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POSTCARD FROM A JUNIOR



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Learn from our leaders

One of the greatest parts about being in the National Junior Angus Association is the opportunity to meet and learn from some of the best people in the industry through involvement in contests, conferences, webinars and junior shows.

Professionals in this industry are willing to share their knowledge with juniors to better their success. Juniors learn critical skills like public speaking, gain industry knowledge and experience challenges within agriculture through contests.

I would not be an extrovert or outside of my “box” without having ever participated in these events. Contests have taught me to be a great thinker and to not be afraid to have a different opinion. Seminars with industry leaders have taught me to be outgoing, to make connections and to introduce myself, as these speakers want to meet us.

One of my favorite parts of being a

green coat is hearing juniors express how much they learned trying something new and would do it again. Temple Grandin, one of the world’s leading scientists in animal husbandry, once said, “There needs to be a lot more emphasis on what a child can do instead of what he cannot do.”

Grandin believes in the future of our youth, and she travels around to conferences and universities to share her knowledge with the younger generation. People like her who have faced personal and industry challenges are the ones that give other National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members and me

inspiration and the desire to succeed.

Agricultural mistakes have been made before us, and it is our job to learn from these leaders and professionals to not make those same missteps. To better the industry, as we turn to a new era, agriculture faces more challenges than it ever has before.

Never be afraid to introduce yourself and take advantage of the opportunities presented, because you never know where those connections could land you in the future.

— Megan Pelan

Bronze and Silver Awards

Logan Miller, Franklin, W.Va.; Cassidy Bremer, Redfield, Iowa; Jonwyn Ayres, Rogue River, Ore.; Isaac Rhode, Stewartsville, Mo.; and Lane Toledo, Visalia, Calif., have earned the NJAA Bronze and Silver awards, according to Jaclyn Upperman, education and events director of the American Angus Association® in Saint Joseph, Mo.

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. Applicants are evaluated in areas of junior Angus association activities and leadership, participation in showmanship, contests and shows, using performance testing to improve their herd, and their progress in producing and merchandising Angus cattle.

Logan Miller, is the 18-year-old daughter of Tamara Simmons and attends Tuner Ashby High School and Massanutten Technical Center.

She is a member of the NJAA and the West Virginia Junior Angus Association, where she has served as vice president and royalty. In addition to showing at all levels, Miller has also been heavily involved

in her local 4-H club and FFA, where she has served as president for both.

Miller has also submitted weight data to the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) and consigned cattle to the Genetic Alliance Bull Sale.

Kassidy Bremer, is the 20-year-old daughter of Jennifer Carrico and studies animal science at Black Hawk College. Bremer is a member of the NJAA and the Iowa Junior Angus Association. She has shown at all levels and has participated in the team fitting and photography contests at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS).

She has submitted weight data to the AHIR.

Jonwyn Ayres is the 18-year-old daughter of Cara and Tom Ayres and attends Rogue River Jr./Sr. High School. She is a member of the NJAA, Montana Junior Angus Association, where she served as royalty, the Oregon Junior Angus Association, where she has served as vice president, treasurer and royalty, and the Western States Angus Association, where she served as royalty.

She has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Ayres participated in the public speaking, career development, extemporaneous speaking, graphic design, team fitting, team sales, livestock judging contests and the American Angus Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*[®] (CAB) Cook-Off. She also participated in the 2020 Camp Angus conference.

She has also submitted weight data to the AHIR and consigned cattle to the California Angus Days sale.

Isaac Rhode is the 18-year-old son of Jeff and Susan Rhode and attends East Buchanan High School. He is a member of the NJAA and the Missouri Junior Angus Association, where he has served as a director.

He has participated in local, state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Rhode participated in the livestock judging and photography contests. In 2013 he was a participant in the mentoring program.

He has submitted weight data to the AHIR.

Lane Toledo is the 11-year-old son of John and Kelli Toledo and attends George McCann Memorial School. He is a member of the NJAA and the California Junior Angus Association, where he has served as historian.

He has participated in local, state, regional and national shows

and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Toledo participated in the photography, graphic design and poster contests and the All-American CAB Cook-Off. In 2020 he received the Tom Burke Young Angus Achievement Awards Endowment Fund.

He has submitted weight data to the AHIR and consigned cattle in the Partners for Performance Bull Sale.

