



Next Generation

► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights. Compiled by *Kasey Brown*, special projects editor.

The glass house

“The only the person you should be chasing is the person you were yesterday.”

Be an example

Through the course of my life I have always been under the impression that I should be chasing something bigger than myself, rather than channeling all of my energy to constantly devote myself to personal growth. I have found that enabling myself for personal growth has a far greater benefit to myself and those around me.



Reese Tuckwiller

Growing up I can remember many great role models that I had inside and outside the cattle industry. In the fast-paced world we live in, it is easy to look past the fact that someone is always watching. It is extremely important to carry yourself in a way that teaches others to empower themselves and those around them. As I have gotten older and gained more life experience, I realize just how important it is to be the role model for the next generation. With that being said, the way you carry yourself, treat others and handle difficult situations has a far greater benefit to others than the information or God-given abilities you possess.

Setting boundaries in both ability and responsibility helped me develop into the person I am today. Understanding my strengths and weaknesses, acknowledging my

shortcomings and asking others for help have given me the foresight to understand how to carry myself in day-to-day activities and/or in a professional setting. This demonstrates to the people around me a greater understanding of the transparency that you need to have in everyday life to achieve a common goal.

Summer is here! This is one of my favorite times of the year on the farm and at Angus events nationwide. Just remember this is a time to have fun; however, go the extra mile to do all the little things with a sense of pride, because you never know who is watching. Yes, the winning is awesome but the lessons of hard work, determination and never giving up on your goals is a far richer life lesson.

— **Reese Tuckwiller, Virginia**

National Junior Recognition Program

Brody Fitzgerald, West Grove, Pa.; and Colby Perry, Prather, Calif., have earned the National Junior Angus Association’s (NJAA) Bronze and Silver awards, according to Jaelyn Clark, education and events director of the American Angus Association. Alexis Koelling, Curryville, Mo., has earned the NJAA Silver award.

Brody Fitzgerald, the 20-year-old son of Tim and Andrea Fitzgerald, attends Oklahoma State University where he studies agribusiness and is a member of the NJAA and the Pennsylvania Junior Angus Association.

He has participated in regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Brody participated in the photography and quiz bowl contests and the All-American Certified Angus Beef® (CAB®) Cook-Off. He also participated in the mentoring program in 2011 and 2012 and was a voting delegate in 2011. In 2011 and 2012 he was a participant in the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conferences.

He has submitted weight data to the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) program.

Alexis Koelling, the 12-year-old daughter of Brock and Michele Meyer, is a member of the NJAA and the Missouri Junior Angus Association.

She has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Alexis participated in the public speaking, photography, graphic design and quiz bowl contests and the Cook-Off. She also participated in the mentoring program in 2016.

She has submitted weight data to AHIR and consigned cattle in the Missouri Angus Futurity Sale.

Colby Perry, the 15-year-old son of Susan and Randy Perry, attends Sierra High School and is a member of the NJAA and the California Junior Angus Association, which he has served as treasurer and reporter.

He has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Colby participated in the extemporaneous speaking, livestock judging, team fitting, photography and creative writing contests. He also participated in the mentoring program in 2013, 2015 and 2016.

He has submitted weight data to AHIR and consigned cattle in the Fresno State and Friends Private Treaty.

Lallemand Animal Nutrition offers scholarships; applications due in August

Lallemand Animal Nutrition is excited to announce the continuation of its Lallemand Forward Scholarship in 2017. This is the third consecutive year that the scholarship program will be offered to students in the United States, Mexico and Canada. The 2017 program offers three \$2,500 undergraduate

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► **Michigan Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, March 4, Saint Johns**

► **Right:** Receiving the Certificate of Achievement award presented by the American Angus Auxiliary are (front row, from left) **Paige Zellmer**, Nashville; **Blake Pillars**, Martin; **Thea Zellmer**, Nashville; **Amanda Kosal**, Deckerville; **Kavina Johnson**, Quincy; (back row, from left) **John Reid**, Eaton Rapids; **Brady Zellmer**, Nashville; **Austin Pillars**, Martin; **Maggie Reid**, Eaton Rapids; **Hunter Brown**, Decker; and **Jaycie Brown**, Pinckney.



