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### Apart from the Crowd

*Many young agriculturalists and cattlemen set themselves apart from other young people based on the fact that they have the opportunity to become entrepreneurs at an early age.*

Whether you exhibit show cattle or run a small herd of commercial cattle, young cattlemen have the opportunity to learn a vast majority of skills and life lessons early in life.

Kelsey Vejraska of Omak, Wash., is a young entrepreneur with her own herd of 30 registered Angus cattle along with 25 commercial cattle. Her family also owns and operates Sunny Okanogan Angus Ranch. Vejraska has obtained a vast knowledge of animal

husbandry throughout her time as a cattlegirl. This has included calving, doctoring and much more.

Apart from her cattle herd, she also has started her own photography business in recent years. She has had numerous clients and interned at the Oklahoma Youth Expo (OYE) as an event photographer. Vejraska highlights and defines what it looks like to be a successful young entrepreneur.

On behalf of the National Junior Angus Board of Directors (NJAB), I can say that we are all very excited for the upcoming National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). This year, it will take place in Harrisburg, Pa., with the theme of 2020 Vision: Focus on the Future. We hope to see you all there July 5-11.

— Reagan Skow

## 2020 Louisiana Junior Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Feb. 12, Gonzales



Awarded the Certificate of Achievement are (from left) Kara LeBeouf and Lani LeBeouf, both of Deridder; Lily Gisclair and Luke Gisclair, both of Longville; and Christian Corsentino, Denham Springs.



Payton Shepherd, Lake Charles (left), and Kara LeBeouf (right), received the Louisiana Angus Auxiliary Scholarship. Pictured presenting is Bridgett Gisclair, Louisiana Angus Auxiliary representative (center).



Lain Thompson, Pineville, (left), received the Rookie of the Year award. Pictured presenting the award is Lana Myers, Louisiana Junior Angus Ass'n advisor.

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Selected as royalty for the Louisiana Junior Angus Ass'n are (from left) Kara LeBeouf, 2019 Miss Louisiana Angus; Lani LeBeouf, 2020 Miss Louisiana Angus; Amalie Mabile, Addis, 2020 Louisiana Angus princess; and Elise Meche, Morganza, 2019 Louisiana Angus princess.



Elected to serve on the Louisiana Junior Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated from left) Kara LeBeouf, president; Lani LeBeouf, first vice president; Emma Sarradet, Addis, second vice president; Luke Gisclair, secretary-treasurer; Elise Meche, historian; and Baylie Romero, Plaquemine, shadow historian. Directors pictured standing (from left) are Amalie Mabile; Jacy Jones, Glenmora; Cameron Rachal and Wyatt Olsen, both of Saint Francisville; Hannah Dronet, Jennings; Lain Thompson; Christian Corsentino; Wyatt Lejeune, Elton; and Colton Sarradet, Addis.

## 2020 Illinois Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Feb. 21, Springfield



Amelia Miller, Gridley, ebonette (far left); Cheyenne Handsaker, Pearl City, ebonette; Brooke Schiffbauer, Tonica, ebonette; Emily Brooks, Prophetstown, Miss Illinois Angus; Lizzie Schafer, Owaneco, ebonette; and Ella Brooks, Prophetstown, princess; were crowned as Illinois Angus royalty. Photo by Betty Haynes.



Emily Brooks won the Outstanding Junior award.



Kayla Anderson, Chrisman (left), was presented the Illinois Junior Angus Ass'n Appreciation Award by Miss Illinois Angus, Emily Brooks (right). Photo by Betty Haynes.

## 2020 Kentucky Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet, March 6, Louisville



Elected to serve on the Kentucky Junior Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, from left) Bradon Burks, Park City, president; Josh Jasper, Nicholasville, vice president; Kalli Flanders, Buffalo, second vice president; Lily Jeffries, Canmer, reporter; Bryanna Smith, Russell Springs, secretary; and Mayson Toll, Lawrenceburg, treasurer. Standing (back row, from left) are Jamie Gray, Buffalo, advisor; and Taylor Jeffries and Lucy Jeffries, both of Canmer, directors; Jacob Marksbury, Buffalo, director; Emily Caffee, Bonnieville, director; and Paula Boyd, May's Lick, advisor.



Emily Caffee was crowned Kentucky Angus princess.



Lucas Womack, Pembroke (left), and Bradshaw Smoot, Campbellsville (right), received the retiring junior member award.



Kentucky Junior Angus Ass'n points program final standings in the bred-and-owned heifer division were awarded to Jacob Marksbury, Buffalo (right). Also pictured presenting the award is Emily Caffee.



Kentucky Junior Angus Ass'n points program final standings in the cow-calf pair division were awarded to Taylor Jeffries (right). Also pictured presenting the award is Emily Caffee (left).



Kentucky Junior Angus Ass'n points program final standings in the bred-and-owned bull division were awarded to Kalli Flanders (right). Also pictured presenting the award is Emily Caffee (left).



Kentucky Junior Angus Association points program final standings in the steer division was awarded to Blane Smith (right). Also pictured presenting the award is Emily Caffee (left).



