

# ARBA YOUTH DEPARTMENT



2011 YOUTH CONTEST RESULTS  
88<sup>th</sup> ARBA NATIONAL CONVENTION

## Management Contest

### Limited Management

District 1 Winner	JANESSA KLUTH	ID
District 1 Winner	TANNER LITTS	WA
District 2 Winner	JACQUELYN PETERSON	CA
District 3 Winner	CASSANDRA BRUSTKERN	IA
District 4 Winner	BREANNA VOORHIS	CO
District 5 Winner	KALEIGH SALZMAN	KS
District 7 Winner	JESSICA LABONTE	MA
District 8 Winner	KRISTA THIERRY	OH
District 9 Winner	LOCHLAN O'NEIL	SC

### National Awards

National Winner	JACQUELYN PETERSON	CA
1st Runner Up	KALEIGH SALZMAN	KS
2nd Runner Up	ELIZABETH MITSCH	KS
3rd Runner Up	LOCHLAN O'NEIL	SC
4th Runner Up	JANESSA KLUTH	ID

### Average Management

District 1 Winner	ABIGAIL KRAFT	ID
District 2 Winner	COLTON PINSON	CA
District 3 Winner	ANDI (SQUIRT) WOLFE	IA
District 5 Winner	MADELYNN YALOWITZ	KS
District 6 Winner	BRITTNEY THOMPSON	FL
District 7 Winner	MELANIE LYONS	NY
District 8 Winner	CALEB TAULBEE	OH
District 9 Winner	HAILEY MART	PA

### National Awards

National Winner	CALEB TAULBEE	OH
1st Runner Up	MADELYNN YALOWITZ	KS
2nd Runner Up	CHELSEA R TUCKER	KS
3rd Runner Up	COLTON PINSON	CA
4th Runner Up	HAILEY MART	PA

### Unlimited Management

District 1 Winner	KELLSEY BLEDSOE	WA
District 2 Winner	KELSIE GRIMSLEY	AZ
District 3 Winner	NICHOLE WILSON	WI
District 4 Winner	KATIE LISLE	TX
District 5 Winner	MASON COLSON	KS
District 7 Winner	ELIZABETH BARRETT	MA
District 8 Winner	LUKE E KLEILEIN	OH
District 9 Winner	TIM WERNER	PA

### National Awards

National Winner	LUKE E KLEILEIN	OH
1st Runner Up	KELSIE GRIMSLEY	AZ
2nd Runner Up	TIM WERNER	PA
3rd Runner Up	ELIZABETH BARRETT	MA
4th Runner Up	NICHOLE WILSON	WI

## Achievement Contest

### Junior Achievement

District 1 Winner	JANESSA KLUTH	ID
District 2 Winner	BEN VOORHEES	CA
District 3 Winner	CASSANDRA BRUSTKERN	IA
District 5 Winner	VICTORIA BRYAN	KS
District 6 Winner	TIFFANY UNDESTAD	FL
District 8 Winner	HANNAH HENRY	OH
District 9 Winner	LAUREN TURNER	PA

### National Awards

National Winner	HANNAH HENRY	OH
1st Runner Up	BEN VOORHEES	CA
2nd Runner Up	CAMI LOWERY	OH
3rd Runner Up	H J OLGER	MI
4th Runner Up	VICTORIA BRYAN	KS

### Intermediate Achievement

District 2 Winner	COLTON PINSON	CA
District 4 Winner	CHEYENNE SNIDER	TX
District 5 Winner	KALEIGH SALZMAN	KS
District 7 Winner	MELANIE LYONS	NY
District 8 Winner	MIRANDA TOLSMA	MI
District 9 Winner	ELIZABETH GALLAGHER	PA

### National Awards

National Winner	MIRANDA TOLSMA	MI
1st Runner Up	COLTON PINSON	CA
2nd Runner Up	CALEB TAULBEE	OH
3rd Runner Up	ELIZABETH GALLAGHER	PA
4th Runner Up	VERONIKA C RODRIGUEZ	PA

