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK, July 21, 2018 – Colton Tuff of Afton, Okla. was awarded a \$500 scholarship during the recent Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association (OCA) Convention and Trade Show. This scholarship was funded by Merck Animal Health's Cartridges for Cash program and administered by the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Foundation. For every empty Revalor and Ralgro cartridge received, Merck Animal Health will give \$0.25 to the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association.

Tuff recently graduated from Afton High School as valedictorian of his class. He plans to attend Oklahoma State University and double major in Plant and Soil Sciences and Agribusiness.

"Upon graduating from OSU, I plan to return home and take over running my family's farming operation," Tuff said.

Tuff was active in FFA where he showed, gave speeches, participated in Career Development Events, and served as reporter, secretary, and vice president. He was also active in FCCLA, Art Club, Academic Club, Student Council and FCA.

"It's truly an honor to present young people, like Colton, who have deep, long standing ties to agriculture with scholarships to assist in furthering their education," said Weston Givens, OCA President. "We appreciate Merck Animal Health and the commitment they have made to support the future of the Oklahoma beef industry through the Cartridges for Cash program."

The Oklahoma Cattlemen's Foundation was created to provide a charitable trust for the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association and Oklahoma Junior Cattlemen's Association. When you support the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Foundation, you support beef cattle educational programs, research projects in cooperation with Oklahoma State University, educational scholarships for Oklahoma's 4-H and FFA youth and the preservation of the Oklahoma beef cattle industry and its traditions.

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