► Elected to serve on the Michigan Jr. Angus Ass'n board are (seated, from left) **Blake Pillars**, Martin, treasurer; **Jaycie Brown**, Pinckney, secretary; **Maggie Reid**, Eaton Rapids, vice president; **Austin Pillars**, Martin, president; (standing, from left) **Matthew MacMaster**, Harrisville; **Thea Zellmer** and **Paige Zellmer**, both of Nashville; **Amanda Kosal**, Deckerville; **John Reid**, Eaton Rapids; **Hunter Brown**, Decker; **Brady Zellmer**, Nashville; and **Kavina Johnson**, Quincy.



► **Blake Pillars** (left), receives the Michigan Jr. Angus Ass'n Outstanding Junior Member award, from Jaycie Brown, 2016 winner.



► Michigan Angus royalty are (from left) **Amanda Kosal**, 2016 Miss Michigan Angus; and **Kavina Johnson**, 2017 Miss Michigan Angus.



► Michigan Jr. Angus Ass'n premier exhibitors are (from left) **Amanda Kosal**, accepting for **Kristopher Kosal**, Deckerville, fifth; **Jaycie Brown**, Pickney, fourth; **Austin Pillars**, third; **Blake Pillars**, second; and **Kavina Johnson**, accepting for **Kollin Johnson**, Quincy, first.



► Michigan Jr. Angus Ass'n premier breeders are (from left) **Amanda Kosal**, accepting for **Kristopher Kosal**, fifth; **Jaycie Brown**, fourth; **Austin Pillars**, third; **Blake Pillars**, second; and **Kavina Johnson**, accepting for **Kollin Johnson**, first.

scholarships, one \$3,000 master's scholarship and one \$3,000 doctoral scholarship.

"This continued investment supporting the development of nutrition technology and expertise parallels the company's goal of enhancing knowledge and production practices. We received an overwhelming response from outstanding candidates the past two years, and we look forward to this year's submissions to support the future leaders of our industry," says Jeff Ast, commercial director of Lallemand Animal Nutrition, North America.

The requirements for undergraduate students to apply are as needed:

- Must be a full-time student, pursuing a four-year degree in an agricultural program;

- Hold junior status or higher;
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent; and
- Submit a résumé, transcripts and a 500-word essay describing: The average consumer is several generations removed from farming practices and knowledge. How do you advocate for animal agriculture and help educate our consumers on modern animal agricultural practices?

The requirements for master's and doctoral students to apply are as needed:

- Must be enrolled in an accredited master's or Ph.D. program in animal or agricultural sciences or related field;
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent;

- Submit a résumé, transcripts, synopsis of current work/project and a 500-word essay describing: The average consumer is several generations removed from farming practices and knowledge. How do you advocate for animal agriculture and help educate our consumers on modern animal agricultural practices?

The scholarships will be awarded at the beginning of the fall 2017 semester. A more inclusive look into the scholarship guidelines can be found here at <http://bit.ly/2r283Om>.

All scholarship submissions are due to lannamarketing@lallemand.com by Friday, Aug. 4, 2017. For questions regarding the scholarship, contact Lauren Kasten at lkasten@lallemand.com.

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▶ Kentucky Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, March 3, Louisville.



▶ Kentucky Angus royalty are (from left) **Abigail Smoot**, Campbells-ville, Kentucky Angus princess; and **Makayla Jeffries**, Horse Cave, Miss Kentucky Angus.



▶ Winning owned female honors at the Kentucky Angus Sweepstakes are (from left) **Ellee Marksbury**, reserve grand champion, and **Jacob Marksbury**, grand champion, both of Buffalo.



▶ Winning owned bull honors are (from left) **Leslie Craig**, Harrodsburg, reserve grand champion; and **Kalli Flanders**, Buffalo, grand champion.



▶ **Kelby Burks** (right), Park City, receives her Bronze and Silver awards from Alex Tolbert, Association regional manager.



▶ Receiving awards in the Kentucky Jr. Angus Ass'n points program final standings in the bred-and-owned (B&O) heifer division are (from left) **Leslie Craig**, first; and **Lily Jeffries**, third, and **Taylor Jeffries**, fourth, both of Canmer.



▶ Receiving awards in the Kentucky Jr. Angus Ass'n points program final standings in the B&O bull division are (from left) **Leslie Craig**, first; and **Taylor Jeffries**, third.



▶ Receiving awards in the Kentucky Jr. Angus Ass'n points program final standings in the cow-calf division are (from left) **Leslie Craig**, first; **Lily Jeffries** accepting the award for **Caroline Cowles**, Rockfield, second; **Taylor Jeffries**, third; and **Makayla Jeffries**, Horse Cave, fifth.



