

At the Backdrop

Juniors compete for multitude of honors.

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The National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) provides a variety of educational contests and programs for members of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). Members grow in their skills and broaden their experiences by competing in contests and meeting other juniors from across the country.

This year, juniors from 37 states traveled to Des Moines, Iowa, to participate in the 2008 NJAS, "Christmas in July." Those who excelled in the various contests and who were otherwise recognized for their involvement and leadership are announced in this section.

SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS



► Winning the sweepstakes award for 30 head or more is the **Kansas Junior Angus Ass'n**.



► Winning the sweepstakes award for 29 head or fewer is the **Pennsylvania Junior Angus Ass'n**.

OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP



► **Haley Rieff** (right), Bentonville, Ark., receives the Outstanding Leadership Award from Rebecca Tokach, 2007-2008 NJAA Foundation director. Haley has been active in the Arkansas Junior Angus Ass'n for more than a decade and encourages young members to become involved. She will receive the Barbara Smalstig Outstanding Leadership Award trophy during the American Angus Association Awards Banquet in November. The award was instituted in 1994 in memory of Barbara Smalstig. Only one outstanding junior member receives the award each year.

▶ CRYSTAL AWARDS



▶ Above: **Ransom Gardiner** (center), Ashland, Kan., and **Hannah McCabe** (right), Elk City, Kan., receive Janet Castle Crystal Awards from Cathy Watkins on behalf of the American Angus Auxiliary. The awards are presented by the Auxiliary to the top boy and top girl in contest performance.

▶ MISS AMERICAN ANGUS CONTESTANTS



▶ Five young ladies will compete for the title of Miss American Angus this November in Louisville, Ky. Pictured are (from left) Mary Greiman and Kathi Creamer, American Angus Auxiliary officers; **Kathleen Gazda**, Athens, Ga.; **Krystin Bachman**, Lancaster, Ohio; **Megan Ahearn**, Wills Point, Texas; **Katharina Frey**, Quarryville, Pa.; **Kaley Bockhop**, Belmont, Wis.; and Michelle Rieff and Nancy Thelen, Auxiliary officers. The contestants will prepare a speech, take a written quiz and interview before a panel of judges before one is crowned the 2009 Miss American Angus.

▶ ANGUS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS



▶ **Haley Rieff** (left), Bentonville, Ark., receives the Woodlawn Farm Scholarship of \$1,300 from Blanford Pierce, Woodlawn Farms, Creston, Ill. Pierce and his wife, Joan, donated \$25,000 to the Angus Foundation in 2005 to establish the scholarship fund. Interest revenue funds the scholarship on an annual basis.



▶ **Christina Egner** (right), Shelby, Ohio, receives the Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB)/NJAA Scholarship presented by Bryce Schumann, American Angus Association chief executive officer. This \$1,000 scholarship, first given in 1990, is presented annually to a student pursuing college coursework in animal sciences, meat sciences, food sciences, agricultural communications or a related field of study.



▶ Receiving \$1,000 Texas Angus Ass'n scholarships are (from left) **Gretchen Ettredge**, Pilot Point, Texas; **Megan Ahearn**, Wills Point, Texas; **Kevin Gleason**, Midlothian, Texas; **Jennifer Ann Smith**, Elysian Fields, Texas; and Sandra Kittley, Texas Angus Ass'n executive secretary, presenting. Angus breeders in Texas raised \$250,000 to match a \$250,000 challenge gift by Klaus and Bonnie Birkel of Camp Cooley Ranch, Franklin, Texas, through The Texas Challenge in 2007. The Birkels committed \$75,000 of their gift to create the Texas Angus Ass'n Scholarship Endowment Fund. Additional contributions from Texas Angus breeders continue to grow the endowment.



▶ **Benjamin Tokach**, Saint Anthony, N.D., receives the \$500 Joseph and Ruby Schaff/Schaff Angus Ranch Scholarship. The Schaffs established the scholarship through the Angus Foundation with a \$10,000 permanent endowment. Interest revenue funds the scholarship on an annual basis.

CRYSTAL AWARD

The American Angus Auxiliary sponsors the Janet Castle Crystal Award to promote and encourage participation in educational events. These contests allow all juniors, even those who might not show cattle, to participate in the NJAS. Points are earned for placing and participation in the following contests: photography, poster, graphic design, extemporaneous and public speaking, team sales, creative writing, quiz bowl, and the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American Certified Angus Beef® Cook-Off. Awards are presented to the high-point boy and the high-point girl.

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Since 1997, the Angus Foundation has awarded nearly \$400,000 in general scholarships to outstanding Angus youth who have been active in the Angus breed and the NJAA's numerous activities and programs.



▶ **Chris Jones** (left), Blountsville, Ala., receives the \$500 James E. Horton Jr. Angus Scholarship presented by Richard Dyar, American Angus Association regional manager. Gregg and Lile Blythe, Decatur, Ala., gifted \$20,000 to the Angus Foundation in 2006 to establish an endowment fund in Horton's honor.

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ANGUS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS



►Above: **Nicole Jorgensen**, Culver, Ore., receives the \$500 Jean Ann (Neumeyer) Bojoruez Memorial Angus Scholarship. Bob and Hollyce Neumeyer, Jaynbee Ranch, Bonners Ferry, Idaho, established the scholarship through the Angus Foundation in October 2007 with a \$10,000 permanent endowment in memory of their daughter. Interest revenue funds the scholarship on an annual basis.

