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## CYL program announces mentors for 2015-16 youth mentorship program

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Calgary, AB - The Cattlemen's Young Leaders (CYL) Program is pleased to announce the mentors selected for the 2015-16 program. Now in its fifth year, the CYL program continues to offer participants an unparalleled mentorship experience within the Canadian beef industry with an eye to shaping future industry leaders.

The 2015 CYL Mentors and Mentees are:

- ❖ Aaron and Adrienne Ivey (Ituna, SK) and Angela Kumlin (Duchess, AB)
- ❖ Andrea Brocklebank (Calgary, AB) and Breanna Anderson (Swan River, MB)
- ❖ Annemarie Pedersen (Calgary, AB) and Bethany Storey (Guelph, ON)
- ❖ Ben Thorlakson (Airdrie, AB) and Breeanna Kelln (Duval, SK)
- ❖ Brian Perillat (Airdrie, AB) and Brittany Wiese (Bentley, AB)
- ❖ Cathy Sharp (Lacombe, AB) and Penny Patton (Athabasca, AB)
- ❖ Dennis Laycraft (Calgary, AB) and Byron Whitford (Lethbridge, AB)
- ❖ Dylan and Colleen Biggs (Hanna, AB) and Benjamin Campbell (Black Diamond, AB)
- ❖ Edward, Stuart and Bryan Thiessen (Strathmore, AB) and Jodi Flaig (Two Hills, AB)
- ❖ John Baker (Erin, ON) and Ellen Crane (Truro, NS)
- ❖ Martin Unrau (MacGregor, MB) and Shane Klepak (Melfort, SK)
- ❖ Mike Pollard (High River, AB) and Brett Hassard (Medicine Hat, AB)
- ❖ PJ Budler (Fort Worth, TX) and Brandon Sparrow (Vanscoy, SK)
- ❖ Robert Bielak (Toronto, ON) and Brendan Zettler (Teeswater, ON)
- ❖ Trish Jordan (Winnipeg, MB) and Robert Dixon (Vermilion, AB)
- ❖ Tom Lynch-Staunton (Edmonton, AB) and Elizabeth Homerosky (Calgary, AB)

The CYL program appreciates the work of the 2015 CYL Mentor Selection Committee and thanks members Dennis Laycraft, Kevin Boon, Sandy Russell, Dan Ferguson, Deborah Wilson, Michael Latimer and Jill Harvie for their efforts. The mentors and CYLs will soon be participating in orientation conference calls to brief them on the CYL program and expectations for the year. Mentors and CYLs are beginning their mentorship journey by constructing their road map that will outline their activities and learning objectives for the year.

Biographies on CYL mentors and mentees will be posted soon to [www.cattlemensyoungleaders.com](http://www.cattlemensyoungleaders.com).

Started by the CCA in 2010, the CYL Program provides industry-specific training and mentorship opportunities to young producers. CYL participants have the opportunity to explore a potential career choice or involvement with a provincial/national producer organization, while gaining the expertise and business acumen necessary to sustain the cattle industry into the future.

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