

Oklahoma Stars Event Highlights

Support of the Angus Breed

Angus members reminisce on the Western way of life while raising funds to support the future.

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The Angus breed is not only committed to breeding high-quality cattle but also developing successful leaders and opportunities for its members. The Angus community gathered for the Oklahoma Stars event at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, Jan. 9, to support that mission. This inaugural event hosted during Cattlemen's Congress raised more than \$50,000 for the Angus Foundation.

"We are so grateful for those who spent the evening with us at the Oklahoma Stars event," says Thomas Marten, Angus Foundation executive director. "It is through the loyal and generous support of our growing number of donors that many opportunities are available to our Angus youth."

Attendees stepped back into the past and learned about the values



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upon which the Old West was founded as they toured the Western Heritage and Cowboy Museum. Texas Red Dirt musician Tell Runyan set the mood for the evening, and attendees were able to enjoy a *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB) dinner.

The evening's program highlighted past and present successful National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members such as Dylan Denny, Jara Settles and Megan Pelan, who have directly benefited from Angus Foundation-supported programs. A passion to help the Angus Foundation's mission of supporting youth, education and research was evident throughout the night.

The evening also included a live auction, where Matt Sims sold 18 lots. Bidders participated in-person as well as online, thanks to *LiveAuctions.TV*. A few of the high-selling items of the evening were a guided mule deer hunt, donated by Diamond Peak Cattle Company, that raised \$12,000; and a guided crappie fishing tour, donated by Double G Farms, that brought \$3,750.

"It was great to have the Angus Family together in Oklahoma City again," says Mark McCully, American Angus Association CEO. "There is no way we could offer the opportunities to members without the support of our tremendous donors of the Angus Foundation." 