►Right: **Drew Schroeder**, Clarence, Iowa, receives the \$500 Mack C. Olson Memorial Angus Scholarship. After Mack Olson died in an automobile accident in December 2007, friends and family raised \$17,000 to start a scholarship endowment in his name. Pictured are (from left) JoAnn Olson, Marc Olson, Lloyd Olson, Schroeder, Mindy Huls, Matt Olson and Molly Judy.



►Left: **Chelsea Dickinson** (right), Glasco, Kan., receives the \$500 Kansas Angus Association Scholarship presented by Anne Lampe, Kansas Angus Association manager. In 2007, the state association used sale proceeds from donated heifers, memorial gifts and other contributions to establish a \$10,000 endowment fund to provide scholarships to Angus youth from Kansas attending college and/or support sponsorships for Kansas youth to attend the LEAD Conference. Contributions continue to grow the endowment.

SCHOLARSHIP NOT PICTURED

►**Kassandre Moulton** of Athens, Maine, receives the \$500 Roscoe L. Richardson Memorial Scholarship. Funded at Richardson's death in 1988 with in-memory contributions to the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation in Great Barrington, Mass., the \$10,000 endowment fund was recently donated to the Angus Foundation to support Angus youth from New England states.



►Winning \$1,000 Angus Foundation Scholarships are (from left) **Ashlyn Carter**, Noblesville, Ind.; **Erika Boehmer**, Charlotte, Mich.; **Ryan Mitteness**, Ada, Minn.; **Emma Collins**, Morton, Miss.; **Brittany Full**, Mount Airy, Md.; **Chris Jones**, Blountsville, Ala.; **Brandi Cromer**, Lamar, Ark.; **Will Mayfield**, Pulaski, Tenn.; **Sydney Geppert**, Mitchell, S.D.; **Kathryn McDonald**, Seneca, Mo.; **Rebecca Hurst**, Dorsey, Ill.; **Justin Moritz**, Piper City, Ill.; **Nicole Jorgensen**, Culver, Ore.; **Bailey Quam**, Lodi, Wis.; **Rachael Vaassen**, Ann Arbor, Mich.; **Drew Schroeder**, Clarence, Iowa; **Ericka Waggener**, Harrodsburg, Ky.; **Benjamin Tokach**, Saint Anthony, N.D.; **Lindsay Waugh**, Goodhue, Minn.; and **Trevor Whiteside**, Queenstown, Md. Not pictured are **Kari Gillespie**, Kevin, Mont.; **Gabrielle Glenister**, Pulaski, N.Y.; **Miriam Lewis**, Walstonburg, N.C.; **Kaleigh Mikkelsen**, Missoula, Mont.; **Jacob Saunders**, Cloverdale, Ind.; **Bailey Shaw**, Erie, Kan.; **Jennifer Ann Smith**, Elysian Fields, Texas; **Jonathan Temple-Lee**, Maysville, Okla.; **Kara Walser**, Minnesota Lake, Minn.; and **Andy Zarecor**, Newbern, Tenn.

►Winning \$3,000 Angus Foundation Scholarships are (from left) **Julie Thelen**, Saline, Mich.; **Megan Ahearn**, Wills Point, Texas; **Rachel Bartholomew**, Archie, Mo.; **Britney Creamer**, Montrose, Colo.; **Chelsea Dickinson**, Glasco, Kan.; **Danielle Foster**, Niles, Mich.; **Gretchen Ettredge**, Pilot Point, Texas; **Kevin Gleason**, Midlothian, Texas; **Andrew Rogen**, Brandon, S.D.; **Andrew Foster**, Niles, Mich.; **Alison Johnston**, Houston, Minn.; **Shane Kinne**, Eagleville, Mo.; **Kelsi Retallick**, Glen Haven, Wis.; **Kathleen Gazda**, Athens, Ga.; **Matthew Tollefson**, Clark, S.D.; and **Elizabeth Williams**, Fort Smith, Ark. Winners not pictured are **Lucas Baldridge**, North Platte, Neb.; **Courtenay DeHoff**, Tonganoxie, Kan.; **Katie Hymel**, Vacherie, La.; and **Warner Phipps**, Kearney, Neb.





► **Left:** **Jessica Clowser** (left), Milford, Neb., and **Walt Stinson** (right), Talbott, Tenn., receive \$5,000 Angus Foundation scholarships presented in memory of Richard L. Spader. Presenting the scholarships is Spader's wife, Sheri, of Rosendale, Mo.



► **Right:** For the first time, Angus Foundation Graduate Student Scholarships were awarded. Pictured receiving the \$5,000 scholarships are (from left) **Ashley Gillig**, Aurora, Mo.; **Zebadiah Gray**, Toledo, Iowa; **Joshua Jackson**, Salvisa, Ky.; and **Jake Tiedeman**, North Platte, Neb. Not pictured is **Wravenna Phipps**, Kearney, Neb.



ANGUS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS
Through generous endowments to the Angus Foundation, Angus enthusiasts have created scholarships that, for years to come, will empower NJAA members to attend college and pursue studies in their respective career fields.

This year, the Angus Foundation awarded more than \$100,000 in scholarships at the 2008 NJAS Awards Ceremony, including 30 \$1,000 scholarships, 20 \$3,000 scholarships, two \$5,000 undergraduate scholarships, five \$5,000 graduate scholarships and numerous named scholarships.

PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARDS

The public speaking contest was designed to better equip junior members with the communication skills necessary to succeed in the industry and in life. Juniors prepare a speech in advance and are evaluated on content, presentation and knowledge of the subject revealed in a question-and-answer session. The Angus Journal sponsors the senior division of the contest, awarding \$500 to third place, \$750 to second place and \$1,000 to the winner. The winning speeches will be published throughout the coming year as part of "Next Generation."

PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING



► Winning the junior division are (from left) **William Harsh**, Radnor, Ohio, first; **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove, Ark., second; and **Re-nae Tokach**, Saint Anthony, N.D., third.



► Winning the intermediate division, ages 14-15, are (from left) **Hannah Wright**, Spring City, Tenn., first; and **Jessica Radcliffe**, Schofield, Wis., third. Not pictured is **Audra Haglund**, Boone, Iowa, second.



► Winning the intermediate division, ages 16-17, are (from left) **Hannah McCabe**, Elk City, Kan., first; **Bailey Harsh**, Radnor, Ohio, second; and **Benjamin Tokach**, Saint Anthony, N.D., third.



► Winning the senior division are (from left) **Rachel Bartholomew**, Archie, Mo., first; **Clinton Lafin**, Olsburg, Kan., second; and **Chelsea Dickinson**, Glasco, Kan., third. The *Angus Journal* sponsors the senior division, giving \$1,000 to the first-place winner, \$750 for second and \$500 for third.



► **Kathryn Coon**, Bethel, Mo., delivers her prepared public speech to a panel of judges and other onlookers.

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▶ EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING



▶Winning the junior division are (from left) **Alex Rogen**, Brandon, S.D., first; **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove, Ark., second; and **Tyler Steele**, Anita, Iowa, third.



▶Winning the intermediate division, ages 14-15, are (from left) **Tyler Ottensmeier**, McLouth, Kan., first; **Cole Gardiner**, Ashland, Kan., second; and **Dane Miller**, Columbus, Neb., third. Nancy Thelen, Auxiliary president, presents a Harvey Rattey pewter sculpture in the name of Pat Grote to Ottensmeier as the division winner.



▶Winning the intermediate division, ages 16-17, are (from left) **Hannah McCabe**, Elk City, Kan., first; **Ellen Hoffschneider**, Arlington, Neb., second; and **Bailey Harsh**, Radnor, Ohio, third. Thelen presents a Harvey Rattey pewter sculpture in the name of Pat Grote to McCabe as the division winner.

▶ NJAA/ANGUS JOURNAL PHOTO CONTEST

Angus cattle:



▶Winning the junior division are (from left) **Catie Hope**, Berryville, Va., first and overall junior winner; **Quannah Gardiner**, Ashland, Kan., second; and **Brody Fitzgerald**, West Grove, Pa., third. Hope's photograph also won top photo over all age divisions and categories.



▶Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Ransom Gardiner**, Ashland, Kan., first and overall intermediate photograph; **Kathleen Gazda**, Athens, Ga., second; and **Emelia Heimsoth**, Lathrop, Mo., third.



▶Winning the senior division are (from left) **Will Epperly**, Moneta, Va., first; **Trevor Whiteside**, Queenstown, Md., second; and **Britney Creamer**, Montrose, Colo., third.

People:



▶Winning the junior division are (from left) **Madeline Taylor**, Lavaca, Ark., first; **Bryce Fitzgerald**, West Grove, Pa., second; and **Taylor Duckett**, New Liberty, Iowa, third.



▶Winning second in the intermediate division is **Meghan Blythe**, White City, Kan., second. Not pictured are **Lauren Jernas**, Knox, Ind., first; and **Jentry Jagers**, Sulphur Bluff, Texas, third.



▶Winning the senior division are (from left) **Baily Anderson**, Opelika, Ala., first and overall senior winner; **Will Epperly**, Moneta, Va., second; and **Lynsey Frey**, Granville, N.D., third.

Landscape:



▶Winning the junior division are (from left) **Taylor Duckett**, New Liberty, Iowa, first; **Nicole Frick**, Kearney, Mo., second; and **Jacob Coon**, Bethel, Mo., third.



▶Winning the intermediate division are **Allison Blythe**, White City, Kan., first; and **Audrey Taylor**, Lavaca, Ark., second. Not pictured is **Brandon Arnold**, Athens, Ga., third.



▶Winning the senior division are (from left) **Kelsi Retallick**, Glen Haven, Wis., first; **Lauren Schroeder**, Clarence, Iowa, second; and **Jara Settles**, Hoskins, Neb., third.



► **Left:** Winning the senior division are (from left) **Melissa Miller**, Brandon, Fla., first; **Julie Thelen**, Saline, Mich., second; **Jara Settles**, Hoskins, Neb., third. Sheri Spader and Nancy Thelen present Miller a Harvey Rattey pewter sculpture in the name of the late Richard L. "Dick" Spader for winning the senior division.

Around the farm or ranch:



► Winning the junior division are (from left) **Jera Pipkin**, Republic, Mo., first; and **Joshua Scott**, Loranger, La., second. Not pictured is **Kari Kuykendall**, Midlothian, Texas, third.



► Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Emelia Heimsoth**, Lathrop, Mo., first; and **Dereck Washam**, Pierce City, Mo., third. Not pictured is **Rachael Karsten**, Marengo, Iowa, second.