Certificates of Achievement

The American Angus Auxiliary has awarded the 2020 Certificates of Achievement to qualifying junior members. The award is issued for outstanding achievements at district (tri-county), state and national levels. County-level achievements are not eligible. In a given year, a qualifying junior Angus member receives one certificate in recognition of their achievement record as reported during the fiscal year (Oct. 1, 2019-Sept. 30, 2020).

Achievements that qualify include champion or reserve champion bull, heifer, steer or cow-calf pair; division champion or reserve division champion bull, heifer, steer or cow-calf pair; and awards in showmanship, judging, carcass classes, scholarship competitions, royalty competitions and all competitions recognized by the NJAA, including those at the NJAS.

Gold, Silver and Bronze awards qualify; as do leadership roles or positions held.

ILLINOIS

Reese McKenzie Anderson

INDIANA

Raleigh Olivia Doerstler

Lilah Cate Doerstler

Bryce Lee Hofing

Zayda Lea Hofing

Rosalind Kidwell

Hunter Royer

Sophia Royer
Burke T. Tuggle
Karis "Delaney" Waterman

IOWA

Cassidy Becker
Kassidy Bremer
Garrett Coffland
Ky Curran
Mya Curran
Cale Jensen
Callie Jensen
Lexi Knapp
Morgan Knapp

KANSAS

Cheyenne Brunker
Jayce Dickerson
Molly Hill
Ruby Hill
Aubree McCurry
Avery Mullen
Cohen Navinsky
Clay Pelton
Nicholas Siemens
Dakota Smith-Allen
Austin Woodrow
Cooper Woodrow
Baylee Wulfkuhle

MICHIGAN

Drew George
Amanda Kosal
Kristopher Kosal
Kinsee Lettinga
Austin Pillars
Blake Pillars
Maggie Reid
Julia Sanderson
Hannah Schroeder
Dylan Stoll
Justin Stoll

MISSOURI

Alexis Koelling

NEBRASKA

Kasey Meyer
Myra Meyer
Reagan Skow
Rachel Smith
Wyatt Smith
Mckinley Stoller

NORTH CAROLINA

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Lynae Bowman
Nate Bowman
Emma Vanhoy
Hannah Vanhoy

NORTH DAKOTA

Andrea Arnold
Sheridan Ellingson
AJ Heins

Alexis Vandenberghe
Kelsey Vandenberghe
Isabel Wendel
Kennedy Wendel
Reed Wendel
Rose Wendel
Ryder Wendel

PENNSYLVANIA

David Bell
Kaitlin Bell
Conner K. Grim
Lindsey D. Grim
Hunter Hopstetter
Daniel Rohrbaugh
Wilhelmina Voight

SOUTH DAKOTA

Sawyer Styles

VIRGINIA

Ryan Borer

WASHINGTON

Keely Thanyer

Kansas Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet; Jan. 30; Hutchinson



Kady Figge (left), Onaga, received the Kansas Angus Ass'n Young Producer Scholarship, presented by John McCurry (right), Kansas Angus Ass'n immediate past president. Photo by Anne Lampe.



Eva Hinrichsen (left), Westmoreland, received the Kenneth and Lorene Moore Memorial Scholarship, presented by Lori Fink (right), Kansas Angus Auxiliary scholarship chairman.



Kelsey Theis (left), Leavenworth, and Greta Rosenhagen (right), Cheney, were crowned as Miss Kansas Angus and Kansas Angus Ambassador, respectively. Photo by Anne Lampe.

Kansas Angus Futurity Junior Show; Jan. 31; Hutchinson



Winning the senior division of showmanship are (from left) Eva Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, champion; Greta Rosenhagen, Kansas Angus ambassador, presenting; and Grace Shive, Mount Hope, reserve champion.



Winning the intermediate division of showmanship are (from left) Jayce Dickerson, Paradise, champion; Greta Rosenhagen, presenting; and Lizzie Schafer, Owaneco, Ill., reserve champion.



Winning the junior division of showmanship are (from left) Cheyenne Brunker, Ottawa, champion; Greta Rosenhagen, presenting; and Dakota Allen, Ottawa, reserve champion.



Winning the novice division of showmanship are (from left) Hallie Mullen, Ulysses, champion; Greta Rosenhagen, presenting; and Broxton Navinsky, Winchester, reserve champion.



In the peewee division of showmanship, Molly McCurry, Hutchinson, won top honors.