



He's had quite a bit of success. He showed the 2012 regional horned show heifer of the year and has exhibited many division winners at the National Western Stock Show in Denver.

This year's JNHE was an amazing one for Cameron. In addition to being named 2013 Herdsman of the Year, he was also a member of the third-place team fitting team and second-place senior livestock judging team. He was also named Oklahoma's outstanding state member for the third time. And he was named reserve champion senior showman, another coveted honor.

When asked why he enjoys showing, Cameron says with a smile, "It's fun and competitive. Raising high-quality cattle is a challenge and it is my passion to raise the best."

Obviously others took notice of his passion and dedication. A committee of adult national advisors handpicks a group of six juniors to be "finalists" in the herdsman of the year competition. Then JNHE participants, Cameron's peers, voted him the winner.

A true mentor

Sam and Rhonda Eck's son, Nick, was one of those participants that voted for Cameron. Nick has looked up to Cameron his whole life and says that Cameron definitely deserves this honor.

He credits Cameron for not only being a great friend but also giving out fitting advice to make Nick and his cattle look their best. What's more is that Nick says Cameron is always willing to help anyone in addition to working hard on his own cattle.

The nature of the award makes it extra special, Cameron says.

A true honor

"This award is truly the greatest honor I have ever received, mainly because I have been recognized by my peers. Being nominated as herdsman was the honor, being chosen herdsman of the year capitalizes how my peers feel about me. I feel very blessed to be involved in this association on a state and national level," he says.



Cameron attended his first junior national in Tulsa, Okla., in 1999 and hasn't missed once since.



Showing is a family affair for the Currys. Pictured (l to r) are: Curtis, Staci, Cameron and Donna.

It's a lifelong goal he accomplished. "From the time I learned what a herdsman was, I wanted to be that man," Cameron says. "An advisor once told me that a herdsman was the person that can be trusted with high-quality calves and be entrusted in their hands to perform at high-quality levels, from feeding to grooming and fitting to showing and displaying."

Right now, he doesn't know exactly what he'll be doing after college, but he says one thing is certain — his future will include owning and operating his own branch of Curry Hereford Ranch. **HW**



Helping younger Hereford youth has always been a priority. Here he is helping Kylin Oakes in pre-pee-wee showmanship.