### Senior Achievement

District 1 Winner	AUTUMN DENNISTOUN	WA
District 2 Winner	CAITLIN VOORHEES	CA
District 2 Winner	JESSICA CROWHURST	CA
District 3 Winner	ANDI (SQUIRT) WOLFE	IA
District 4 Winner	VIRGINIA VICKERS	TX
District 5 Winner	CHELSEA R TUCKER	KS
District 6 Winner	BRITTNEY THOMPSON	FL
District 7 Winner	ELIZABETH BARRETT	MA
District 8 Winner	JESSICA USAKOWSKI	MI
District 9 Winner	MATTHEW BISHOP	PA

### National Awards

4th Runner Up	CAITLIN VOORHEES	CA
3rd Runner Up	CHELSEA R TUCKER	KS
2nd Runner Up	MATTHEW BISHOP	PA
1st Runner Up	BRITTNEY THOMPSON	FL
National Winner	ANDI (SQUIRT) WOLFE	IA

## Breed Identification Contest

### Junior Breed Identification

National Winner	CAMI LOWERY	OH
1st Runner Up	KAYCEE BAIRD	IN
2nd Runner Up	SARAH HALE	WA
3rd Runner Up	CHRISTIAN RENNER	OH
4th Runner Up	BRYCE COTTERINO	MD

### Intermediate Breed Identification

National Winner	SARAH JO BURK	IN
1st Runner Up	MIRANDA TOLSMA	MI
2nd Runner Up	ABIGAIL KRAFT	ID
3rd Runner Up	KYLEE HINES	OH
4th Runner Up	APRIL ASCHER	KS

### Senior Breed Identification

National Winner	GWEN BRUNELLE	ID
1st Runner Up	JENNY EASTON	ID
2nd Runner Up	ZACHARY SAUER	IA
3rd Runner Up	BRITTNEY THOMPSON	FL
4th Runner Up	TAYLOR KRUSE	OH

## Individual Contests

### Junior Showmanship

National Winner	BEN VOORHEES	CA
1st Runner Up	SHELBY HOOGENBOOM	IN
2nd Runner Up	CARL ELMORE	IN
3rd Runner Up	MADISON R SHAW	PA
4th Runner Up	JANESSA KLUTH	ID

### Intermediate Judging

National Winner	CORTNI BISSON	WA
1st Runner Up	MEGAN HISLE	MI
2nd Runner Up	DANIEL WILSON	IN
3rd Runner Up	KACI FORAKER	KS
4th Runner Up	ASHLEY MAHAFFEY	WA

### Senior Judging

National Winner	RACHEL EHNIS	MI
1st Runner Up	JACALYNN GUMZ	WI
2nd Runner Up	AUTUMN DENNISTOUN	WA
3rd Runner Up	ANN LOKKE	MN
4th Runner Up	JESSICA COTTER	WI

## Educational Contests

Art National Winner	GWEN BRUNELLE	ID
Crafts National Winner	CAITLIN VOORHEES	CA
Creative Writing National Winner	APRIL ASCHER	KS
Educational Poster National Winner	LIZA ROGERS	KS
Educational Display/Game National Winner	ELIZABETH MITSCH	KS
Photography National Winner	HANNA KADINGER	IN
Woodworking and Metalworking National Winner	NELLIE C BROWN	IN

## Team Quizbowl

### Junior Team

1st Place Team	Ohio Junior	
	CAMI LOWERY	CARSON ARTRIP
	JULIANA ARTRIP	CHRISTIAN RENNER
2nd Place Team	Maryland Junior	
	JULIA BEALL	MELANIE MARTIN
	LUKE RYBA	BRYCE COTTERINO
3rd Place Team	District 1 Junior	
	SARAH HALE	JANESSA KLUTH
	TANNER LITTS	ELLIE BOSWELL

