



Keystone International Livestock Exposition 2024 Beef Show Judges

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Blake Bloomberg

Hometown:

Secor, IL

Shows:

Open Show Simmental, SimGenetics, Limousin/LimFlex, Highland, Open Supreme Pageant

Dr. Blake Bloomberg is an Associate Professor and Lead Livestock Judging Coach at Black Hawk College East Campus. Blake and his wife, Wravenna, have four children. A daughter Breckyn, twin boys Brenhem and Berwick and a son Bexton.

Blake was raised in Berwick, IL on his family's diversified livestock operation that consisted of cattle, hogs and row crops.

Dr. Bloomberg currently serves as the Livestock Judging Coach at Black Hawk East in Galva, IL and coached the 2022 Junior College Team of the Year.

During his career at Oklahoma State and Texas A&M, Blake has coached the National Champion Livestock Judging Team in 2017, 2018 and 2019 and Reserve National Champion Livestock Judging Teams in 2009, 2014 and 2015. Blake was named the 2007, 2008, 2009, 2014, 2017, 2018 and 2019 National Collegiate Coaches Association Coach of the Year. He also served as co-coach of their Meat Animal Evaluation Team that were the National Champion in 2011, 2014 and 2015 and Reserve National Champion in 2010, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Blake attended Black Hawk East Jr. College and was a member of the 2004-2005 judging team that was defeated only once. He was the High Point Individual at the 2006 National Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest and was also a member of the 2006 National Champion Livestock Judging Team for Texas A&M that was undefeated in competition.

Blake has judged livestock shows in 42 states and 3 foreign countries including events at the American Royal, North American International Livestock Exposition, National Western Stock Show, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, San Antonio Livestock Show, and several regional and state events.

Education

Associates Degree- Black Hawk East Jr. College 2005

B.S.- Texas A&M University 2007

M.S.- Texas A&M University 2010

Ph.D.- Oklahoma State University 2013



Zack Butler

Hometown:

Milton, TN

Shows:

Open Show Angus, Charolais, Prospect Steer, Market Heifer Show, Farm Show Preview Show, Market Steer/Heifer Show, Open Supreme Beef Champion Pageant

Zack grew up raising and showing Gelbvieh and Balancer cattle that have been exhibited at the local and national level. He attended Black Hawk Junior College, where he was a member of the livestock judging team that went on to win American Royal in Kansas City. He then transferred and graduated from Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor's in Animal Science, where he was also on the livestock judging team.

He has judged numerous state and national shows, including the National Western Stock Show, the North American International Livestock Show, the World Beef Expo, the Fort Worth Stock Show, the Tulsa State Fair, the Iowa Beef Expo, the Illinois Beef Expo, and the Limousin Jr. National.

Zack currently owns and operates Butlers Landscaping and Lawncare, along with managing Butler Creek Farms with his parents Michael and Barbi, his wife Autumn, and his two daughters Henley and Emery. Butler Creek Farms has an annual bull sale in November, along with two online female and genetic sales throughout the year.



Jay Creamer

Hometown:

Waxahachie, TX

Shows:

National Hereford Show: Open Beef Breeding, Beef Official – College/Jr. Livestock, Open Supreme

Jay Creamer is the manager of GKB Cattle and has been with them since 2006. GKB has two annual Hereford sales; selling bulls in March and females in December.

Jay was the 2013 AHA Hereford Herdsman of the Year. He has successfully shown multiple breeds of cattle at the national level. Jay enjoys working with youth in the cattle industry and is thankful that he has the opportunity to give back to the programs that helped him along the way.

Jay lives in Waxahachie, Texas with his wife Lindsey and three sons, Grady, Gage, and Graham.



Dylan Frazier

Hometown:

Elizabeth, WV

Shows:

Junior Show Angus, Shorthorn, Shorthorn Plus, Limousin/Lim-Flex, Red Angus, Junior Supreme

Dylan Frazier is from Elizabeth, WV where he and his father, Darrel, run a 100 head commercial cow calf operation, with a focus in cattle that will go on to perform in a feedlot scenario. Dylan also owns and operates Frazier Cattle, where he markets competitive show steers via private treaty, online sales, and WV livestock roundup. Frazier Cattle has been fortunate to have success on a multitude of levels in recent years, including multiple county, jackpot, and state fair champions. Dylan also enjoys spending time in church and is a graduate of West Virginia University.



Emily Griffiths

Hometown:
Kendallville, IN

Shows:
Junior Show Charolais, Chianina, Maine
Anjou, Mainetainer, AOB & Crossbred
Heifers, Junior Supreme

Emily Griffiths from Kendallville, IN is the co-owner/operator of 3G Ranch, a purebred seedstock operation consisting of 200 head of Limousin, Gelbvieh, & Angus cattle. The operation's primary income comes from the sale of purebred bulls and females to commercial cattlemen; however, they have extensively used the show ring as a marketing tool. 3G Ranch has bred and exhibited National Champions in 5 breeds.

Presently, in addition to selling high quality seedstock, 3G Ranch markets a number of premium, age and source verified feeder cattle.



Garrett Lampe

Hometown:

Petersburg, IL

Shows:

Livestock Judging Official, Junior Show Hereford,
SimGenetics, Simmental, Junior Supreme

Garrett Lampe is a native of Western Kansas but has lived in Central Illinois for over 15 years. He is a fourth generation Angus breeder. Garrett has bred and raised several state and national champions in the last 20 years. He has judged in numerous states, including State Fairs, NAILE, Keystone, Cattlemen's Congress, and a few Jr Nationals. Currently Garrett is a Show Feed Specialist with Earlybird Nutrition.

Garrett along with his wife Gretchen own and operate Lampe Cattle in Tallula, Illinois. They raise, trade, and sell around 50 show heifers annually across several breeds, as well as consult for other purebred operations. Garrett and Gretchen have 3 boys Weston, Grayson, and Braylon.



Brad Winegardner

Hometown:

Harrod, OH

Shows:

Open Beef Maine-Anjou, Maintainer, AOB, Red Angus, American British White Park

I am a partner in Winegardner/Klingaman Show Cattle along with my wife Melanie and son Tyler, wife Natalie Winegardner and son in law Kurtis, and daughter Hannah Klingaman. We also have a daughter Ashlie and husband Shane Werk. We are completely enjoying our 8 grandchildren and following them in all of their livestock and sports adventures.

We raise Chianina, Maine Anjou, Angus and a few other breeds. I grain farm with my brother and have an annual production sale called the Harvest of Excellence every November. I have judged several major shows across the nation including the National Western Stock Show, NAILE in Louisville and right here at the KILE. I enjoy working with the youth in this fabulous industry.



Chad Zehnder

Hometown:

Stanchfield, MN

Shows:

National Shorthorn, Shorthorn Plus – Open Beef, Open Supreme

Chad Zehnder is the owner of Zehnder Cattle and Zehnder Waage Partnership, seedstock operations focusing on producing industry relevant genetics located in MN. The operation hosts an annual bull sale in March. Chad Zehnder received a Master's and PhD from the University of Minnesota and has spent 20 years as a beef nutrition consultant. Chad and his wife Cameo have two daughters, Sydney and Natalia.