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Grit: How to measure the unmeasurable

What is grit? According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, grit is firmness of mind or spirit: unyielding courage in the face of hardship or danger.

I recently conversed with a person with whom I have a great deal of respect. She said, “How do you measure the unmeasurable? When hiring someone, I don’t care about measurable things such as GPA, awards, honors or years of experience. I want to know about the unmeasurable things; I want to know that they have grit.”

As a current college student, this was an idea that I mulled on for some time. This idea brought me comfort when I needed it most. It allowed me to accept that I am still a good student for getting a C- in a college calculus class. Better yet, I am better because of it.

Instead of giving up and dropping

the class, I found grit. I studied hard, did the extra credit assignment, and just passed the dang class. Besides, I have yet to be asked what the derivative or limit of a function is in a job interview. But I have been asked to describe a challenge I faced and how I overcame that challenge.

So, how do you measure grit? Academics may be one example, but for others, it may be running an extra mile after practice because you want to be the best. Grit may be waking up daily to chase a dream, even though you failed yesterday. Either way, we all face challenges. The question is, will you find the grit and get through it or will it just be too hard this time?

Travis Bradberry said, “Grit is that

‘extra something’ that separates the most successful people from the rest. It’s the passion, perseverance and stamina that we must channel in order to stick with our dreams until they become a reality.”

Working hard is important, but working hard every day towards the same goal is grit. Dreams and goals are only achieved with grit.

If this interests you, I recommend Angela Lee Duckworth’s book, *Grit*. Or, for a more condensed learning opportunity, check out her TedTalk.

So what are your dreams and goals? What will it take to achieve them? Do you have what it takes to find the grit and find success?

— Avery Dull

Ohio Angus Ass’n Annual Meeting and Banquet, Feb. 4, Lima



Kristina Scheurman (right), Warsaw, received the Girls Silver Show Award, sponsored by Turkey Run Angus. Also pictured presenting is Todd Raines.



Kristina Scheurman (right), Warsaw, received the Girls Bred-and-owned Silver Award. Also pictured presenting are Garrett Wells (left) and Daniel Wells, Wells Livestock, award sponsors.



Brayden Hayes (left), Graytown, received the Boys Silver Show Award. Also pictured presenting is Allen Gahler, Gahler Farms, award sponsor.



Anna Scheurman, Warsaw, was crowned Miss Ohio Angus.

Louisiana Junior Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Feb. 15, Gonzales



These young ladies were recognized as Angus royalty. Pictured (from left) are Elise Meche, Morganza, Miss Louisiana Angus; and Eleanor Straney, Thibodaux, Louisiana Angus princess.



These young men and women will serve as officers on the Louisiana Junior Angus Ass'n board of directors. Pictured (from left) are Elise Meche, treasurer; Lily Williams, Keithville, historian; Christian Corsentino, Denham Springs, vice president; Ben Forbes, Zachary, president; Rory Forbes, Zachary, second vice president; McKenna Walter, Pearl River, reporter; and Zoey Symons, Pearl River, secretary.



These young men and women will serve as directors on the Louisiana Junior Angus Ass'n board of directors. Pictured (from left) are Camryn Greene, Slaughter, south-central director; Elise Meche, Acadiana director; Christian Corsentino, voting delegate alternate; Ben Forbes, voting delegate; Austin Johnson, Pitkin, voting delegate; Eleanor Straney, south-central director; Claire Williams, Keithville, northwest director; Kara Nesom, Deridder, southwest director; Connor Symons, Pearl River, southeast director; and Tavin Symons, Pearl River, southeast director.



Connor Symons (right), was named Louisiana Junior Angus Ass'n Rookie of the Year. Also pictured presenting is Angie LeBeouf.

Louisiana State University AgCenter Livestock Show's Junior Angus, Feb. 16, Gonzales

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Junior Angus members won top honors in senior showmanship. Pictured (from left) are Grant Dela Houssaye, New Iberia, champion; Ben Forbes, Zachary, reserve champion; Baylie Romero, Plaquemine, third; Austin Johnson, Pitkin, fourth; and Christian Corsentino, Denham Springs, fifth.



Junior Angus members won top honors in intermediate showmanship. Pictured (from left) are Rory Forbes, Zachary, champion; Camryn Greene, Slaughter, reserve champion; Hollis McGraw, Slaughter, third; Ashlynn Hayes, Natchitoches, fourth; and Josie Sibille, Ethel, fifth.



Junior Angus members won top honors in junior showmanship. Pictured (from left) are Emma LeJeune, Elton, champion; Lane Pellerin, Zachary, reserve champion; Eleanor Straney, Thibodaux, third; Emery McGraw, Slaughter, fourth; and Rylee Symons, Pear River, fifth.



Grant Dela Houssaye (right) was the overall showmanship winner. Also pictured presenting is Cheyenne Jones, judge.