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## To have succeeded

*It's the time of year when we turn another page in the calendar along with another season.*

Recently in my women's Bible study group, we shared what we look forward to in the spring. It was a simple discussion question, but a sweet one to reflect on in anticipation of warmer days, green grass, flowers and celebrating Easter.

My neighborhood is starting to come out of hibernation. Work that was done last fall is coming to fruition in the early flowers popping up from the bulbs that were dormant for months.

The new growth and activity this time of year is reminiscent of the concept of leaving a place better than you found it — how the work done today can meet current needs without compromising the ability of future generations.

This excerpt from the poem "What is Success" as attributed to Ralph Waldo Emerson describes this idea well.

*To leave the world a bit better  
whether by a healthy child, a garden  
patch,*

*or a redeemed social condition;  
to know even one life has breathed  
easier*

*because you have lived.*

*This is to have succeeded.*

"Leaving the world a bit better" can look different for each person, but we can all make this part of our lives: donating to charitable organizations, giving of your time to causes that matter to you, investing in the next generation by raising well-rounded children or supporting those who are. Each of us have opportunities to lead by example, to be a servant leader and to leave the world around us a little bit better.

### Investing in the future


The April *Angus Journal* highlights just a handful of ways Angus breeders are investing in the future.

We talked with a young West Virginia family who is setting up opportunities for their children to be part of the Angus breed and beef industry. Their innovation allows

them to bring their three sons alongside in a unique family business.

Many of the programs available to Angus youth are built on the foundation of generous donors who see young Angus breeders as the future. Read about the legacy the owners of Black Witch Farm have left to secure educational opportunities and foster healthy competition.

Angus breeders are also investing in solutions and tools to better the breed. This only comes through discussion on tough topics, keeping an open mind and considering the needs of the future of Angus breeders.

As you reflect on the many blessings this spring season, I hope you consider "to have succeeded" is to leave your families, communities and the Angus breed a little better. 

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie".

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