

# First Talon Intern, Host Named

Jessica Janssen, Fowler, Ind., will intern with  
Maher Angus Ranch, Morrystown, S.D.

by Sarah Hill, projects editor

The Angus Foundation is pleased to introduce Jessica Janssen, Fowler, Ind., as the first Talon Youth Education Learning Program Intern. Janssen will intern with Maher Angus Ranch, Morrystown, S.D.

The Talon Youth Education Learning Program internship is the legacy of Camron “Cam” Cooper of Talon Ranch. Cooper set up the Angus/Talon Youth Education Learning Program Endowment Fund in 2009 to be a holistic educational experience for students.

The internship program pairs motivated Angus youth with working registered Angus breeders/ranches to provide youth valuable education and work experience for a summer. The internship program is open to college sophomores, juniors, seniors, graduate students and recent college graduates younger than age 25 who are majoring in an agricultural field of study.

Janssen is a junior at Purdue University, where she is pursuing an animal science

degree. She has an associate’s degree in agriculture from Ivy Tech Community College, Lafayette, Ind. Janssen’s career goal is to become a beef nutritionist.

“I look at this internship as an opportunity to expand my knowledge of beef cattle nutrition, which will help me be a more well-rounded candidate when I enter the workforce following graduation,” Janssen says.

In addition, Janssen is a 12-year member of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) and Indiana Junior Angus Association. She served as the 2014 Indiana Angus princess and competed as Indiana representative in showmanship at the 2012 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS).



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► In advance of announcing her significant charitable bequest at the Angus Foundation Supporter Recognition event in 2009, the Angus Foundation visited with Cam Cooper at her Talon Ranch at Twin Bridges, Mont. Watch the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Spcxu9ThWps>.



Janssen’s leadership extends beyond the Angus industry. She currently

serves as Indiana Junior Charolais Association president, a role she’s filled for two years. At Purdue University, Janssen participates in Collegiate FFA and the Indiana Junior Beef Cattle Association. She has also received her American FFA Degree.

“Jessica is just the type of student that Cam Cooper wanted to provide with opportunities in the beef industry,” says Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president.

“We believe she will gain a tremendous amount from her internship experience with Maher Angus Ranch.”

Maher Angus Ranch is a 550-head registered Angus herd on 8,000 acres in northern South Dakota. The ranch has previously hosted a foreign intern and hosts tours for other cattle producers. The ranch looks to provide Janssen with experiences in artificial insemination (AI), rotational grazing, haying, brandings, steer selection, ultrasounding, preconditioning, heat

detection, pregnancy checking, tractor operation, recordkeeping, fitting and showing, in addition to other educational opportunities such as local/regional tours and beef industry events.

“I feel our family-owned and -operated

ranch has a lot to offer for education for a young intern,” says Casey Maher, ranch owner and third-generation Angus breeder. “The intern will work side by side with lifetime ranchers.”

“We believe Maher Angus Ranch and Jessica are a great match for the first Talon Youth Education Learning Program Internship,”

adds Jenkins. “We are confident that Jessica and her host ranch will learn from each other and both will grow personally and professionally as a result of the experience.”

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