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POSTCARD FROM AN NJAA DIRECTOR

The places you can go in the NJAA



Garrett Pohlman

*Oh, the Places You'll Go!
And will you succeed?
Yes! You will, indeed!
(98 and ¾ percent guaranteed.)
KID, YOU'LL MOVE MOUNTAINS!
So ...
be your name Buxbaum or Bixby or Bray or Mordecai Ali
Van Allen O'Shea,
you're off to Great Places!
Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting.
So ... get on your way!*

— Dr. Seuss

This quotation is from one of my favorite books, *Oh, the Places You'll Go* by Dr. Seuss. The book has been important to me; a good friend gave it to me a few years ago when I was down and disappointed following a setback.

The message of the book addresses life itself, and the ups and downs it presents, while encouraging us to find the prosperity that lies within us. The message helped motivate me to keep pushing forward in life. If we keep working hard, we will eventually accomplish great things in life. We have to get back on track and keep pushing, not letting little setbacks get us down.

I have learned that things don't always go the way we expect. I remember my first National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). It was in 1990 in Omaha, Neb. I left the ring in tears, after my *darling* heifer had stepped on my foot, holding a last-place ribbon. It was definitely a character-building experience; but I didn't let it get me down. I proceeded to show at subsequent NJAS and continued to do better inside and outside the showring.

To me, the friendships I have made and the leadership skills attained are more valuable than how I placed in class. The National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) has had a tremendous effect on my life and has enabled me to accomplish many goals.

The NJAA offers its members many great opportunities. Angus juniors should capitalize on extemporaneous speaking, team sales, quiz bowl and other contests offered at the NJAS each summer. These contests build tremendous public speaking skills and knowledge of the Angus breed.

I encourage all junior members to block off July 22-25 on their calendars for this year's LEAD (Leaders Engaged in Angus Development) conference in St. Joseph, Mo. The theme is "Back to the Basics" and should be a golden opportunity to see where it all began. Don't forget, the registration deadline is June 15. For more information about this year's LEAD conference, see page 45 of the February *Angus Journal*.

These experiences will help you grow as an individual and prepare you for success. I challenge each of you as NJAA members to continually recruit new members in order to make the largest junior beef breed association in the world even stronger.

Remember the lines from the Dr. Seuss book, "And you will succeed? Yes! You will, indeed! (98 and ¾ percent guaranteed)," as you set and reach attainable goals every day. Not only will participation in Angus activities allow you to go many places geographically, it will take you many places in life as well.

— Garrett Pohlman
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Officers and Directors of the **National Junior Angus Association** (pictured front row, l to r) are Janelle Sommers, Silver Lake, Ind., chairman; Rhonda Nida, Red Rock, Okla., vice chairman; Hutch Porter, Jefferson, Ga., communications director; Justin (J.W.) McCurry, Mt. Hope, Kan., Foundation director; Diana Covell, Frederick, Md., leadership director; and Amy Dyar, Crossville, Ala., membership/information director. Directors (pictured back row, l to r) are John Melton, Bridgewater, Va.; Lindsey Trosper, Hamilton, Mo.; Julie Dameron, Lexington, Ill.; Melissa Pickrell, Paris, Ky.; Julie Scarlett, Snow Camp, N.C.; and Garrett Pohlman, Norfolk, Neb.

Auxiliary announces Crystal Award

The American Angus Auxiliary is sponsoring a new award at this year's National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). Crystal Awards will be given to the girl and the boy who earn the most points participating in educational contests at the NJAS. These events include the Auxiliary-sponsored *Certified Angus Beef*™ Cook-Off, team sales, extemporaneous speaking, prepared speaking, poster and photography contests.

Points will be awarded for the first five placings in a contest. The higher the placing, the more points the contestant will receive. Each contestant will receive one point for participating.

For more information about the Crystal Award, contact Auxiliary Awards Chairman Cathy Watkins at 4556 N. 850 W., Middletown, IN 47356; (765) 779-4007.

Scholarships available for Angus youth

Junior Angus enthusiasts from the western United States can apply for the Western States Angus Auxiliary Perpetuating Memorial Scholarship Fund, formerly known as the Muz & Buzz Foote Memorial Scholarship. Junior members who have registered Angus cattle and who will be freshmen in college or technical school in the fall of 1999 are eligible.

Interested applicants must submit a typed essay of 100-150 words entitled "What My Black Angus Project Means To Me." Include your name, age and address.

The application deadline is April 15. Send applications to Carla Greenfield-Malson, 3100 Elmore Rd., Parma, ID 83660. For more information, contact Malson at (208) 674-1079.

Applications are also available for the 1999 Western States Angus Auxiliary Scholarship. Two \$500 awards will be available.

Applicants must be:

- A graduating senior in 1999;
- A member of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) or the American Angus Association with Angus projects;
- From Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington or western Montana; and
- Planning to attend a college or technical school this fall.