Kalli Flanders (left), received the Kentucky Junior Angus Ass'n Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor awards. Presenting the award is Emily Caffee (right).



Bradshaw Smoot (left), won outstanding male junior. Also pictured is Josh Jasper, presenting (right).

## 2020 Georgia Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet, March 7, Talmo



Nancy Murray, Folkston, (left) and Rachael Hopper, Pitts, (right) were crowned as Georgia Angus Princess and Miss Georgia Angus, respectively.

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## Certificates of Achievement

The American Angus Auxiliary has awarded the 2019 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, 2018-Sept. 30, 2019). 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; awards in showmanship, judging, carcass

classes, scholarship competitions, royalty competitions and all competitions recognized by the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA), including those at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). Gold, Silver and Bronze awards qualify; as do leadership roles or positions held.

### ALABAMA

Audra Graves  
Chelsea Langley  
Abigail McCord  
Katie Smith  
Amelia Thrower  
John Evans Thrower  
Makayla Walker  
Kynleigh Renee Wood

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Maguire Rohr

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## Bronze and Silver Awards

Ethan Blevins, Greenup, Ky.; Jaden Borman, Holland, Minn.; Austyn Gorman, Olton, Texas; Harlow Gorman, Olton, Texas; A'Lee Griffin, Olton, Texas; Sean Houston, Savannah, Mo.; and Taylynn Williamson, Clarksville, Ark., 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. Sophia Patchin, Mitchellville, Iowa, has earned the NJAA's Silver award and Cody Ostertag, Kenyon, Minn., has earned the NJAA's Bronze award.

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

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Gary Blevins' 15-year-old son, **Ethan Blevins**, is a Greenup, Ky., native and has served as director of the Kentucky Junior Angus Association (KJAA).

Blevins attends Greenup County High School and balances his schoolwork with his participation in shows at the local, state, regional and national levels. His involvement with the NJAA includes participation

in the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) mentoring program and Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference.

**Jaden Borman**, Holland, Minn., is Jason and Tammy Borman's 18-year-old son and attends RTR High School. He is a member of the Minnesota Junior Angus Association.

Showing at the local, state and national levels, Borman is actively involved in the NJAA. He has participated in the quiz bowl and livestock judging contests at the

NJAS, and was a state scholarship winner in 2019.

Nine-year-old daughter of Jay and Dusty Gorman, **Austyn Gorman**, attends Olton Independent School District and serves the Texas Junior Angus Association (TJAA) as director.

In addition to her time with the mentoring program the past three years at the NJAS, Gorman has participated in the poster, quiz bowl, creative writing, graphic design and photography contests.

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**Harlow Gorman**, the 11-year-old daughter of Jay and Dusty Gorman, is a student at Olton Independent School District and current director of the TJAA.

This Olton, Texas, native has participated in shows at the local, state, regional and national levels. At the NJAS, Harlow has participated in the photography, graphic design, quiz bowl and creative writing contests.

From 2017 to 2019, Harlow was also involved in the NJAS's mentoring program.

**A'Lee Griffin**, hails from Olton, Texas. The 9-year-old is the daughter of Amy Griffin and attends Olton Independent School District.

Griffin has served as director of the TJAA and been heavily involved in Angus shows at all levels. At the NJAS, she has participated in the poster and graphic design contests and the mentoring program.

**Sean Houston** of Savannah, Mo., is the 18-year-old son of Steve and Kelly Houston and attends the North Andrew R-6 School.

Houston is a member of both the NJAA and the Missouri Junior Angus Association (MJAA) and has participated in local, state and national shows. His involvement at

the NJAS includes the photography, livestock judging and quiz bowl contests as well as the mentoring program.

Along with being involved with his local FFA chapter, Houston has attended the LEAD conference, Raising the Bar conference and Missouri Junior Cattleman's Tour.

Clarksville, Ark., native **Taylynn Williamson** currently attends Connors State College. She is the 19-year-old daughter of Tiffany and Shane Williamson.

An active member of the Florida Junior Angus Association (FJAA), Williamson has served as royalty, secretary and vice president. She was involved with her local 4-H club and FFA chapter.


At the NJAS, Williamson participated in the public speaking, extemporaneous speaking, quiz bowl, team sales and livestock judging contests as well as the American Angus Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*<sup>®</sup> Cook-Off. She also was involved with the mentoring program.

**Sophia Patchin** of Mitchellville, Iowa, is the daughter of Jeffrey and Kristen Patchin and currently attends the University of Northern Iowa.

This 18-year-old is a member of the NJAA and the Iowa Junior Angus Association (IJAA). At the NJAS, Patchin has participated in the creative writing, photography, livestock judging and skill-a-thon contests and the Cook-Off. She has also attended the LEAD Conference.

Patchin has consigned cattle to the Angus in the Green Hills sale.

**Cody Ostertag**, Kenyon, Minn., is the 12-year-old son of Ben and Dana Ostertag. He attends Kenyon-Wanamingo School and is a member of both the NJAA and the Minnesota Junior Angus Association.

Showing at local, state and national levels, Ostertag is heavily involved in the breed. He has participated in the creative writing contest and mentoring program of the NJAS. 

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