

Thank you for joining The American Sheep Industry in Denver, Colorado, at the annual American Sheep Industry Convention. The Make It With Wool contest promotes the beauty and versatility of wool and works with the industry by supplying lifelong consumers of wool fabrics, fibers, and yarns.

Wool is an extraordinary fiber, creating the beautiful array of garments on this fashion runway. It goes beyond the fashion to become the nation's most practical environmental cleanup material. Its versatility is unequaled. It's the fiber of tomorrow, available to consumers today.

Wool is the fiber from generations past that has a bright future as more companies, designers, and home sewers re-discover the valuable properties of the best natural fiber on the planet. A fiber that can create fabrics from the sheerest gauze to heavy duty rugs and tapestries. Wool is all around you!

The garments you see tonight, created with skill and appearing in every color and texture, are the top winners from state contests and represent hundreds of entries and many hundreds of yards of fabrics and skeins of yarn.

Many thanks to the MIWW State Directors for their dedication and promotion of the contest during the year. Also, a big "THANK YOU" is sent out to the generous donors who support this program; your donations are a vital part of the success of the Make It With Wool contest.

Best wishes to all the contestants! And, be sure to save the dates for next year's convention in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Program prepared and sponsored by: The Banner Sheep Magazine

### **2023 WINNERS AND WOOL AMBASSADORS:**



Left to Right: Saidi Ringenberg (NE), Senior Winner; Estefania Espindola (Houston Community College), Design Winner; Sunni Ellington (UT), Adult Winner; and Henry Lemke (MN) Junior Winner

## 2024

## MAKE IT WITH WOOL PROGRAM



#### AMERICAN WOOL

#### **PRESENTATION OF FASHION SHOW:**

**MEIGHAN STEVENS** *MC – MIWW Assistant Representative* 

**AMELIA PARRY** *MC – Utah State MIWW Director* 

#### **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:**

KAREN WEIGHT MIWW National Director

American Sheep Industry Women President

ANNE CRIDER American Sheep Industry President

ANNE CRIDER American Wool Council Chair

Mohair Council of America President

#### **PROGRAM STAFF**

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**SHERATON DENVER DOWNTOWN** *Lights and Audio* 

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## STATE DIRECTORS

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> AMELIA PARRY Utah

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> LORRIE RIEMER Wisconsin

KELLY BARLOW Wyoming

## NATIONAL JUDGES

Judging for this year's national MIWW contest was done by well-qualified individuals, including sewing and fashion professionals and wool producers. We appreciate their expertise and time; judging is never an easy job!!

#### JEANNE CARVER

*Owner of "Shaniko Wool Company" and previous MIWW youth contestant From Maupin, Oregon* 

#### **ALICIA PUCCI**

*Owner of "Sew-It-All" instructional studio, former home economics teacher and former MIWW youth contestant. From Littleton, Colorado* 

#### **CATHY GEORGERIAN**

Denver Chapter American Sewing Guild President, Owner of "Sew Darn Easy" instructional studio, and former MIWW youth contestant. From Colorado

#### LORI BROCESKY

*Co-owner of "Thread Play" Bernina sewing machine dealership. From Centennial, Colorado* 

**GLORIA FISHER** *Former State MIWW judge, Nebraska 4-H Agent and clothing leader* 

#### **CONNIE SANDSTEAD**

Former State MIWW judge, home economics minor, former model, former youth and adult MIWW contestant, placed 3rd in National Adult MIWW

## **2023 WOOL AMBASSADORS**

HENRY LEMKE, Minnesota National Junior Ambassador

SAIDI RINGENBERG, Nebraska National Senior Ambassador

# Be a Winner with Wool!



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE

JUNIOR DIVISION	STATE	SENIOR DIVISION
	AT-LARGE	HALEY SMITH (Arlington, VA)
BRILEE MYERS (Buckeye)	ARIZONA	ANNA BAIN (Ogienix)
	ARKANSAS	KATIE INOUYE (Centerton)
HAILEE LUIZ (Montague)	CALIFORNIA	MARISSA SANCHEZ (Brentwood)
MORGAN STULTS (Wray)	COLORADO	MARY AMOROSO (Lakewood)
JOJO OSBORN (Genesee)	IDAHO	<b>REBEKAH KASPERSON</b> (Sand Point)
KATIE FORD (Lafayette)	INDIANA	ADELINE MYERS (Lebanon)
VANESSA JONES (Wamego)	KANSAS	KATIE BUHLER (Wamego)
MELANIA GROTHE (Hampstead)	MARYLAND	CAROLINE CLARK (Thurmont)
ROSALEE MONROE (Niles)	MICHIGAN	KEVINA CLEAR (Niles)
	MINNESOTA	<b>GRETTA LEMKE</b> (Watkins)
<b>WAVERLY KONEN</b> (Fairfield)	MONTANA	KIARA SHERMAN (Ronan)