## Team Judging

### Intermediate Team

1st Place Team	Kansas Intermediate	
	KACI FORAKER	MADELYNN YALOWITZ
	APRIL ASCHER	KALEIGH SALZMAN
2nd Place Team	District 8 Intermediate	
	WILL HALMHUBER	JORDAN FURER
	REBECCA LILLY	LILLIAN JILLSON
3rd Place Team	Michigan Intermediate	
	CIARA DELANEY ALLEN	MIRANDA TOLSMA
	NATALIE AUSTIN	TAYLOR USAKOWSKI

### Senior Team

1st Place Team	District 9 Senior	
	FRANCESCA REILLY	PAIGE SMITH
	ELIZABETH GRAY	ELIZABETH WILTSHIRE
2nd Place Team	Michigan Senior	
	JESSICA BOWSER	RACHEL EHNIS
	MICHAELA SIMMONS	MCKENNA LYNCH
3rd Place Team	New York Senior	
	ERIK JORGENSEN	JAMES W AMELS
	DANIELLE VANSLYKE	KAITLYN SMITH

## Team Breed ID

### Junior

1st Place Team	Indiana Junior SHELBY HOOGENBOOM DYLAN WHITMER	KAYCEE BAIRD CARL ELMORE
2nd Place Team	Bouncing Baby Buckeyes CAMI LOWERY CHRISTIAN RENNER	CARSON ARTRIP MATTHEW BOES
3rd Place Team	Maryland Junior JULIA BEALL LUKE RYBA	MELANIE MARTIN BRYCE COTTERINO

### Intermediate

1st Place Team	Just Kitting KYLEE HINES JOSHUA WHETSTONE	LUKE E KLEILEIN SIERRA TRIPP
2nd Place Team	District 1 Intermediate BEN EASTON ABIGAIL KRAFT	KAYTE GARREN ASHLEY MAHAFFEY
3rd Place Team	Michigan Intermediate A TAYLOR USAKOWSKI MIRANDA TOLSMA	SIERRA JEZUIT CIARA DELANEY ALLEN

### Senior

1st Place Team	Washington Senior KELSI RAMOS HANNAH MOWRY	AUTUMN DENNISTOUN RAINI BISSON
2nd Place Team	District 1 Senior GWEN BRUNELLE LARISSA SCHULTZ	JENNY EASTON CARRIE NOLAN
3rd Place Team	Kansas Senior BLAKE FORAKER ANNETTE TRIEB	CHELSEA R TUCKER JACOB DAILEY

## T-Shirt Design Contest

### Participant Shirt Design Contest

National Winner	CRYSTA SPIVEY	MI
1st Runner up	BETHANY S FUSIEK	CT
2nd Runner up	AUTUMN D MARKS	IA
3rd Runner up	ANSLEY SAVAGE	SC
4th Runner up	SARAH WELANDER	IL

### Volunteer Shirt Design Contest

National Winner	AUTUMN D MARKS	IA
1st Runner up	FRANCINE MARTIN	PA
2nd Runner up	MARIANA K ROBERTS	IL
3rd Runner up	BRIANNA HAAS	IL

# Royalty

## Lord

2011 ARBA Lord	CODY MORRIS	IN
2011 1st Runner Up Lord	ISAAC BELL	NJ
2011 2nd Runner Up Lord	CALEB BELL	NJ
2011 3rd Runner Up Lord	ISAAC SCHALI	CA
2011 4th Runner Up Lord	DALE SNELL	FL

## Lady

2011 ARBA Lady	HAILEY MART PA	
2011 1st Runner Up Lady	EVA GALLAGHER	PA
2011 2nd Runner Up Lady	EVIE CLARE	MI
2011 3rd Runner Up Lady	GABRIELLE SIMMONS	KS
2011 4th Runner Up Lady	ELLIE BOSWELL	WA

## Prince

2011 ARBA Prince	CHRISTIAN RENNER	OH
2011 1st Runner Up Prince	NOAH BOYCE	IN
2011 2nd Runner Up Prince	BEN VOORHEES	CA
2011 3rd Runner Up Prince	CARSON ARTRIP	OH
2011 4th Runner Up Prince	MASON COLSON	KS

