

# Next Generation

POSTCARD FROM AN NJAA DIRECTOR

## Today and Tomorrow



**Sy Olson**

Christmas is over, and New Year's Day has passed. Where has the time gone? The last six months have been fast and furious. As I look back on them, I have to ask myself if I enjoyed them.

Yes, I did.

It is important in life to enjoy what you are doing. Even a tough job or school can be enjoyable if it is approached the right way.

When I was in junior high school, Mom would come into my room on summer mornings and give me Dad's instructions for the day.

It never failed. Each morning Mom would say the words "irrigation pipe." Moving irrigation pipe was one of my least favorite things to do when I was younger. But morning after morning,

summer after summer, that is what I would do.

I took for granted the lifestyle my family had. The opportunity I had to get up in the morning and to work on a farm was the best gift my family ever could have given me. I realize, no matter how much I may not like to do some things now, it is always in my best interest. The activities and work that I do now prepare me for a better future.

Never take for granted the opportunities and advice that your parents give you now. And always thank them for that extra push they give you from time to time.

— **Sy Olson, Hereford, Texas**

## Association, API offer summer internships

The American Angus Association and Angus Productions Inc. (API) will offer three summer internships to college students who want to learn more about breed association work. The paid internships begin approximately June 1 and conclude in mid-August. The application deadline is **Feb. 15**.

The Junior Activities Department employs a sophomore, junior or senior to assist with the planning and execution of junior Angus shows and leadership events. The intern will have the opportunity to travel and to assist with the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) and the LEAD (Leaders Engaged in Angus Development) Conference.

The intern will be expected to perform daily in-office preparation for various junior activities, which includes correspondence and communication with others, including the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Board of Directors.

Applicants for the junior activities internship should have an agriculture-related major. They need to be detail-oriented, outgoing self-starters who have the ability to work well with all types of people. Interested students should send their

résumés to James Fisher, director of junior activities.

The Association's Communications and Public Relations (PR) Department is looking for a junior or senior in agricultural journalism or agricultural communications who has an interest in the livestock industry. The position's primary responsibilities include publicizing Angus shows and activities, which includes writing news releases, photo cutlines and feature articles and working with black-and-white and color photography. The intern will have the opportunity to travel to various shows and events.

Students who are interested in the PR internship should have completed course work in news and feature writing, editing and photography. The applicants should be detail-oriented and have some experience with livestock shows. Send a résumé, cover letter and writing samples to Susan Rhode, director of communications and public relations.

API offers an editorial internship to a junior or senior who is pursuing a degree in agricultural journalism or agricultural communications. The intern will assist with

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Serving on the Board of Directors for the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) for 2000-2001 are (seated, from left) **Sonya Smith**, Lebanon, Tenn., chairman; **Brandon Douglas**, Cheyenne, Wyo., vice chairman; **Allison Porter**, Jefferson, Ga., communications director; **Sy Olson**, Hereford, Texas, Angus Foundation director; **Miranda Grissom**, Shawnee, Okla., leadership director; and **Jamie Meyer**, Douglass, Kan., membership/information director; (standing, from left) **Christy Walther**, Mount Crawford, Va.; **Jessica Sawyer**, Bassett, Neb.; **Tom Patterson**, Columbus, Mont.; **Heath Johnson**, Tupelo, Miss.; **Ryan Sweeney**, Mason, Mich.; and **Brittney Burns**, Kickapoo, Ill.

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feature and news writing, conduct on-farm interviews, report on Angus events and beef industry seminars, and have the opportunity to improve photography skills.

Applicants should have experience with livestock and should have completed basic and advanced reporting, editing, magazine writing or creative writing, photography or photojournalism courses. Interested students should send résumés and writing samples to Brad Parker, associate editor.

All résumés should be sent to the appropriate contact person in care of the American Angus Association, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506-2997. Any students wanting more information may call (816) 383-5100 and ask for the contact person.

### Junior scholarships available through Angus Foundation

Now is the time for high-school seniors who are college bound or those who are already taking college classes to work on scholarship applications. This year, the Angus Foundation will award scholarships to 17 junior Angus members who are working toward college degrees. Fifteen juniors will receive \$1,000 scholarships, and two will receive \$2,500 scholarships.

Applicants for the Angus Foundation scholarships must be junior, regular or life members of the Association and less than 25 years old. Selection is based on involvement in Angus activities, academics and involvement in the beef industry. Winners of the scholarships will be announced during the awards function at the 2001 NJAS in Denver.

The NJAA/Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) scholarship also will be awarded to one Angus junior at the NJAS in July. Applicants for the \$1,000 scholarship must meet the requirements previously mentioned and must be incoming sophomores, juniors or seniors in college majoring in animal science, meat science, agricultural communications or another related field.