# NATIONAL FINALISTS



JUNIOR DIVISION	STATE	SENIOR DIVISION
GRETA RICKERTSEN (Lexington)	NEBRASKA	SYDNI RINGENBERG (Lexington)
EMELIA DE LORENZO (Pleasant Valley)	NEW YORK	MACEY VEEDER-SHAVE (Lexington)
SOPHIA COSMELLO (Southern Pines)	NORTH CAROLINA	
CARLY STRAYER (DeGraff)	оніо	
AVERY FISHER (Okeene)	OKLAHOMA	
MADISON COPENHAVER (Lebanon)	PENNSLYVANIA	HOPE WAGNER (Anneville)
AUBREY UNDERWOOD (Brookings)	SOUTH DAKOTA	ISABELLE MAIROSE (Kimball)
ELLA SMITH (New Market)	TENNESSEE	
<b>JACEY SEALY</b> (Fort McKavett)	TEXAS	SCOUT GOLDSMITH (Austin)
ADDISON GESULLO (Spanish Fork)	UTAH	CLARA MORLEY (Salem)
AVA ROSE HUMPHREY (Chehalis)	WASHINGTON	MIA SUHRBIER (Spokane)
LUCY JOHNSON (Evansville)	WISCONSIN	HOLLEY WETENBERG (Watertown)
MADI DUNNING (Encampment)	WYOMING	

## 2024 DONORS

*We are grateful to these individuals and businesses for their generous donations. Without their support, National MIWW would not be possible.* 

#### PLATINUM DONORS - \$2,500 AND OVER

American Sheep Industry American Wool Council

### GOLD DONORS - \$1,000 TO \$2,499

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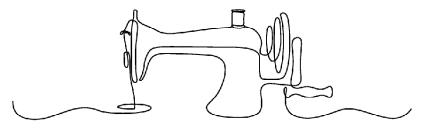
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A&E Guterman Billie's Designer Fabrics – Chehalis, WA Jane - Cedar Grove, NJ Ladder Livestock Co. – Savery, WY Pamela's Patterns – Vernon, CT April Ward – Lafayette, CA

The Make It With Wool National Director and State Directors gratefully acknowledge the expert assistance the staff of the Sheraton Denver Downtown has extended to help make our event so successful. We express our deep gratitude to each of our generous donors who are the lifeblood of our promotional efforts on behalf of the American Sheep and Wool Industry!



### 2024 NATIONAL ADULT WINNERS

*1st Place* **RACHEL SIEGEL** Pennyslvania

2nd Place JAYNIE FADER Texas

*3rd Place* **JENNY GRAHAM** Utah

4th Place GRETCHEN WEAVER Ohio

5th Place DEANNA WORLELY Colorado

6th Place ANITA HARDWICK Indiana

7th Place GABRIELLE AUGUSTINE New York

#### 2024 Adult Winner Awards

- \$500 Cash Award from American Sheep Industry
- Wool Fabric
- Subscription to *Threads* Magazine
- Sheep Pelt
- Steamer from CW Ranch
- Trip to 2024 National MIWW, Denver

### 2024 NATIONAL FASHION/ APPAREL DESIGN WINNERS

*1st Place* **MEGAN DARLING** Baylor University Waco, TX

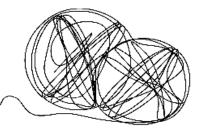
2nd Place MEGAN MARIE MORAVEC Baylor University Waco, TX

> *3rd Place* ALEX KEACH Baylor University Waco, TX

> *3rd Place* **BETH MARTINS** Baylor University Waco, TX

## 2024 Fashion/Apparel Design Winner Awards

- \$1,000 Scholarship from the American Wool Council
- Wool Fabric
- Subscription to *Threads* Magazine
- Sheep Pelt
- MIWW Garment Bag and Sash
- Steamer from CW Ranch
- Trip to 2024 National MIWW, Denver



## SPECIAL AWARDS

### HANDWORK

Cash award (1<sup>st</sup> place), embroidery floss, & embellishment book from National MIWW

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### **O**UTSTANDING **N**EEDLEWORK

Cash award (1<sup>st</sup> place) from Center of Knit & Crochet; Wool yarn from Brown Sheep Company and Melinda Stevens

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#### **EXEMPLARY CONSTRUCTION**

Cash award & "Tailoring" Book from MIWW; Wool from Dolores' Unique Designs & Textile Fabric Store

Junior
Senior

### **CREATIVE MACHINE EMBROIDERY**

Cash award (1<sup>st</sup> place) sponsored by Luv Ewe Farm; Thread assortments from A&E Gutermann and MIWW

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### **O**UTSTANDING USE OF MOHAIR

Cash awards sponsored by Mohair Council of America, Speck Angoras, and Haby Angoras

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- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
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## MAKE IT WITH WOOL AWARDS

### JUNIOR WINNER

- \$1,000 Scholarship from Pendleton Woolen Mills
- \$500 Cash Award from MIWW
- Subscription to *Threads* Magazine
- Wool Fabric and Sheep Pelt
- MIWW Garment Bag and Sash
- Trip to the 2025 NMIWW Contest

#### SENIOR WINNER

- \$1,500 Cash Award from MIWW
- Subscription to *Threads* Magazine
- Wool Fabric and Sheep Pelt
- MIWW Garment Bag and Sash
- Trip to the 2025 NMIWW Contest

### All Contestants

- Wool Fabric from Pendleton Woolen Mills
- Thread Assortment from Coats & Clark
- Schmetz Gift Bags from Euro Notions
- Various sewing prizes from Sean & Karen Weight
- Tote bag from National MIWW

## **TOP 2024 HONOREES**



NATIONAL JUNIOR WINNER

**N**ATIONAL SENIOR WINNER



*The National Make It With Wool Program is under the Direction of the American Sheep Industry Women.* 

The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed this program on the advisory list of National Contests and Activities.

#### NATIONAL MAKE IT WITH WOOL PROGRAM

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