► Winning the senior division are (from left) **Jara Settles**, Hoskins, Neb., first; and **Lynsey Frey**, Granville, N.D., second. Not pictured is **Christiana Graver**, Lehighton, Pa., third.

► CREATIVE WRITING



► Winning the junior division are (from left) **Lane Judy**, Fremont, Iowa, first; and **Caitlin McClure**, Saint Francisville, Ill., third. Not pictured is **Michael Cropp**, Damascus, Md., second.



► Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Hannah McCabe**, Elk City, Kan., first; **Tyler Wood**, Holly Pond, Ala., second; and **Mary Spencer**, Gibbon, Neb., third.



► Winning the senior division are (from left) **Britney Creamer**, Montrose, Colo., first; **Gretchen Ettredge**, Pilot Point, Texas, second; and **Emma Collins**, Morton, Miss., third.

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► Extemporaneous public speaking forces junior members to think on their feet as they are only given 30 minutes to prepare their speech. Cole Gardiner, Ashland, Kan., is one of many juniors willing to accept the challenge.

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

The NJAA and American Angus Association Junior Activities Department co-sponsor the extemporaneous speaking contest, which is fast becoming one of the most competitive contests at the NJAS. Each participant receives a topic and reference information 30 minutes prior to his or her scheduled speaking time. Prize money is awarded in age divisions as follows: first, \$75; second, \$50; and third, \$25. The winner of the senior division receives a Harvey Rattey sculpture from the American Angus Auxiliary in the name of Richard L. Spader. The winners of the two intermediate divisions receive a Harvey Rattey pewter sculpture from the American Angus Auxiliary in the name of Pat Grote.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Photos were entered in one of four categories: Angus cattle, landscape, people, and around the farm or ranch. Judges evaluated the entries prior to the NJAS on the basis of photo quality and creativity. Winning photos can be seen in the August Angus Journal beginning on page 286.

CREATIVE WRITING

The creative writing competition allows NJAA members to express their thoughts through writing. Each age division has a different topic and word length requirement. Judging is based on correct grammar, spelling and content. Read the winning entries in upcoming issues as they are featured in "Next Generation."

POSTER CONTEST

Breed or association promotion:



►Winning the junior division are (from left) **Shyla Kreager**, Newark, Ohio, first; **Hailey Mc-Nees**, Grand Junction, Mich., second; and **Katlyn Tunstall**, Fayetteville, Ark., third.



►Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Paige Tribble**, Pocahontas, Ark., first and overall intermediate poster designer; **Tyler Bond-Jones**, Bleiberville, Texas, second; and **Colton Kreager**, Newark, Ohio, third.



►Winning the senior division are (from left) **Jara Settles**, Hoskins, Neb., first; **Haley Rieff**, Bentonville, Ark., second; and **Gretchen Ettredge**, Pilot Point, Texas, third.

Membership recruitment:



►Winning the junior division are (from left) **Katlyn Tunstall**, Fayetteville, Ark., first; and **Emily Dethlefs**, North Platte, Neb., third. Not pictured is **Michael Cropp**, Damascus, Md., second.



►Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Dereck Washam**, Pierce City, Mo., first; **Paige Tribble**, Pocahontas, Ark., second; and **Caitlin Kuehn**, Durant, Iowa, third.



►Winning the senior division are (from left) **Kyleigh Santee**, Langdon, Kan., first and overall senior poster designer; **Haley Rieff**, Bentonville, Ark., second; and **Gretchen Ettredge**, Pilot Point, Texas, third.

Herd advertisement:



►Winning the junior division are (from left) **Caylie Egger**, Columbus, Neb., third; and **Shyla Kreager**, Newark, Ohio, second. Not pictured is **Michael Cropp**, Damascus, Md., first.



►Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Paige Tribble**, Pocahontas, Ark., first; and **Lindsey Grimes**, Hillsboro, Ohio, third. Not pictured is **Avery Boone**, Calhoun, La., second.



►Winning the senior division are (from left) **Sydney Geppert**, Mitchell, S.D., first; **Kyleigh Santee**, Langdon, Kan., second; and **Gretchen Ettredge**, Pilot Point, Texas, third.

GRAPHIC DESIGN



►Winning the junior division are (from left) **Sierra Day**, Cerro Gordo, Ill., first; **Kyle Jones**, Bleiberville, Texas, second; **Katlyn Tunstall**, Fayetteville, Ark., third.



►Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Dereck Washam**, Pierce City, Mo., first; **Ransom Gardiner**, Ashland, Kan., second; and **Cole Gardiner**, Ashland, Kan., third.



►Winning the senior division are (from left) **Elizabeth Williams**, Fort Smith, Ark., first; **Rachael Vaassen**, Ann Arbor, Mich., second; and **Gretchen Ettredge**, Pilot Point, Texas, third.

QUIZ BOWL



► Winning first in the junior division, representing Ohio, are (from left) **Lauren Grimes**, Hillsboro; **William Harsh**, Radnor; **Jordan Bachman**, Lancaster; and **Shyla Kreager**, Newark.



► Winning second in the junior division, representing Missouri, are (from left) **Madison Gooden**, Iberia; **Jera Pipkin**, Republic; **Chase Thummel**, Sheridan; and **Carter Ward**, Plattsburg.



