NEXT GENERATION

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POSTCARD FROM A JUNIOR



Megan Pelan

With change comes growth

Within the industry lie professionals of agricultural diversity. There are countless opportunities for National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members to take advantage of within the career path they choose.

Growing up, my main priority was to "have a concrete plan." That plan was the career or future job I was going to stick to. When I walked into my first day of class, I had one goal, one career, one path in mind. As I progress through college, however, I've learned our paths change, and that is OK.

Being a member of the NJAA, I have had the opportunity to meet industry professionals and mentors

who have influenced my future plans and provided endless amounts of knowledge. As juniors grow and learn, I urge NJAA members to keep their options open, as you may never know how your passions will change and lead you in a new direction.

Join a new club, enter a new contest, introduce yourself to new people. Take an unusual class that piques your interest — get out of your comfort zone.

There is no time like the present, and this is the time we are becoming our idols. With that, take a moment, sit back and watch as NJAA members grow into intelligent, passionate, hard-working individuals.

— Megan Pelan

2020 Missouri Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet, Feb. 22, Columbia, Mo.



Elected to serve on the Missouri Junior Angus Ass'n board of directors (from left) are Corbin Sampson, Kirksville, treasurer; Grace Busch, Saint James, newsletter reporter; Olivia Gerloff, Bland, secretary; Juliette Mead, second vice president; Lauren Gilbert, president; and Ciara Raithel, vice president.



Jera Pipkin, American Angus Ass'n education coordinator, (from left) and Adam Conover, American Angus Ass'n regional manager, presented the Bronze and Silver awards to Tommy Otte, Saint Mary; Juliette Mead, Barnett; Annaliese Mead, Barnett; Lauren Gilbert, Oldfield; and Sean Houston, Savannah.



Receiving the Missouri Junior Angus Foundation Scholarships (from left) are Tommy Otte; Sean Houston; Juliette Mead; Ciara Raithel, Mexico; Holly Sinning, Mansfield; Mardee Sadowsky, Eagleville; and Lauren Gilbert, presented by Paula Meier, scholarship chair, and Thomas Marten, Angus Foundation executive director.



From left, Juliette Mead, Annaliese Mead and Jennifer Russell, all of Mead Farms, Barnett, were presented the Herdsman of the Year Award by Zoe Gurley, Linda Eck and Minnie Roberts, all 2019 recipients.

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Ciara Raithel (left), was presented an award for her service as past president of the Missouri Junior Angus Ass'n board by Brian Meier (right).



Mardee Sadowsky (center), was named the Outstanding Junior Member. The award was presented by Paula Meier (left) and Brian Meier (right).

Missouri



Juliette Mead (left), was presented the award for Breeder of the Year by Linda Eck (right).

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Bronze and Silver Awards

Payton Alexander, Nemo,
Texas; Anna King, Cobleskill, N.Y.;
Dawson Johnson, Pipestone, Minn.;
Mackenzie Malson, Parma, Idaho;
Eliza Patchin, Mitchellville, Iowa;
and Ty Raines, Seaman, Ohio, 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.

Avery Mullen, Ulysses, Kan.; Abbie Schwab, Goddard, Kan.; and Payton Troxell, Detour, Md.; have earned the NIAA's Bronze award.

Payton Alexander is the 13-yearold daughter of Michael and Margaret Alexander and attends Glen Rose Junior High. She is a member of the NJAA and the Texas Junior Angus Association, where she has served as director.

She has participated in local and national shows and showmanship contests. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Alexander participated in the American Angus Auxiliary-sponsored All-American Certified Angus Beef * Cook-Off. She

also participated in the mentoring program in 2017.

Anna King is the 17-year-old daughter of Andrew and JoAnne King and attends Cobleskill-Richmondville High School. She is a member of the NJAA and the New York Junior Angus Association, where she has served as vice president and currently serves as royalty.

She has participated in state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, King participated in the extemporaneous speaking, livestock judging, skill-a-thon and photography contests. She also served as a voting delegate in 2018 and 2019. In 2019 she participated in the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference.

King has consigned cattle to the Trowbridge Annual Female Sale.

Dawson Johnson is the 18-yearold son of Glenn and Sherri Johnson and attends Pipestone Area School. He is a member of the NJAA and the Minnesota Junior Angus Association, where he has served as treasurer.

He has participated in local, state and national shows and

showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Johnson participated in the team fitting contest and also participated in the mentoring program in 2014.

He has submitted weight data to the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®).

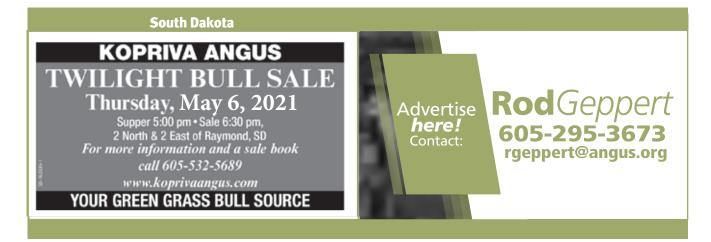
Mackenzie Malson is the 16-yearold daughter of Maggie and Josh Malson attends Fruitland High School. She is a member of the NJAA and the Idaho Junior Angus Association, where she has served as vice president.

She has participated in local, state and regional shows and showmanship contests and has consigned cattle to the Malson Angus & Hereford Production Sale.

Avery Mullen is the 8-year-old daughter of Tyson and Emily Mullen and attends Sullivan Elementary School. She is a member of the NJAA and the Kansas Junior Angus Association.

She has participated in local and state shows. She has also submitted weight data to AHIR and consigned cattle to the McCurry Angus Ranch Sale.

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Eliza Patchin is the 14-year-old daughter of Jeffrey and Kristen Patchin and attends Southeast Polk High School. She is a member of the NJAA and the Iowa Junior Angus Association.

She has participated in state and national shows. At the NJAS, Patchin participated in the poster, creative writing and skill-a-thon contests.

Tv Raines is the 18-year-old son of Todd and Melanie Raines and attends North Adams High School and Southern State Community College. He is a member of the NJAA and

the Ohio Junior Angus Association, where he has served as treasurer and fundraising committee chairman.

He has participated in local, state, regional and national shows. Raines also participated in the LEAD conferences in 2017-2019.

Abbie Schwab is the 17-year-old daughter of Jacquie Schwab and attends Andale High School. She is a member of the NJAA and the Kansas Junior Angus Association where she serves as director.

She has participated in the NJAS and the 2019 LEAD conference.

Payton Troxell is the 15-year-old daughter of Eric and Vicky Troxell and attends Catoctin High School. She is a member of the NJAA and the Maryland Junior Angus Association. She also serves as vice president for her county-district junior Angus association.

She has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Troxell participated in the photography contest.

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