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## Lessons from learning

*Picking up the piece of chalk, I began scribbling a “lesson” on the small chalkboard in our childhood playroom. Trying to convince my younger brother to sit in the pretend classroom never got far, so stuffed animals were usually my best students.*

I’ve enjoyed learning for as long as I can remember and can easily find myself immersed in a deep dive of various topics. I was that third grader who gladly chose to stay after school when my teacher offered to let this landlocked Midwestern girl work on a project to learn more about marine life.

Having friends in education today, I now know how precious those after-school hours are for educators. That’s when lesson planning and grading take place, along with many other tasks that cannot be accomplished while attending to a group of 8- and 9-year-olds. Miss Erickson fostered my love of learning at an expense of her time. She went above and beyond to encourage my curiosity.

As I reflect on the classes, internships, jobs and the many experiences that have molded and shaped my life, there is a central theme. Someone took the time to invest in my future. Along the way teachers, mentors and managers gave me encouragement, cast vision, provided constructive criticism and offered opportunities.

## Fresh faces

This issue, “Fresh Faces,” focuses on the next generation of Angus breeders and those new to the breed. The Angus family has a long history of supporting young Angus cattlemen and future leaders through the best programs in the industry.

Beyond these, where can we take a little extra time to encourage a new member or young breeder, providing instruction or inviting them into your network?

We should all strive to be the person who looks for opportunities to invest in the next generation.

We should also be the person who is willing to learn and grow. The *Angus Journal* team has been working to expand our reach beyond the foundation of the monthly print publication.


This year the *Angus Journal* launched a new website, [www.angusjournal.net](http://www.angusjournal.net), to provide even more management, genetics,

research and technology information.

In 2020, the *AJ Daily* and *AJ Weekly* were redesigned to better showcase

Angus and industry news, upcoming sales, sale books and can’t-miss events. To better serve Angus breeders, each *AJ Daily* e-newsletter now includes a link to an audio version — in one click you can listen to the

*AJ Daily* hands-free wherever you are. Subscribe to the *AJ Daily* and *AJ Weekly* at [www.anguselist.com](http://www.anguselist.com).

Investing in youth is investing in the future. Let’s all look for opportunities to support the next generation of Angus breeders. 



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