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Cattlemen's Young Leaders announce 2016 semifinalists

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Calgary, AB – The Cattlemen's Young Leaders (CYL) program, a national youth initiative of the Canadian Cattlemen's Association (CCA), is pleased to announce the 24 semifinalists vying for 16 mentorship positions in the 2016 program year.

The semifinalists were selected from a pool of nearly 50 applicants. "We are thrilled to see another solid year of applicants to the CYL program," says Jill Harvie, CCA Programs Manager. "CYL is now hitting its five-year milestone since inception and has grown into a well-established and comprehensive program. This year is particularly exciting as we are pleased to invite the 24 semifinalists to take in the new Canadian Beef Industry Conference (CBIC), August 9-11, where they will vie for the 16 mentorship positions. Best of luck to all!"

The 24 semifinalists were selected based on their online applications, which were evaluated by a panel of judges. The finalists will be selected at the CYL Selections and Graduation event on August 9, 2016 in Calgary, AB, in conjunction with the CBIC. CYL semifinalists and graduates will be attending the CBIC conference that week, as well as the CYL 5 Year Milestone Event during the conference opening ceremonies.

The 2016 CYL semifinalists are:

- **British Columbia:** Ryan Scorgie - *Kamloops*
- **Alberta:** Becky Tees – *Cochrane*, Cale Toews – *Beaverlodge*, Grayden Kay – *Lloydminster*, Jessica Sperber – *Rimbey*, Jesse Williams – *Hanna*, Kaleen Harris – *Lloydminster*, Katie Songer – *Sylvan Lake*, Luke Marshall – *Innisfail*, Madeleine Knodel – *Seven Persons*, Mel Hermanson – *Hussar*, Morgan Klaiber – *Seven Persons*, Nicole Viste - *Hanna*
- **Saskatchewan:** Kurtis Reid – *Hepburn*, Kylie McRae – *Kisbey*, Mona Howe – *Leader*, Quinn Anderson Folk – *Fir Mountain*, Roxanne Olynyk - *Regina*
- **Manitoba:** Katelyn Stehr – *Swan River*, Kristy-Layne Carr – *Marchand*, Wilco van Meijl - *Brandon*
- **Ontario:** Chloe Gresel – *Erin*, Jason Hurst – *Guelph*, Melissa Hurst - *Durham*

After final selection, CYL candidates will be paired with a mentor for a nine-month mentorship in their area of interest. In the past, the program has seen a wide range of focus areas. These range from production focusses such as extended grazing seasons, nutrition and embryo work to marketing and trade to industry policy to advocacy. The mentors are handpicked to best suit each individual CYL and set them up for a very successful and productive year. CYLs gain knowledge in their area of interest, exposure to the CCA and its provincial members, an expanded network and personal growth.

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The CYL program is a national youth initiative of the Canadian Cattlemen's Association (CCA). It 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. Visit www.cattlemensyoungleaders.com for more information.