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P O S T C A R D F R O M A J U N I O R



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## Inevitable change

*John Maxwell once said, "Change is inevitable, progress is optional." In today's ever-changing world, change can be a constant challenge, especially in agriculture.*

Farmers are called to adapt to changes in technology, weather and consumer demands. However, this opens the door to new advancements, improving our industry all the time.

Recently I graduated from college which came with more change than I have ever faced before. Leaving my friends, classmates and the town I have called home for years for a

new opportunity in a large city was terrifying, but exciting. Graduation was an inevitable change, but how I reacted to it determined my success. I embraced the challenge and prepared for this exciting next chapter.

I would be remiss for not recognizing the impact my roots in agriculture and the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) had on my ability to adapt. My background

equipped me with the skills and confidence for success in a new environment to accomplish my goals.

As I move into this next stage of life, I look forward to accepting the changes that lie ahead and the paths they will pave. Like it or not, change is an inevitable challenge, but I encourage you to welcome and embrace it.

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## Bronze and Silver awards

Wes Brown, Stevensville, Mont.; and Katharine Wesche, Shortsville, N.Y.; have earned the National Junior Angus Association's (NJAA) Bronze and Silver awards, according to Jaclyn Upperman, education and events director of the American Angus Association in Saint Joseph, Mo. Nyla Wibholm, Dows, Iowa; and Tess Wibholm, Dows, Iowa; have earned the NJAA's Bronze awards.

The Bronze and Silver awards are the first two levels of the NJAA Recognition Program that began in 1972. Junior Angus breeders must apply for the awards, then meet point requirements in many areas of participation before receiving the honors.

**Wes Brown**, Stevensville, Mont., is the 17-year-old son of Lance and Shelley Brown and attends Stevensville High School. He is a member of the NJAA and the Montana Junior Angus Association.

He has participated in state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Brown participated in the team fitting contest and the 2017 mentoring program. He also participated in the 2018 Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference.

Brown has submitted weight data to the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) and has consigned cattle to the NILE Angus Female sale and the Bulls of the Bitterroot sale. He is actively involved with his local 4-H Club and FFA chapter.

**Katharine Wesche**, Shortsville, N.Y., is the 20-year-old daughter of Laura and Allan Wesche and attends South Dakota State University (SDSU). She is a member of the NJAA and the New York Junior Angus Association where she served as royalty.

She has participated in local, state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS,

Wesche participated in the quiz bowl, team sales and livestock judging contests and the 2015 mentoring program. She was also a participant in the Raising the Bar Conferences in 2015, 2016 and 2018 and the LEAD conferences in 2015-2016.

Wesche has consigned cattle to the Annual New York Angus Association sale.

**Tess Wibholm**, Dows, Iowa, is the 12-year-old daughter of Mike and Kate Wibholm and attends Iowa Falls/Alden-Riverbend Middle School. She is a member of the NJAA.

She has participated in local, state and national shows. At the NJAS, Wibholm participated in the quiz bowl and livestock judging contests. She also participated in the mentoring program in 2018.

**Nyla Wibholm**, Dows, Iowa, is the 14-year-old daughter of Mike and Kate Wibholm and attends Iowa Falls/Alden-Riverbend Middle School. She is a member of the NJAA.

She has participated in local, state and national shows. At the NJAS, Wibholm participated in the quiz bowl and livestock judging contests. She also participated in the mentoring program in 2018.

## Scholarship winners

The 2019 Lallemand Forward Scholarship committee is excited to announce the recipients of scholarships awarded this school year. This is the fifth year of the scholarship program, which has provided \$67,500 to students since its inception in 2015.

“This year, the committee reviewed more than 215 applications from more than 40 universities throughout North America,” says Jeff Ast, commercial director, Lallemand Animal Nutrition, North and South America. “The 2019 Lallemand Forward scholarship class of recipients exemplify excellence in academics, community involvement and animal agriculture skills. The future of agriculture is bright with these young leaders and Lallemand is happy to have a small part in supporting their success.”


The Lallemand Forward Scholarships recognize students at the doctoral, master’s and undergraduate levels who are excelling in their agricultural programs. The program is part of Lallemand Forward, which are specifically chosen service solutions that enhance people, knowledge and production practices.

Two Angus members were recipients of the scholarship.

**Paige Gaffney** will receive a \$2,500 scholarship as she pursues a bachelor’s degree in agricultural business with minors in land valuation and rural real estate at SDSU. Originally from Barneveld, Wis., she found her passion for agriculture through 4-H and the NJAA. At SDSU, Gaffney is

involved in Block and Bridle, SDSU Little International, Omicron Delta Epsilon and Alpha Zeta.

**Jacob Sterle** will receive a \$2,500 scholarship to support his bachelor’s degrees in animal science and international agriculture at Iowa State University (ISU). Growing up in Roland, Iowa, he spent many years showing swine and serving on the National Junior Swine Association

Board of Directors. Currently at ISU, Sterle is involved in Alpha Gamma Rho Professional Agriculture fraternity, Iowa State Block and Bridle and serves as the tri-chair for the 2019 Iowa State Bacon Expo. 

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## 2019 North Dakota Angus Association Annual Meeting and Banquet



Crowned North Dakota Angus Association royalty pictured (from left) are Kourtney Schaff, Saint Anthony, North Dakota Angus princess; Alexis Vandenberghe, Cleveland, N.D., Miss North Dakota Angus; and Andrea Arnold, Esmond, N.D., North Dakota Angus princess.

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## 2019 Nebraska Junior Winter Angus Show



Winning top honors in their division of showmanship pictured (from left) are Clinton Laffin, judge; Wyatt Smith, Osceola, reserve junior champion; Kasey Meyer, Blue Hill, junior champion; Nicole Nichols, Chambers, reserve intermediate champion; Kyra Meyer, Blue Hill, intermediate champion; and TaraLee Hudson, Belvidere, senior champion.