All applications are due May 15. Contact the Junior Activities Department for application forms, or obtain one on the Internet at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

### Apply for Auxiliary scholarships now

The American Angus Auxiliary awards 10 scholarships annually, five to males and five to females who are graduating high-school seniors. Application forms can be obtained

from state scholarship contacts (see the *Auxiliary Yearbook 2001* tipped into this issue) or from Pat Grote, American Angus Auxiliary scholarship chairwoman, at PO Box 130, Bennington, OK 74723; (580) 847-2669; [groteranch@redriverok.com](mailto:groteranch@redriverok.com). Juniors first must be chosen as their state's auxiliary scholarship winner before advancing to national competition.

The five girls honored with Auxiliary scholarships will have the opportunity to compete for the title of Miss American Angus at the 2001 North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) this November in Louisville, Ky.

### Accelerated Genetics offers college scholarship

Three \$500 scholarships from Accelerated Genetics are awarded to students currently enrolled in a short course, vocational-technical college or a four-year university.

The collegiate scholarship is for individuals who have completed their freshman, sophomore or junior year and are majoring in dairy, beef or another agricultural area. Applicants or their parents currently must be purchasing semen or products from an authorized Accelerated Genetics representative.

An application can be downloaded from the National FFA Foundation's Web site ([www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org)) or by contacting the National FFA Foundation at (317) 802-4416. Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 15 and sent to National Scholarship Office, National FFA Center, PO Box 68960, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

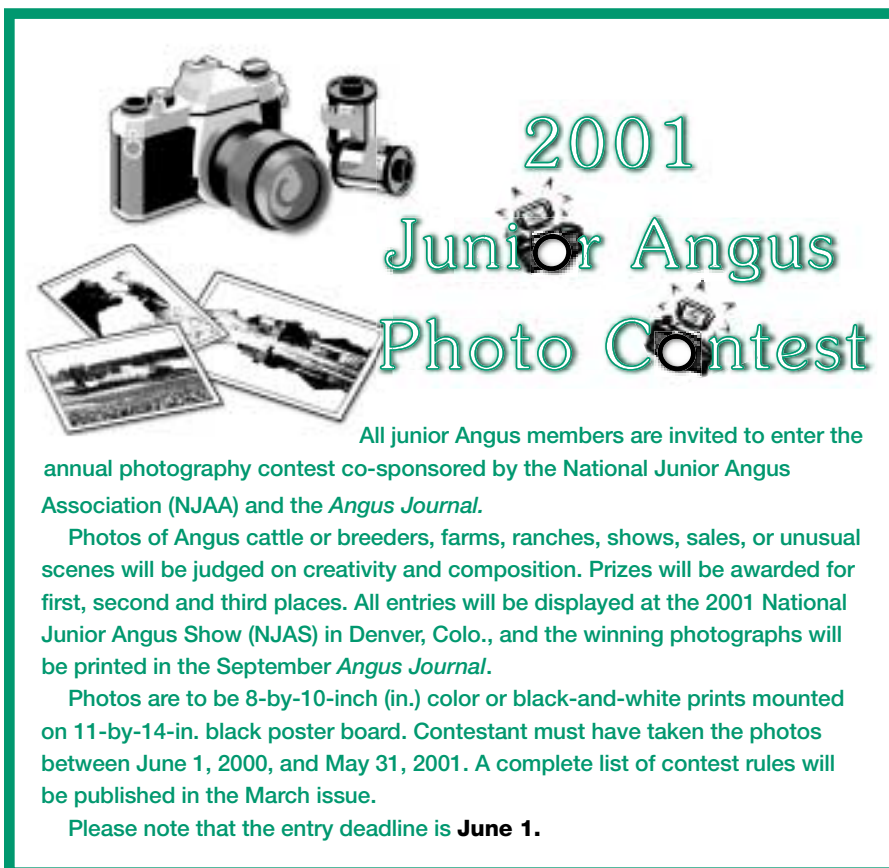
### NJAA members recognized

**Adam Jones**, Saint Francis, Kan., recently won the National Beef Ambassador Contest in San Francisco, Calif. Jones competed against 27 other contestants to win the competition, which is designed to train youth spokesmen for the beef industry. He received \$2,500 cash and a \$1,000 scholarship to the school of his choice.

Oklahoma State University's meat-judging team won its third national title at the American Royal Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest. Angus member **Steve Williams**, Columbus, Mont., contributed to the win by tying for ninth-place individual overall.

NJAA member **J. Pye**, Sylvania, Ga., also contributed to the team.

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**2001 Junior Angus Photo Contest**

All junior Angus members are invited to enter the annual photography contest co-sponsored by the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) and the *Angus Journal*.

Photos of Angus cattle or breeders, farms, ranches, shows, sales, or unusual scenes will be judged on creativity and composition. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places. All entries will be displayed at the 2001 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Denver, Colo., and the winning photographs will be printed in the September *Angus Journal*.