► Winning first in the intermediate division, representing Kansas, are (from left) **Cole Gardiner** and **Ransom Gardiner**, both of Ashland; **Cody Theis**, Leavenworth; and **Peter Lundgren**, Ottawa.



► Winning second in the intermediate division, also representing Kansas, are (from left) **Meghan Blythe** and **Allison Blythe**, both of White City; **Hannah McCabe**, Elk City; and **Megan Fink**, Randolph.



► **Left:** Winning first in the senior division, representing Nebraska, are (from left) **Jara Settles**, Hoskins; **Klaire Jorgensen**, Exeter; **Jessica Clowser**, Milford; and **Claire Volk**, Bennington.

QUIZ BOWL NOT PICTURED

► Winning second in the senior division, representing Illinois, are **Justin Adcock**, Moweaqua; **Christopher Cassidy**, Ancona; **Nathan Frost**, Talula; and **Jennifer Ringwelski**, Marengo.

SILVER PITCHER AWARD



► **Garrett Blanchard** (left), Firebaugh, Calif., receives the Boy's Silver Pitcher Award from Nancy Thelen, American Angus Auxiliary president.



► **Katy Satree** (left), Montague, Texas, receives the Girl's Silver Pitcher Award from Thelen.

POSTER CONTEST

The poster contest, judged during the NJAS, is divided into three subject areas — breed or association promotion, membership recruitment, and herd advertisement. In each division and age category, the third-place winner receives \$10, the second-place winner receives \$20, and the first-place winner receives \$30.



► The poster contest entries were displayed for NJAS attendees to see.

GRAPHIC DESIGN CONTEST

The purpose of the graphic design contest is threefold: 1) to display the creative talent of NJAA members; 2) to share ideas that may be useful in promotion of our breed, our organizations and our individual herds; and 3) to provide another fun, educational and competitive activity for interested juniors who may or may not be able to participate in other programs.

QUIZ BOWL

There are two parts to the quiz bowl competition. The first round involves a written test. States may enter as many teams as they wish. The age classification for the team is determined by the oldest member of the team. Multiple-state teams may be entered; however, state teams must be filled before juniors may participate in a multi-state team. The eight high-scoring teams in each age division qualify for the verbal round, which consists of a single-elimination quiz bowl tournament. Each placing state junior Angus association will receive the following premiums: first, \$75; second, \$50; and third, \$25.

SHOWMANSHIP



► **Jennifer Ann Smith** (left), Elysian Fields, Texas, claimed first-place showmanship honors, winning the prestigious Dean Hurlbut Award and a monetary award from the Hamilton James Memorial Fund. American Angus Auxiliary President Nancy Thelen presents the silver Revere bowl in honor of Dean Hurlbut.



► The 15 top showmen advancing to the final round are (from left) **Lauren Moss**, Lancaster, Ky., fifth; **Garrett Blanchard**, Firebaugh, Calif.; **Kourtney Nelson**, Crete, Neb.; **Austin Perry**, Prather, Calif.; **Marcie Falleur**, Gearhart, Ore.; **Jennifer Ann Smith**, Elysian Fields, Texas, first; **Kyleigh Santee**, Langdon, Kan.; **Ericka Waggener**, Harrodsburg, Ky.; **Lindsey White**, Staunton, Va., second; **Garrett Knebel**, Winamac, Ind., third; **Kylee Carr**, Elwood, Ind.; **Staci Anderson**, Parkston, S.D.; **Gretchen Frost**, Tallula, Ill., fourth; **Ben Warfield**, Marriottsville, Md.; and **Jessica Willis**, Union Bridge, Md. Each of the finalists received Andis® clippers.



► Exhibitors receiving honorable mention include **Sydney Gepfert**, Mitchell, S.D.; **Ryan Hollenberg**, Mexico, Mo.; **Cameron Clark**, Rochelle, Ga.; **Kelsi Retallick**, Glen Haven, Wis.; and **Klaire Jorgensen**, Exeter, Neb.

LEAD CONFERENCE AWARD

► **Right: Clinton Laflin** (right), Olsburg, Kan., receives the Gary Brost LEAD Conference Award from Cathy Watkins. Established in Brost's memory, the award pays the registration cost for one NJAA member to attend the leadership event each year.



MISCELLANEOUS



► **Tyler Mardesen** (center), Oxford, Iowa, won a confirmed heifer pregnancy from Cherry Knoll Farm, West Grove, Pa., during a random drawing at the 2008 NJAS Awards Ceremony. Cherry Knoll owners Margaret and Bob Duprey coordinated the gift with the 2008 NJAS theme, "Christmas in July." Andrea and Tim Fitzgerald present the award.



► **Left:** The NJAS Mentoring Program pairs first- and second-time attendees with those who have attended multiple shows so the newcomers can meet new people and share new experiences. The first three protégés who turned their mentoring autograph books into the show office are recognized with awards. Winning protégés are (front row, from left) **Cheyenne Jones**, Franklinton, La.; **Claire Hawthorne**, Monroe, Wis.; and **Jacqueline Walters**, Hebron, Ill. Their respective mentors are (back row, from left) **David Lundgren**, Ottawa, Kan.; **Taylor Short**, Ava, Mo.; and **Ashlyn Carter**, Julesburg, Colo.



► Members from the **Alabama Junior Angus Ass'n** collected the most — more than 100 lb. — of aluminum pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

▣ LIVESTOCK JUDGING



► Winning the junior division are (from left) **Kodi Schroeder**, first; and **Madison Smith**, third, both of Caldwell, Texas.