## Princess

2011 ARBA Princess	KAYCEE BAIRD IN	
2011 1st Runner Up Princess	CAMI LOWERY	OH
2011 2nd Runner Up Princess	JOY WESTERCAMP	IA
2011 3rd Runner Up Princess	HANNAH HENRY	OH
2011 4th Runner Up Princess	JANESSA KLUTH	ID

## Duke

2011 ARBA Duke	BRYANT MILLER	OH
2011 1st Runner Up Duke	BEN EASTON	ID
2011 2nd Runner Up Duke	GREGORY THOMAS SHOEMAKER	FL
2011 3rd Runner Up Duke	LUKE E KLEILEIN	OH
2011 4th Runner Up Duke	CALEB TAULBEE	OH

## Duchess

2011 ARBA Duchess	MIRANDA TOLSMA	MI
2011 1st Runner Up Duchess	KACI FORAKER	KS
2011 2nd Runner Up Duchess	APRIL ASCHER	KS
2011 3rd Runner Up Duchess	TAYLOR USAKOWSKI	MI
2011 4th Runner Up Duchess	MADLYNN YALOWITZ	KS

## King

2011 ARBA King	MATTHEW BISHOP	PA
2011 1st Runner Up King	DALTON L KELMAN	WI
2011 2nd Runner Up King	BENJAMIN LIWANAG	CA
2011 3rd Runner Up King	JACOB DAILEY	KS
2011 4th Runner Up King	CHARLIE SNIDER	TX

## Queen

2011 ARBA Queen	GWEN BRUNELLE	ID
2011 1st Runner Up Queen	AUTUMN DENNISTOUN	WA
2011 2nd Runner Up Queen	CHELSEA R TUCKER	KS
2011 3rd Runner Up Queen	HANNAH MOWRY	WA
2011 4th Runner Up Queen	ANNETTE TRIEB	KS



**2011 ARBA Royalty Contest Winners:** (front row, from left) Kaycee Baird, Princess; Hailey Mart, Lady; Cody Morris, Lord; Christian Renner, Prince; (back row, from left) Gwen Brunelle, Queen; Miranda Tolsma, Duchess; Bryant Miller, Duke; Matt Bishop, King. Photo courtesy of Lisa Schmidt.

# 2011 ARBA YOUTH ROYALTY WINNERS

## **Cody Morris, Lord**

Cody Morris, age 8, of Quincy, Indiana is the son of Chad and Tonya Morris. Cody likes to learn about rabbits and to pass on his knowledge. Cody is currently raising Polish rabbits and may branch off into another breed when he decides on one. Cody has raised rabbits for the last three years and is now branching out into the educational contests. Cody would like to thank all the people that have helped him to this goal.



## **Hailey Mart, Lady**



My name is Hailey Mart. I am eight years old. I am home schooled and I am in 3rd grade. I learned how to read when I was 3 and now I like to read a lot. I read a lot of guinea pig and rabbit books. We have over 30 books about rabbits and guinea pigs at my Grandmother's house. I like to go to shows with my younger sister and my grandmother. Sometimes we go to shows that are far away and sometimes we go to shows close by our house. I even got to go to another country called Canada. I like to have my animals win at the shows but sometimes they don't. I have a farm and I like to play with the animals. Here are some of my animals goats, sheep, donkeys, a calf, swans, geese, horses, puppies, kittens,

pigs, turkeys and so much more.

Once I entered a Polish Specialty show. There were 70 animals. I won Best Opposite Sex.

I dressed up my guinea pig for a contest once. He did not win but I got a prize anyway. I made some friends at that show. One time I entered a pet show. She won the pet show for best personality. I went to Minnesota to the national ARBA convention. I met a lot of friends there.