Photos are to be 8-by-10-inch (in.) color or black-and-white prints mounted on 11-by-14-in. black poster board. Contestant must have taken the photos between June 1, 2000, and May 31, 2001. A complete list of contest rules will be published in the March issue.

Please note that the entry deadline is **June 1**.

## Junior members earn Silver and Bronze awards

*The Bronze and Silver awards are the first two levels of the National Junior Recognition Program (NJRP), which the American Angus Association began in 1972. Junior Angus breeders must apply for the awards and meet point requirements in many areas of participation before receiving the honors.*

*Applicants are evaluated in the areas of junior Angus association activities, participation in showmanship and leadership events, using performance testing to improve their herds, and progress in producing and merchandising Angus cattle.*

*James Fisher, director of junior activities, recently announced several recipients.*

**Courtney Brinkley**, Brookfield, Mo., has qualified for the Bronze Award. Brinkley is the 14-year-old daughter of Bob and Elane Brinkley. She is a freshman at Brookfield R-III High School. She has participated in the team sales, photography and poster contests at the NJAS. She has shown her cattle at the local, state and national levels. She has been a member of the NJAA since 1996.

**Cortney Collins**, Tanner, W.Va., has qualified for the Silver Award. Collins is the 19-year-old daughter of Rick and Jane Collins. She has participated in the photography and poster contests at the NJAS, and she has shown Angus in numerous shows at the local, state and regional levels. She has served as a director and the historian of the West Virginia Junior Angus Association and has been a member of the NJAA since 1993.

**Kade Devillier**, Shiro, Texas, has qualified for the Bronze Award. Devillier is the 17-year-old son of Kyle and Kimmie Devillier

and is a junior at Anderson-Shiro High School. He has exhibited cattle at several shows at the state, regional and national levels. He has participated in two national LEAD conferences and has participated in the team sales and quiz bowl contests at the NJAS. He is a director of the Texas Junior Angus Association and has been a member of the NJAA since 1998.

**Adam Jones**, Saint Francis, Kan., has qualified for the Bronze and Silver awards. Jones is the 18-year-old son of Daniel and Karen Jones. He is a senior at Saint Francis Community High School. Jones has attended the national LEAD Conference. He has participated in numerous contests at the NJAS, including prepared and extemporaneous speaking, poster, graphic design, and team sales. He has served as a director of the Kansas Junior Angus Association and has been a member of the NJAA since 1995.


**Nicole Long**, Berryville, Va., has qualified for the Silver Award. Long is the 20-year-old daughter of Warren and Naomi Long. She is a senior at Shenandoah University, majoring in psychology and education. She has participated in the photography, graphic design and public speaking contests at the NJAS, and she has shown Angus in numerous shows. She has served as a director of the Virginia Junior Angus Association and has been a member of the NJAA since 1997.

**Jodi Loudin**, Linn, W.Va., has qualified for the Bronze and Silver awards. Loudin is the 18-year-old daughter of Diane Doss and Donald Loudin Jr. She is a senior at Lewis County High School. She has shown Angus in numerous shows at the local, state and

regional levels. She currently serves as the West Virginia Angus queen and has several animals enrolled in the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) program. She has served as a director and the treasurer of the West Virginia Junior Angus Association and has been a member of the NJAA since 1996.

**Becky Lucas**, Macomb, Mo., has qualified for the Bronze Award. Becky is the 13-year-old daughter of Jerry and Carol Lucas. She is a student at Mansfield Middle School. She has several animals enrolled in the AHIR program and has been a consignor to the Heart of the Ozarks Sale. She is a member of the Heart of the Ozarks Junior Angus Association and the Missouri Junior Angus Association and has been a member of the NJAA since 1994.

**Joe Lucas**, Macomb, Mo., has qualified for the Bronze Award. He is the 15-year-old son of Jerry and Carol Lucas. He is a student at Mansfield High School. He has several animals enrolled in the AHIR program. He has served as a director of the Heart of the Ozarks Junior Angus Association, is a member of the Missouri Junior Angus Association and has been a member of the NJAA since 1995.

**Benjamin Winsor**, Grantville, Kan., has qualified for the Bronze and Silver awards. He is the 18-year-old son of Russell and Patricia Winsor and is a senior at Perry-Lecompton High School. He has participated in the cook-off and team sales contests at the NJAS and has shown his cattle at several shows at the state and national levels. He has served as a director of the Kansas Junior Angus Association and has been a member of the NJAA since 1991. 

## NEW ANGUS FOUNDATION FUND - RAISER

The Angus Foundation has commissioned the printing of a set of four black-and-white grease-pencil drawings (shown here) from a series of works by Angus artist Frank Murphy. To be offered as the "Profitmaker Prints" collection, these four 11-by-14-inch images were used

in the Association's advertising campaign from 1966 to 1970.

The set is available for a \$100 donation to the Angus Foundation. For more information, call the Junior Activities Department at (816) 383-5100.