LIVESTOCK JUDGING NOT PICTURED

► Winning the intermediate division, ages 11-13, are **Samuel Wallace**, Stotts City, Mo., third; **Lauren Grimes**, Hillsboro, Ohio, second; and **Carter Ward**, Plattsburg, Mo., first.

► **Left: Katelyn Holmes**, Benton, Iowa, placed second in the junior division.



► Winning the intermediate division, ages 14-17, are (from left) **Colton Ogburn**, Ghent, Ky., first; **Jessica Radcliffe**, Schofield, Wis., second; and **Cameron Ward**, Plattsburg, Mo., third.



► Winning the senior division are (from left) **Ben Warfield**, Marriottsville, Md., first; **Chelsea Dickinson**, Glasco, Kan., second; and **Ryan Fairbairn**, Coatesville, Pa., third.

▣ TEAM FITTING



► Winning first in the team fitting contest, representing Ohio, are (from left) **Justin Bachman** and **Jordan Bachman**, both of Lancaster; **Jordon Mullett**, Coshocton; and **Tyler Holcomb**, Bidwell.



► Winning second in the team fitting contest, representing Kansas, are (from left) **Joshua Laflin**, Olsburg; **Brooke Bergkamp**, Arlington; **Tanner Rayl**, Hutchinson; and **Chance Stout**, Olpe.



► **Left:** Winning third in the team fitting contest, representing Nebraska, are (from left) **Eric Frenzen**, Fullerton; **Kourtney Nelson** and **Kade Nelson**, both of Crete; and **Quin Rutt**, Minden.

SHOWMANSHIP

The NJAA Showmanship competition takes place annually in conjunction with the NJAS. Originally organized by former American Angus Association Director of Activities Dean Hurlbut to encourage young men and women to become interested in showing Angus cattle, the contest is now one of the most prominent in the country. Participants are chosen to attend the contest by their respective state Angus associations.



► A junior member marks his card during the livestock judging contest Tuesday.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

For the second year in a row, juniors were given the opportunity to participate in the cattle judging contest. Individuals evaluated and placed four classes of Angus cattle and answered one set of questions. Awards were presented to the top three individuals in each age class.

TEAM FITTING

The team fitting competition allows NJAA members to work together to completely fit a heifer, bull or steer. Points are awarded on the ability to fit, organization of the supplies and equipment, participation of each team member, and knowledge and response to questions.

MENTORING

The NJAS Mentoring Program pairs first- and second-time attendees with those who have attended multiple shows so the newcomers can meet new people and share new experiences.

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TEAM SALES



► Winning first place in the junior division, representing Arkansas, are (from left) **Kattlyn Tunstill**, Fayetteville; **Taylor LaCour**, Berryville; and **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove.



► Winning second place in the junior division, representing Missouri, are (from left) **Jera Pipkin**, Republic; **Carter Ward**, Plattsburg; **Chase Thummel**, Sheridan; and **Madison Gooden**, Iberia.



► Winning third place in the junior division, representing Kansas, are (from left) **Johanna Lundgren**, Ottawa; **Esther McCabe**, Elk City; and **Quannah Gardiner**, Ashland.



► Winning first place in the intermediate division, representing Missouri, are (from left) **Paige Wallace**, Stotts City; **Austin Thummel**, Sheridan; **Cameron Ward**, Plattsburg; and **Sadie Kinne**, Eagleville.



► Winning second place in the intermediate division, representing Kansas, are (from left) **Ransom Gardiner** and **Cole Gardiner**, both of Ashland; and **Peter Lundgren**, Ottawa.



► Winning third place in the intermediate division, representing Ohio, are (from left) **Krystin Bachman**, Lancaster; **Lindsey Grimes**, Hillsboro; and **Bailey Harsh**, Radnor.

► **Right:** Winning the senior division and thus the Bob Laflin Award is the Kansas Junior Angus Ass'n. Pictured are (from left) Guy Laflin, presenting the award; team members **Chelsea Dickinson**, Glasco; **David Lundgren**, Ottawa; **Samuel Rucker**, Burdett; and **Clinton Laflin**, Olsburg; and Joshua Laflin, presenting the award.



► **Left:** Winning second place in the senior division, representing Wisconsin, are (from left) **Kelli Retallick** and **Kelsi Retallick**, both of Glen Haven; and **Kaley Bockhop**, Belmont.

► **Right:** Winning third place in the senior division, representing Missouri, are (from left) **Cody Smith**, West Plains; **Kathryn McDonald**, Seneca; **Rachel Bartholomew**, Archie; and **Shane Kinne**, Eagleville.