I like to dress up in jeans and jean jacket. I work on our farm and I like to play Indian. I like to paint. I like to go to church and sing. I like to learn British. It is fun to play Indian because I talk British When I grow up I want to be a cook or author. I am a published author. Two of my stories were published in the JACBA.

## **Christian Renner, Prince**

I am Christian Renner from Fayette, Ohio. I am 11 years old and have been raising Netherland Dwarf rabbits for 3 years. The varieties of Netherland Dwarfs I raise are Agouti's and Tan patterns. As I continue with my rabbit journey I hope to one day reach my goal of having a good quality of stock and to make a profitable rabbitry. 2010 was my 1st time going to the American Rabbit Breeders Association National Convention in Minneapolis, MN, in which I represented the State of Ohio on the Junior Breed ID team and we receive 3rd place. This is the first year for me in competing in the American Rabbit Breeders Association Royalty competition. I cannot wait until next year.

I am currently a District Leader for the Ohio State Rabbit Breeders Association Youth and Treasurer of my 4-H club, Just Raisin Hare.

At the Ohio State Fair I have received the following awards, 1st place in the Rabbit Skillathon in 2010 and 2011. In the Breed ID competition I received 3rd place in 2010 and 2nd place in 2011. In the Showmanship competition I placed 5th in 2010. I also have received 3rd place for the poster contest in 2011.



I received 1st place for Rabbit Showmanship at our county fair in 2010 and 2nd place in 2011. In the Breed ID competition I have placed 2nd in 2010 and 2011. I received 2nd place for the Rabbit Skillathon in 2010 and 1st place in 2011.

I really enjoy learning about rabbits. I would like to thank my parents Kevin & Sherry, my 4-H Advisor who is also the Youth Director for the Ohio State Rabbit Breeders Association, Lisa Hoffmann, for all of their encouragement and continued support of my endeavors with my rabbits and travels to and from practices.

### **Kaycee Baird, Princess**



I am very excited to be the ARBA Princess for 2011. I enjoy going to rabbit shows and showing Mini Rex, Netherland Dwarf and Polish rabbits with my sister, Taylor, and my brother, Tanner. We live in the country on a small farm in West Point, Indiana. We have 1 pony, 3 dogs and 2 cats. We have a bunch of rabbits and my brother also raises pigeons. My favorite bunny is Sophie. She was my first black otter Mini Rex doe. I also have Blossom who is my showmanship bunny. She is a broken chocolate Polish. I like fourth grade, showing rabbits and riding my pony, Prancer. My favorite parts of a rabbit show are playing with the bunnies, putting them on the table to show and the raffle. I would like to thank all the people who have helped me with my rabbit project, especially my sister, brother, mom and dad. Also a big thank you goes to Mr. Jim Reynolds,

Mr. Glen Carr, Dr. Carl Broady and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Covert. Hope to see you soon at a rabbit show!

### **Bryant Miller, Duke**

Hello everyone, my name is Bryant Miller and it is a very humbling honor to be the 2011 ARBA Duke. I am 14 years old and I am a freshman at Hilltop High School in West Unity, Ohio. I also live in the small town of West Unity. My rabbitry consists of roughly 100 head of New Zealands and Havanas. The first breed that I acquired was the black New Zealands; I acquired them when I was roughly four years old. After about two years of using the New Zealands for showmanship, I decided it was time to get a smaller breed that would be a better "showmanship rabbit." After much research, I chose the Havana, simply because it looked like a smaller black New Zealand. I have, so far, attended three ARBA conventions: Louisville Kentucky, Minneapolis Minnesota, and this one, Indianapolis Indiana.