Entries must be postmarked no later

NJAA members earn Bronze and Silver awards

Several members of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) have earned their Bronze and Silver awards. The awards are the first and second levels of the National Junior Angus Recognition Program that began in 1972. Junior Angus breeders must first apply for the awards, then 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 competitions, using performance testing to improve their herds and their progress in producing and merchandising Angus cattle.

CHELSEA MOFFITT, Kirksville, Mo., has qualified for the Bronze Award. The 13-year-old daughter of John & Deena Moffitt is an eighth grader at Kirksville Junior High School. She has shown Angus in numerous local, state and national shows. She has participated in the poster, photography and Auxiliary-sponsored *Certified Angus Beef*™ Cook-Off contests at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). In addition, she is a member of the Missouri Junior Angus Association (MJAA) and has been a member of the NJAA since 1994.

CYNTHIA MOFFITT, Kirksville, Mo., has qualified for the Bronze and Silver awards. The 20-year-old daughter of John & Deena Moffitt is a junior at the University of Missouri-Columbia, majoring in human development and family studies. She has exhibited Angus in many local, state, regional and national shows. She served as the Missouri Angus Queen in 1997-98. In addition, she served as secretary and treasurer of the MJAA and has been a member of the NJAA since 1992.

BRITNIA CARLSON, Cherokee, Iowa, has qualified for the Bronze Award. The 17-year-old daughter of Mark & Jan Carlson is a senior at Washington High School. She has shown her Angus in numerous local, state and regional shows. In addition, she is a member of the Iowa Junior Angus Association and has been a member of the NJAA since 1993.

JULIE DAMERON, Lexington, Ill., has qualified for the Bronze and Silver awards. The 20-year-old daughter of Gary & Sharon Dameron is a junior at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, majoring in agricultural communications. Dameron has exhibited Angus cattle in numerous state, regional and national shows. She won the National Angus Showmanship contest at the 1998 NJAS. In addition, she has served in several offices, including president of the Illinois Junior Angus Association and a member of the NJAA Board.

JULIA CRENSHAW-SMITH, Manhattan, Kan., has qualified for the Bronze and Silver awards. The 20-year-old daughter of Christine Crenshaw, Manhattan, Kan., and Stephen Smith, Parkville, Mo., is a sophomore at Texas A&M University, majoring in agricultural engineering. She has shown her Angus in many local, state, regional and national shows. She has participated in the public speaking and photography contests at the NJAS. In addition, she has served as treasurer and reporter of the Kansas Junior Angus Association and has been a member of the NJAA since 1978.

than June 30. For more information or an application form, contact Kathleen Buchanan, 13490 Algoma Rd., Klamath Falls, OR 97601; (541) 883-8471.

Angus youth win NCF/CME scholarships

Four members of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) earned Beef Industry Scholarships sponsored by the National Cattlemen's Foundation (NCF) and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange

(CME). Out of the 150 applicants, sixteen \$1,250 scholarships were awarded.

NJAA member Jenny White, La Grande, Ore., was named the top winner and received an all-expense-paid trip to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) convention in Charlotte, N.C.

Other junior Angus members receiving \$1,250 scholarships were Garrett Pohlman, Norfolk, Neb.; Jesse McCurry, Sedgwick, Kan.; and Kimberly Vessel, Flintville, Tenn.

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■ PENNSYLVANIA SPOTLIGHT

Suzanne Bishard, York, and **Jeffrey Keifer**, Bangor, both in the center, received the Pennsylvania Angus Association's Outstanding Girl and Boy awards. Also pictured are Dale Rains, Pennsylvania Angus Association vice president, and Brenda Grubb.



Pennsylvania Angus royalty (pictured l to r) are **Sarah Grim**, East Berlin, 1999 Pennsylvania Angus Queen; and **Samantha Beck**, Warriors Mark, 1999 Pennsylvania Angus Princess.

■ SOUTH DAKOTA



South Dakota Angus royalty (pictured l to r) are **Amy Bussmus**, Mitchell, queen; **Virginia Carroll**, DeSmet, princess; and **Ember Dale**, Clark, princess.

■ SOUTH CAROLINA



Karl Holshouser (right), Gold Hill, N.C., received his Silver Award from **Julie Scarlett**, NJAA Director.

■ TEXAS SPOTLIGHT



Directors of the Texas Junior Angus Association (pictured front row, l to r) are **Whitney Richter**, Waco; **Heather Kruse**, Hubbard; **Shatona Hicks** and **Tashena Hicks**, both of Rockdale; and **Kevin Gleason**, Midlothian; (back row, l to r) **Amber Roberts**, Lufkin; **Ellie Smith**, Burleson; **Joy Lynn Tinsley**, Mansfield; **Robert Bland**, Gonzales; **Justin Prince**, Clifton; and **David Rice**, Perrin.