▶ Receiving awards in the Kentucky Jr. Angus Ass'n points program final standings in the owned heifer division are (from left) **Leslie Craig**, first and fifth; **Kalli Flanders**, Buffalo, second; and **Blaine Bowman**, Lancaster, fourth.



▶ **Lily Jeffries** was awarded first and second place in the steer division of the Kentucky Jr. Angus Ass'n points program final standings. Pictured are (from left) **Lucy Jeffries** and **Lily Jeffries**, recipient.



▶ **Left: Leslie Craig** receives the Kentucky Jr. Angus Ass'n Premier Exhibitor award.



▶ **Right: Leslie Craig** receives the Kentucky Jr. Angus Ass'n Premier Breeder award.



▶ **Left:** These juniors received achievement awards in recognition of their years of membership in the Kentucky Jr. Angus Ass'n. Pictured are (from left) **Kaitlin Fouts**, London, and **Sheldon Burks**, Park City.

▶ **Right: Kaitlin Fouts** (center), London, received the outgoing junior president award. Pictured presenting the award are **Abigail Smoot** (left), Kentucky Angus princess, and **Makayla Jeffries** (right), Miss Kentucky Angus.



▶ **Leslie Craig** receives the Show Animal of the Year award.

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▶ **Right:** The Kentucky Junior Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, front row, from left) directors **Ethan Blevins**, Greenup; **Lily Jeffries**; **Abigail Smoot**; **Kalli Flanders**; (standing, back row, from left) Paula Boyd, May's Lick, advisor; **Makayla Jeffries**, treasurer; **Kelby Burks**, secretary; **Bradon Burks**, director, Park City; **Josh Jasper**, Nicholasville, president; **Leslie Craig**, second vice president; **Kendra Kostbade**, Henderson, director; and **Jamie Marksbury**, Buffalo, advisor.



▶ Southeast Angus Classic Sale, May 20, Opelika, Ala.



▶ **Daniel Adams** (right), Union Springs, Ala., receives his Bronze and Silver Awards from Mark Sims, Association regional manager

▶ Louisiana Jr. Angus Field Day, May 20-21, Plaquemine, La.



▶ Presented by Baylie Romero (left), Louisiana Angus princess, peeewe showmanship winners are (continuing from left) **Matthew Fruge**, Jennings; **Jimmy Sibille** and **Josie Sibille**, both of Ethel; **Henry Deitch**, Lake Charles; **Madelynn Purpera**, Plaquemine; and Lily Gisclair, Miss Louisiana Angus.



▶ Winning junior showmanship are (from left) **Asher Shepherd**, Lake Charles, fifth; **Christian Corsentino**, Denham Springs, fourth; **John Benoit III**, Brusly, third; **Austin Purpera**, Plaquemine, second; **Saylor Baham**, Loranger, first; and Gisclair.



▶ Winning intermediate showmanship are (from left) **Elizabeth Benoit**, fifth, and **Trent LaBauve**, fourth, both of Brusly; **Lani LeBeouf**, Deridder, third; **Baylie Romero**, Plaquemine, second; **Lexie Martin**, Loranger, first; and Gisclair.



▶ Presented by Gisclair (left), senior showmanship winners are (continuing from left) **Kenedi Darbonne**, Opelousas, fifth; **Morgan Fruge**, Jennings, fourth; **Gracie Romero**, Plaquemine, third; **Hunter Monismith**, White Castle, second; **Kara LeBeouf**, DeRidder, first; and Romero.



▶ **Kara LeBeouf** (center) was named the overall showmanship winner. Also pictured are Jeremy Hebert (left), judge, and Gisclair.

▶ Mississippi Angus Ass'n Meeting & Banquet, May 5, Raymond



▶ **Gabrielle Simpson** (left), Tupelo, receives the Mississippi Angus Auxiliary Scholarship from Melanie Kiani, Mississippi Angus Auxiliary president.



▶ Receiving the American Angus Auxiliary Certificate of Achievement Award are (front row, from left) **Bethany White**, Morton; **Seth Ball**, Terry; **Haley Walker**, Potts Camp; **Hannah Beatty**, Pulaski; (back row, from left) Melanie Kiani, Mississippi Angus Auxiliary president; **Gabrielle Simpson**, Tupelo; **Anna Ball**, Terry; **Elizabeth Rone**, Courtland; **Myles Clifton**, Potts Camp; and **Nicholas Beatty** and **Kristopher Beatty**, both of Pulaski.

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