

# AJCA-NAJ AWARD CEREMONIES

## Robert Bignami and Harland Askeland Master Breeder Award



*"We believe that, as breeders, we do not create. We simply continue the progress initiated by earlier breeders. And similarly, we hope our accomplishments will be carried on by others."*

Master Breeder recipients, Harland Askeland, left, and his wife, Helen, and Robert Bignami, right, and his wife, Pam, and their daughters, Alane, back, and Wendy, right.

## Alvin Moss

### Distinguished Service Award



*"I would never have thought this Iowa farm kid would end up dairying in Arizona, with Jersey cows at that."*

*I am happy that I was able to contribute to the breed in a small way and have two sons that will continue to contribute to the breed."*

Alvin Moss, recipient of the Distinguished Service Award, and his wife, Grace, and their sons, Kelly, back left, and Bob, back right, with their families at the Jersey Breeders' Banquet held during the AJCA-NAJ Annual Meetings.

## Dr. John C. Wilk

### Award for Meritorious Service



*"The future of research with Jerseys needs to be encouraged because we have fewer and fewer people at universities who want to do research with Jerseys. We need to think about selecting people to do research and paying what needs to be done rather than trying to have competitive research at the higher level."*

Dr. John C. Wilk, recipient of the Award for Meritorious Service, receives his award from NAJ Director James S. Huffard III.

## Dale and Gwyn Anderson Young Jersey Breeder Award



*"It is truly an honor to receive this award. I'd like to give a big thank-you to my sister, Shannon, and my mom, Jennifer, who are keeping things running while I'm gone. I'd also like to thank the Jersey cow, for without her this award would not exist. There has probably never been a better time to own Jerseys."*

Young Jersey Breeder Award recipients Dale and Gwyn Anderson and their daughter, Rachel, with AJCA Director Paul Schirm.

## Jason and Mary Hettinga Young Jersey Breeder Award



*"When we decided to start our dairy, the economics showed us we should do it with little brown cows. We'll never change. We're tickled with the reproductive efficiency; tickled with the production; and tickled with the milk check. We are very happy being in an industry in a growing breed and would like that to continue."*

Young Jersey Breeder Award winners Jason and Mary Hettinga accept their award from AJCA Director Eric Lyon.

## Steven and Amanda Killian Young Jersey Breeder Award



*"We'd like to thank the Wisconsin Jersey Breeders for nominating us and everyone that encouraged us along the way. We're impressed with the Jersey cow and how far the breed has come in the seven years we've milked cows together. Congratulations to all the other award winners—we know how hard you work!"*

Steven and Amanda Killian and their children, Olivia, Sam and Christian, receive their award from AJCA Director Michael Fremstad, left.

**Scott and Amy Richardson**  
Young Jersey Breeder Award



*"We'd like to thank Libby Bleakney and the New England and Vermont Jersey breeders associations for their support of us. Being here now in the presence of so many outstanding and soon-to-be-recognized Jersey farmers is humbling to us. We look forward to meeting people and talking about the Jersey cow in the coming days."*

AJCA Director Libby Bleakney presents Scott and Amy Richardson and their sons with the Young Jersey Breeders Award.

**Jon and Tami Tollenaar**  
Young Jersey Breeder Award



*"We must always remember the past and lessons learned from those that paved the road for us. It is their forward thinking and vision that has made the Jersey breed what it is today. It is our duty to extend that legacy from this generation to future Jersey breeders, and we look forward to that challenge."*

Jon and Tami Tollenaar receive a plaque for the Young Jersey Breeder award from AJCA Director Scott Wickstrom, left.

**Ben and Amy Voss**  
Young Jersey Breeder Award



*"I think we're just at the beginning of our Jersey career. We've got a lot of good things going on. I'd like to thank the Lord for our family, our cows and our farm. I don't think there is a better place we could raise our kids and the Jersey cow is a wonderful animal to have around kids."*

Director Fremstad with Young Jersey Breeders, Ben and Amy Vos, and the youngest of their four children, Noel Angeline.

**Retiring Directors and AJCA President**



AJCA Director Dennis Egelston toasts retiring board members, Clint Collins III, Mike Fremstad and Paul Schirm and thanks them for their guidance and years of service.



NAJ President Jim Ahlem thanks retiring NAJ Director Dale Kauffman for his service to the organization.



AJCA Director Craig Rhein congratulates outgoing AJCA President Donnie Sherman for his years of service.



Retiring Research Foundation Fundraising Chair David Spahr thanks breeders for allowing him to serve the organization.



AJCA President Sherman presents plaques to winners of the Leading Living Lifetime Production Contest, including Tara Yoder, Melanie Chittenden and George Wilson.