

AUXILIARY NOTES

by Julie Conover, president, American Angus Auxiliary

What Do You Measure?

Calculations made by the Auxiliary award outstanding junior members.

As a child, I remember a sign that stated, “A pinch of salt, a pound of love, is what great things are all made of.”

There are signs like that in numerous places in life; some make you think and some make you chuckle.

Life is full of things we measure. The kitchen is my most precise place of measurements as cooking is not my talent, but recipes can help get us to an edible end product. Just like many of our junior members who compete in the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American Certified Angus Beef Cook-Off, measurements matter.

What is the Auxiliary measuring? As an auxiliary, we calculate a lot of points and give some special awards to very deserving junior members at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS).

The Cook-Off contest has awards for the meal, skit and overall. The Black Kettle Award is presented to the highest-ranking team among all divisions. The winning intermediate team in the steak division is awarded the Pat Grote LEAD Award that pays the registration fee for team members to attend the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference in the year of the win or the year after. The Ardyce’s Apron Award was created to recognize the overall top-ranked junior team.

The Crystal Award is awarded to the top male and female contestant for placings in all educational contests. The Silver Pitcher Award is presented to the


top male and female for their show ring achievements.

The Richard L. Spader Award is presented to the senior extemporaneous speaking winner. Winners of the intermediate extemporaneous speaking division receive a beautiful Rattey sculpture as the Pat Grote Award.

The Auxiliary awards a silver Revere bowl to the top five showmen in the coveted Showmanship Contest.

Our Scholarship Committee carefully evaluates the applications submitted and awards scholarships annually at NJAS to five males and females.

We would be remiss if we didn’t look outside of the NJAS and focus on achievements at all levels. The Certificate of Achievement is awarded to qualifying juniors for outstanding achievements at the national, state and district levels. The form is online at <https://www.angusauxiliary.com/leadership/certificate-of-achievement.html>.

The Auxiliary will continue to measure the successes of our juniors as well as our diverse membership. We look forward to our next meeting Wednesday, July 5 at NJAS. If you have questions about our measurements or getting involved, please reach out to myself or any of our Auxiliary officers or regional directors. 

Sincerely,

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