▶ GOLD AWARDS



▶ Receiving Gold Awards are (from left) **Rachael Vaassen**, Ann Arbor, Mich.; **Walt Stinson**, Talbott, Tenn.; **Kara Wilson**, Orleans, Ind.; **Jon Paul Whitlock**, Iuka, Miss.; **Bridget Driscoll**, Williamsburg, Iowa; **Rachel Bartholomew**, Archie, Mo.; **Christopher Cassady**, Ancona, Ill.; **Mandy Gimbel**, Ree Heights, S.D.; **Ericka Waggener**, Harrodsburg, Ky.; **Lindsay Waugh**, Goodhue, Minn.; **Brandon Creamer**, Montrose, Colo.; **Christina Egner**, Shelby, Ohio; **Kyle Kemp**, Bridgeport, Texas; **Lauren Moss**, Lancaster, Ky.; **Alison Johnston**, Houston, Minn.; **Haley Rieff**, Bentonville, Ark.; **Will Mayfield**, Pulaski, Tenn.; **Lauren Schroeder**, Clarence, Iowa; **Courtney Rump**, Galva, Kan.; **Kari Stai**, New London, Minn.; **Julie Thelen**, Saline, Mich.; and **Samantha Harl**, Hastings, Neb. Winners not pictured are **Mariah Lawrence**, West Plains, Mo.; **Sarah Stream**, Chariton, Iowa; and **Emily Tennant**, Greensboro, N.C. For more on the winners, see page 196.

▶ AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

▶ **Right:** Five young men receive American Angus Auxiliary scholarships ranging from \$1,050 to \$1,400. Pictured are (from left) Mary Greiman and Kathi Creamer, Auxiliary officers; **Shane Clary**, Brodnax, Va., first; **Cole Pearson**, Scott City, Kan., second; **Jared Brosey**, Hamilton, Ohio, fifth; and Michelle Rieff and Nancy Thelen, Auxiliary officers. Not pictured are **Ethan Holly**, Decatur, Ark., third; and **Jonathan Temple-Lee**, Maysville, Okla., fourth. For more about these winners, see page 205.



▶ **Left:** Five young women receive American Angus Auxiliary scholarships ranging from \$1,050 to \$1,400. Pictured are (from left) Mary Greiman and Kathi Creamer, Auxiliary officers; **Kathleen Gazda**, Athens, Ga., first; **Elizabeth Williams**, Fort Smith, Ark., second; **Megan Ahearn**, Wills Point, Texas, third; **Katrina Frey**, Quarryville, Pa., fourth; **Kaley Bockhop**, Belmont, Wis., fifth; and Michelle Rieff and Nancy Thelen, Auxiliary officers. For more about these winners, see page 205.

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▶ The NJAS Mentoring Program allows first-time attendees the chance to get to know older juniors and ask questions they may have about the week.

TEAM SALES

The team sales competition puts NJAA members in a situation where communication, teamwork and marketing are all essential to sell their animal to the judges. Each team is allowed to bring in a sales package of performance data, pictures and show records for each judge. Contestants are judged on their content, ability to communicate, team organization, overall effect and ability to respond to questions from the judges.



▶ The team sales competition is another showing event that uses cattle, but the true spectacle is the juniors who are using their public speaking skills as well as their marketing instincts to market their cattle to a panel of judges.



▶ These Arkansas juniors put their Angus knowledge to the test during the NJAS Quiz Bowl contest.

▣ AUXILIARY-SPONSORED ALL-AMERICAN CAB® COOK-OFF

Steak Competition:



►Placing first in recipe and first overall in the junior steak division is Michigan. Team members are (front row, from left) **Hayley Albrecht**, Kingston; **Claudia Albrecht**, North Branch; **Kyle Ruggles**, Kingston; (back row, from left) **Kollin Johnson**, Quincy; **Justin Ruggles**, Kingston; and **Dylan Kennedy**, Nashville. They prepared "Superhero CAB Sizzling Steak."



►Claiming the Pat Grote LEAD Award with a first in showmanship, recipe and overall in the intermediate steak division is Oklahoma. Team members are (from left) **Amy Emberson**, Nowata; **Jaryn Frey**, Kingfisher; **Sydnee Gerken**, Cashion; **Kolby Shepard**, Wellston; and **Logan Edmonds** and **Cole Webster**, both of Morris. They prepared "Grilled Ribeye with Barbecue Rub."



►Placing second in recipe and showmanship and first overall in the senior steak division is Arkansas. Team members are (back row, from left) **Brandi Cromer**, Lamar; **Haley Rieff**, Bentonville; **Sarah Connolly**, Rogers; **Christine Taylor**, Lavaca; (front row, from left) **Elizabeth Williams**, Fort Smith; and **Madeline Taylor**, Lavaca. The team prepared "Stuffed CAB Tenderloin." The team won the Black Kettle Award.

Roast Competition:



►Placing first in recipe, showmanship and overall in the junior roast division is South Dakota. Team members are (back row, from left) **Kylee Geppert**, Mitchell; **Christina Mogck**, Olivet; **Brittany Bush**, Britton; (front row, from left) **Alex Rogen**, Brandon; and **Tyler Bush**, Britton. The team prepared "Fiesta Roast."



►Placing first in recipe and overall and second in showmanship in the intermediate roast division is Missouri. Team members are (from left) **Taylor Short**, Ava; **Hannah Bartholomew**, Archie; **Shannon Yokley**, Jefferson City; and **Forrest Thompson**, Mount Vernon. The team prepared "Chuck Roast with Vegetable Pudding."



►Placing first in recipe, second in showmanship and first overall in the senior roast division is Oklahoma. Team members are (from left) **Kelsey Pfeiffer** and **Karisa Pfeiffer**, both of Orlando; **Jacee May**, Stillwater; **Kassandra Pfeiffer** and **Rebecca Park**, both of Orlando; and **Josh Goff**, Jay. The team prepared "Chipotle Beef Kabobs with Chimichurri Sauce."

