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### **Past Showmen Rewarded for their Passion at the County Fair**

San Jose, CA – Six individuals were awarded the Western Fairs' Association Blue Ribbon Award during the junior livestock auction held Sunday at the 70<sup>th</sup> Santa Clara County Fair.

“The Blue Ribbon Award is an appreciation award for outstanding members of your fair community,” said Sara Pence, the Santa Clara County Fair Manager. “It’s a big giant thank you for individuals who go above and beyond for the fair” Pence added.

The awarded individuals were Brian Revino, Bruce MacLeod, Jimmy Mistretta, Al Eaton, Anthony Friebel and AJ Diaz.

The surprise presentation occurred while the men were assisting the Lonnie Toensfelt Memorial Junior Livestock Auction where students age 9 to 19 sell their livestock projects to a large and very supportive crowd.

The honored six were all past 4-H and FFA members and had showed their livestock projects at the Santa Clara County Fair. These individuals worked year round volunteering their time preparing the fairgrounds for the junior livestock auction. Some of their duties include setting the livestock arena, moving pens, working with students and ensuring the show is running smoothly and the barn is in order.

“During the crunch time leading up to the auction they basically live here for about a week-and-a-half donating all their time and asking for little in return,” said Jessamy Koehne, head of sponsorship for the Santa Clara County Fair.

The Fair will run through today, Sunday, August 3, 2014. Information on The Fair is available at [thefair.org](http://thefair.org)

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