

# 2020 HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

## Kelsey Richardson - Lot #242



Kelsey Richardson, a junior at Soledad High School, is very honored to be this year's SVF Heritage Foundation Scholarship recipient. She is very well rounded being involved in such activities as Soledad High Swim and Cross Country teams, as well as being a member of organizations such as NIOS, Interact, Gonzales 4-H, and Soledad FFA. This past year she served as Secretary for both Soledad and Monterey Bay Section FFA. She also just recently was elected to serve as a South Coast Regional Vice President representing Monterey Bay for this coming year. Kelsey will also run for a chapter office again. She has raised 7 hogs over the years for the SVF, and this year she raised a steer named Jax. She enjoys raising livestock and being an overall active participant in FFA. Her future plans are to attend Hartnell to complete her General Ed requirements before transferring to Cal Poly where she will major in Animal Science. She will continue her education to become a DVM. Through her involvement in FFA, she has truly grown as a person and a leader. As being the Heritage Scholarship winner she received reimbursement for part of her steer and the cost of raising him. She also received a Heritage membership for 2 which will be carried over for next year and will be receiving a \$2500 scholarship.



## Hailey Higgins Heritage Runner Up

Hailey is a graduating senior from Soledad High School. She has been a member of Soledad FFA since her freshman year.. She enjoys public speaking competitions and attends many leadership events and conferences. Hailey has represented Soledad FFA at the state convention. She also has raised market lambs for the Salinas Valley Fair during all 4 years of high school. Since she has developed a passion for raising livestock, she is attending UC Davis in the fall and majoring in Animal Science. Her ultimate goal is to obtain her DVM and become a livestock veterinarian. She will be receiving a \$500 scholarship from the SVF Heritage Foundation, plus a Heritage membership for 2 that will be carried over to next year.

# A NOTE FROM THE SALINAS VALLEY FAIR HERITAGE FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Salinas Valley Fair Heritage Foundation is proud to be a part of the fabric that makes the Salinas Valley Fair an icon of community support and engagement.

Like most of you, we were saddened at the news of the cancellation of this year's fair, but we support and understand the decisions that led to this by the Salinas Valley Fair Board of Directors.

As we navigate our next steps, we recognize that many of us face new economic realities. With this in mind, the 2020 Salinas Valley Fair Heritage Foundation Scholarship Recipient will not participate in this year's online auction. Instead, donations to the Heritage Founda-

tion can be made via the "Add-on" process - Where businesses and individuals can choose a donation amount they are comfortable with listing this year's Salinas Valley Fair Heritage Scholarship recipient Kelsey Richardson Lot #242.

More about the "Add-on" process can be found at [www.salinasvalleyfair.com/JLA](http://www.salinasvalleyfair.com/JLA)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to any Salinas Valley Fair Heritage Foundation Board Member.

We are grateful for all of the support this year's fair has already received and look forward to a successful online auction for all 4H and FFA exhibitors.



*"Taking advantage of each and every opportunity FFA has to offer has definitely shaped me into the person I am today. From learning how to speak in public comfortably, to being taught to lead effectively as well as being able to make*

*connection all over; FFA has taught me many valuable life skills and has given me countless amazing memories"*

**— Kelsey Richardson**  
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*"When I first joined FFA, I had no idea what to expect. Little did I know it would quickly become the core of my life and high school career. From holding chapter office to participating in competitions to showing livestock,*

*FFA helped me find my passion and who I was. Being in FFA for four years has given me the opportunity to grow in the organization and beyond. Even though my time in the FFA is quickly coming to a close as I begin a new chapter of my life, the experience, lessons and memories I have gained within the organization will stay with me forever throughout my life."*

**— Hailey Higgins**  
Heritage Foundation Scholarship Runner-up