I would like to thank everyone who has influenced my rabbit project. There have been many open breeders across the country that have helped me in many ways: building a herd, what exactly to look for, and just tidbits of information that have helped me greatly. Of those, one open breeder stands out: Al Esterline from Indiana. He has been the most influential open breeder regarding how I raise rabbits altogether. The first time I went out to his house, roughly four years ago, I went expecting to simply buy a trio of rabbits. This "simple task" turned into a four hour long lesson that has highly impacted everything I do with my rabbit project. He showed me many quality animals just to put a picture in my head of what I should be looking for. I, at the time, did not know nearly what I know today. Al showing me things about the blacks and what I should look for, has been so incredibly helpful, it is hard to describe in words. Other open breeders that I would like to thank for teaching me many things over the past few years include: Joe Colucci, Glen Carr, Doug and Molly and Covert, Bill Kohl, and so many more. I would also like to thank the many youth members who have helped, supported and encouraged me every step of the way in my rabbit project. One youth member, in particular, Miranda Tolsma, has been very influential to my Havanas, specifically. She and I have actually started to show the Havanas together as

Miller/Tolsma. Finally, I would like to thank my Mother, Billie, and my Father, Brian for supporting me every step of the way. Without their support and help, my hobby of raising rabbits would not be nearly of what it is today.

Being the 2011 Duke, I am going to strive to promote Rabbits as a whole in any way possible. Sharing what knowledge I have acquired hopefully will encourage other youth to start being more involved in ARBA and rabbits in general. It is truly an honor to be the 2011 Duke. Last year I attended over 50 rabbit shows in Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana. I would be glad to meet you, so look me up at the next show.

## **Miranda Tolsma, Duchess**



Hi, I'm Miranda Tolsma, and I am truly honored to be named the 2011 ARBA Duchess. I am 14 years old and a freshman at Michigan Lutheran High School in St. Joseph. In school, I participate in volleyball and choir. I am also active in 4-H. I live in St. Joseph, Michigan and proudly own Daydreamin' Rabbitry, a small rabbitry where I raise Havanas and English Lops. I have been raising Havanas since I was nine years old and am so glad to have started raising English Lops two years ago. When I attended my first ARBA Convention in Kentucky, I remember looking around at all the rabbits and said to my mom, "If this place had moving walkways, this would be Heaven." I've met such wonderful people at rabbit shows and would never trade my experiences for anything in the world. I love meeting new people at shows. We share our stories and adventures about

our rabbit project. This is my fourth consecutive year attending an ARBA Convention and I always love the experience! It's so much fun to meet rabbit breeders from all over the country. It's really what I think ARBA Conventions are all about. Yes, winning at Convention is a nice bonus, but you'll always remember the fun you had and the friendships you made. I'm very excited to be working on my registrar's license and have passed the written and oral tests! By the time this is published, I will have finished the requirements for my license. Participating in royalty contests has definitely helped prepare me for my registrar's test. I would like to thank my family for being so supportive, especially my mom. I would also like to thank the many wonderful people through the years who have helped me with this project. Some have taught me about breeds and judging, some have helped me with one of my breeds, and some have been a great source of advice. I'm not going to list everyone here, but you know who you are. Your friendship, support and encouragement are sincerely appreciated. I would not have been able to accomplish all that I have without you taking the time to help me. *Thank you so much!*

## **Matt Bishop, King**

Hello, my name is Matt Bishop and I am honored to represent the American Rabbit Breeders Association as the 2011 King. I live in Myerstown, Pennsylvania where I am a junior at Eastern Lebanon County High School. My activities at school include being a member of the National Junior Honor Society and the National FFA Organization, where I am currently the 2011 Eastern Lebanon County FFA Chapter Treasurer. In addition to my school activities, I am very active in 4-H. I am a member of the Lebanon County 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Club, the Extra Special Puppy Club, the Latigo 4-H Horse Club, the Lebanon Livestock Club, the Lebanon County 4-H Poultry Club, Tri County Fiber Artist Club, and the Dauphin County Exchange Club. My rabbitry started in December of 2006 with a single Tortoise Dutch Junior Doe that my parents gave me for Christmas. Over the years, it has grown to include Dutch, Satins, Mini Satins, Lilacs, and a few Angoras. I receive help with expanding my rabbitry from my parents, 4-H leaders and local adult rabbit breeders, and I am very thankful for their help and guidance. Just recently, I expanded my rabbitry to include a



caviary with Himalayan American caviaries and Coronet caviaries. I really enjoy raising rabbits and caviaries, going to shows, and competing in the many educational and showmanship contests. All of these experiences have inspired me to go try to obtain my registrar's license from the American Rabbit Breeders Association.