New officers for the Texas Junior Angus Association (pictured l to r) are **Jessica Maxwell**, Ponder, president; **James Foshea**, Midlothian, first vice president; **Joanna Olson**, Hereford, second vice president; **Alicia Votruba**, Georgetown, secretary; **Keeton Ehrig**, Gonzales, treasurer; and **Mark Gleason**, Midlothian, reporter.

Texas junior Angus members who received American Angus Auxiliary awards are (pictured front row, l to r) **Mark Gleason**, **Kevin Gleason** and **Ashley Grote**, Forney; (back row, l to r) **Jessica Maxwell**; **Jeremy Maxwell**, Ponder; **Keeton Ehrig**; **James Foshea** and **Mary Dawn Kendrick**, Southlake.



Mark Gleason, left, received his Bronze Award from American Angus Association Regional Manager Matt Perrier.



Ashley Grote (left) is the 1999 Miss Texas Angus. Also pictured is **Mary Dawn Kendrick**, 1998 Miss Texas Angus.

■ GEORGIA SPOTLIGHT



Serving as officers of the Georgia Junior Angus Association (pictured seated, l to r) are **Shelly Ansley**, Cornelia, secretary; **Brandon Walker**, Lexington, treasurer; and **Terri Cameron**, Winder, first vice president. Directors (pictured standing, l to r) are **Lindsey Holton**, Camilla; **Buck Daniel**, Colbert; **Katie Walker**, Lexington; **Bramblett Day** and **Matthew Day**, both of Temple; and **Lora Porter**, Jefferson.



Shelly Ansley (left) is the 1999 Georgia Junior Angus Association queen. **Lindsey Holton** (right) is the 1999 princess.



Brandon Walker, left, was presented the Georgia Outstanding Junior Angus Award. Pictured presenting the award is **Hutch Porter**, Jefferson, NJAA Board communications director.

■ OHIO SPOTLIGHT



Pearlann McNichols (right), Baltimore, is the 1999 Ohio Angus Association Queen. Also pictured is **Jamie King**, 1998 Ohio Angus Queen.



The Ohio Angus Auxiliary presented **Matt Henwood** and **Pearlann McNichols** with scholarships.



Jared Chester (right), Washington Court House, received the Ohio Angus Association Junior Show Award. Kiata Farms, Hamilton, sponsors the award, which Ohio Angus Association President Vernon Hall presented.



Michael Painter (right), Hebron, received the 1998 Boys Silver Show Award. Pictured presenting the award is Fred Penick, Hebron.



Morgan Woodward, Gallipolis, received the 1998 Girls Silver Show Award. Pictured presenting the award is Kent Bauman, Blue Creek.



Officers of the Ohio Junior Angus Association (pictured l to r) are **Holly Irvin**, Hamilton, vice president; **Angela Miller**, Luckey, treasurer; **Morgann McNichols**, Baltimore, news reporter; **Matt Henwood**, Lancaster, president; and **Jamie King**, Tiffin, secretary.

INDIANA SPOTLIGHT



Indiana Angus royalty (pictured l to r) are **Darcy Clifford**, Bainbridge, princess; and **Stephanie Sharp**, Pekin, queen.



Officers and directors of the Indiana Junior Angus Association are (pictured front row, l to r) **Jeremy Haag**, Plymouth, president; **Kara Claeys**, Oxford, second vice president; **Kyle Bannon**, Ladoga, third vice president; **Mallory Bannon**, Ladoga, reporter; **Julia Wagner**, Wolcott, assistant reporter; (back row, l to r) **Chad Zellers**, Silver Lake, northeast director; **Janelle Sommers**, Silver Lake, chairman of the NJAA Board; **Kristi Wilson**, Orleans, south director and communications director; **Danny Zeller**, Noblesville, southeast director; **Eric Ramsey**, Frankfort, west-central director; **Jon Leeper**, Argos, northwest director; **Chad Haag**, Plymouth, northwest director; **Nick Wagner**, Wolcott, west-central director; and **Jason Harrold**, Akron, northeast director.



The Southeast Indiana Angus Association recognized these young Angus owners for exhibiting the grand champion Angus female at their respective county fairs during 1998. Pictured front row, l to r, are **Rachel Crane**, Liberty; **Tylor Hendrick**, Frankton; and **Aaron Norwood**, Knightstown. Pictured back row, l to r, are **Nancy Hinds**, Connersville; **Jason Miller**, Gaston; **David Craig**, Economy; and **Travis Singer**, Brookville.



Indiana's Randolph County 4-H livestock judging team won top honors at the 1999 National Western Stock Show's livestock judging contest. Pictured (l to r) are **Jeremy Baldwin** and **Amanda Byrum**, both of Winchester; **Levi Whitehead**, **Coach Maureen "Mo" Jester** and **Daniel Hendrickson**, all of Farmland.