Other Beef Competition:



►Placing first in recipe, showmanship and overall in the junior other beef division is Arkansas. Team members are (from left) **Caitlin Haley**, Quitman; **Carson Alsup**, Gravette; **Katlyn Tunstill**, Fayetteville; **Taylor LaCour**, Berryville; **Haley Hipp**, Harrison; and **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove. They prepared "The Big Angus Burger."



►Placing first in recipe and first overall and tying for fourth in showmanship in the intermediate other beef division is Pennsylvania. Team members are (back row, from left) **Amanda Thompson**, Wellsville; **Kate Livingston**, Dover; **Fred Frey**, Quarryville; **Andrea Foore**, Seven Valleys; (front row, from left) **Kyle Livingston**, Dover; and **Logan Foore**, Seven Valleys. They prepared "Tailgate Stew."



►Placing first in recipe, showmanship and overall in the senior other beef division is Nebraska. Team members are (from left) **Jara Settles**, Hoskins; **Ellen Hoffschneider**, Arlington; **Claire Volk**, Bennington; **Klaire Jorgensen** and **Kellen Jorgensen**, both of Exeter; and **Jessica Clowser**, Milford. They prepared "Blue Cheese Brisket."



► Placing first in recipe, showmanship and overall in the adult steak division is Illinois. Team members are (back row, from left) **Rachel Frost**, **Gretchen Frost** and **Chelsea Frost**, all of Tallula; (front row, from left) **Tera Moritz**, Piper City; and **Tony Frost**, Cordova. The team prepared "Cranberry-Orange Stuffed Sirloin."



► The Arkansas senior team won the Black Kettle Award for having the highest overall score in the Cook-Off. Pictured are (from left) **Sarah Connolly**, Rogers; **Brandi Cromer**, Lamar; **Haley Rieff**, Bentonville; **Christine Taylor** and **Madeline Taylor**, both of Lavaca; **Elizabeth Williams**, Fort Smith; and presenters Clayton Lampe and son Carter, Garrett Lampe, Emma Collins and Anne Lampe.

COOK-OFF

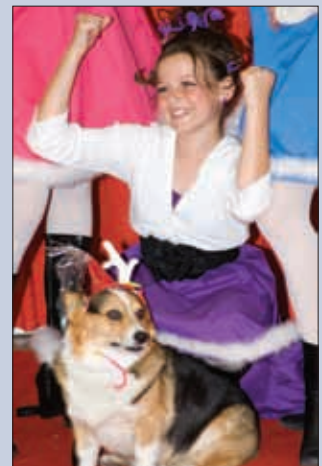
The Auxiliary-sponsored All-American Certified Angus Beef® (CAB®) Cook-Off gives both juniors and adults the opportunity to show what they can do with Angus beef. Participants are judged on showmanship (or presentation of the dish) and the recipe (or the taste of the dish) within separate meat type competitions. Contestants dress along with the theme to their skits and present their dishes to the judges. The Black Kettle Award, given in memory of Paul St. Blanc, is presented to the highest-placing team among all age groups.

► **Right:** The Auxiliary-sponsored All-American CAB® Cook-Off puts Angus juniors' knowledge of the CAB program to the test. These juniors from Nebraska showcase their CAB knowledge after their Christmas-themed skit.



► **Left:** Juniors from the state of Oklahoma portrayed the Charlie Brown gang for their skit during the Cook-Off. They even brought along Snoopy.

► **Right:** "Who" knew junior nationals could be this much fun? This little "Who" from "Whoville" and her dog came to visit during the Cook-Off. A creative skit can help a team win the showmanship contest.



HERDSMANSHIP



►The Missouri Junior Angus Ass'n won first place in herdsmanship for 61 head or more.



►The Indiana Junior Angus Ass'n won first place in herdsmanship for 46-60 head.



►The Pennsylvania Junior Angus Ass'n won first place in herdsmanship for 16-30 head.



►The Ohio Junior Angus Ass'n won first place in herdsmanship for 31-45 head.



►The Louisiana Junior Angus Ass'n won first place in herdsmanship for 15 or fewer head.

SCRAPBOOK



► Winning first place in the scrapbook contest is the **Michigan Junior Angus Ass'n.**



► Winning second place in the scrapbook contest is the **Arkansas Junior Angus Ass'n.**



► Winning third place in the scrapbook contest is the **Ohio Junior Angus Ass'n.**

HERDSMANSHIP

The purpose of this competition is to encourage cooperation, fellowship and teamwork among state juniors in developing and maintaining a display of cattle and stall area. It also promotes pride and enthusiasm for state junior organizations and rewards those organizations that achieve this purpose. Divisions are based on the number of cattle exhibited by the states — 61 head or more, 46-60 head, 31-45 head, 16-30 head, and 15 or fewer head. Judging is based on cleanliness and general appearance of the aisle and bedding; appearance of the animals; appearance and organization of equipment and signs; youth tending the cattle; and promotion of state association, Angus or beef. Each placing state junior Angus association receives the following premiums: first, \$125; second, \$100; third, \$75; fourth, \$50; and fifth, \$25.



► Judges evaluate the scrapbook competition Tuesday. The scrapbooks are displayed all week and allow states to share their state activities with others.

SCRAPBOOK

The scrapbook contest is intended to encourage recordkeeping and provide a means to show others statewide activities and accomplishments during the past year. Any state or regional association may enter a scrapbook. They do not have to have cattle on display at the NJAS, so it provides an opportunity to compete for those who could not travel to the event.