When I am not in school or working on 4-H projects, I am probably at a rabbit show, horse show, four wheeling, fishing, water skiing, snowmobiling, or just hanging out with my friends. I have always really liked being around and working with all kinds of animals. Currently, I have two horses, rabbits, caviaries, chickens, ducks, geese, sheep, alpacas, and a Seeing Eye Dog. All of these animals will help aid me in my goal in life to become a Veterinarian. In the future, I would like to attend Delaware Valley University to pursue a degree in Veterinary Science. Ever since I was a little kid, I have wanted to be a Vet. Saving and helping sickly and needy animals has always been a top priority in my life. I hope that after I graduate college, I will be able to fulfill my dream of becoming a Veterinarian, then eventually owning my own Veterinarian practice.

## Gwen Brunelle, Queen



I am absolutely thrilled to be named Queen! I've put so many months of work and studying into my project; it certainly has paid off...

My name is Gwen Brunelle. I am 15 years old and in my sophomore year of high school. I live in eastern Boise, Idaho within walking distance of downtown. My family and I run a small 20 hole rabbitry. We raise Jersey Woolies in various Self, Shaded, and Tan Pattern varieties. We attend around a dozen rabbit shows each year ranging from a short single show all the way to nationals. My rabbit frenzy started in May 2007 when I joined 4-H with my first pet-store rabbit. Since then, I began raising Jersey Woolies, showing at ARBA shows, and even winning Best in Show titles with my stock. I am so proud to have seen myself come this far in only a few short years.

I am currently working for my Registrar's License and, by the time you are reading this, have hopefully passed my test. In the next year, I hope to begin working under judges.

This was my second time competing in the American Rabbit Breeders Association Royalty. I am so honored to win Queen; it is certainly my highest achievement. Besides this year's ARBA royalty, some of my memorable titles would be National Int Breed ID Winner 2010, 3rd Runner-Up National Duchess, Idaho State Duchess of 2009, 1st Runner-up Idaho Duchess in 2010, Runner-Up WSRBA Duchess 2010, and the Idaho Statesman Award in 2009 for rabbit showmanship. I have won Champion at the Western Idaho Fair three times in five years. Even at my first fair, I achieved Junior Champion showman.

The awards have been nice, but it's not the reason why I raise rabbits. Everyday when I go out to my rabbitry, I see happy excited rabbits thrilled to see me. It's so rewarding to set aside a quiet place for a doe and give her everything she needs until I find 5 fat healthy babies in the nestbox. When I go to shows I see so many friends who I may only see once a year. Everyone is striving for the same goals and loves what they do. I wouldn't trade it for the world.

There are so many people that I could thank. I wouldn't be as far as I am without any of them. I, of course, would like to thank my parents who drive me to shows, clean cages, and help finance my project. I also want to thank my entire 4-H club including Kelsey Rawlings, Shayla Benson, Michele Detwiler, and our entire rabbit group. Along with them, Lance and Kari Higbee sold me my first pair and also helped me with nearly all of the youth competitions I've competed in. Among my other friends, I'd like to thank all of the Idaho youth including Danica Kluth, Abbie Kraft, Jenny Easton, Ben Easton, Kaitlyn Boswell, and Kayte Garren. I also want to thank my fellow rabbit breeder friends Ava Pennel, Colleen Stokesberry, Sherri Smith, Byran Savage, Jan Savage, Jessie Muro, and Ryan Kish. Last, I want to thank Louise Magbunduku, my non-rabbit best friend who cares for my animals while I'm away and tolerates my endless bunny banter.

Thank you to the American Rabbit Breeder's Association for naming me ARBA Queen of 2011.