

Next Generation

POSTCARDS FROM NJAA DIRECTORS

The importance of setting goals

Hello, everyone! My article is due soon, and I have begun to contemplate what to write. When I turned on the TV, I saw basketball, basketball and more basketball. I thought, what a great topic — goal setting and achieving those goals. To be where they are today, each of those basketball players had to set what seemed like a lofty goal, then work hard to get there.

The goals you set should be challenging, but achievable. Reach beyond your capabilities and find talent.



Jamie Meyer

Take for example one of my experiences. I was a third- or fourth-year junior in my state association when an older junior convinced me to run for a position on the state board. The elections were taking place that day, and I was unprepared. I had no idea what the position entailed, I had no prior experience as a leader, and I was still “a new face” in our organization.

Do you see the problems?

This poor preparation did not lead to a position on the board that summer; however, the next summer I was more prepared. I already had decided my goal was to gain a spot on the state board. The next step was to prepare.

I decided that in order to gain a position, I must become more acquainted with other juniors, participate more in our state activities and attend a national junior show. My preparing, meeting new friends and engaging in all the fun at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) enabled me to achieve my goal. That summer I gained a spot on our state board. Had I given up the first time, many opportunities, friendships and goals never would have been attained.

Remember that spreading yourself too thin can lead to poorly finished work that otherwise would have been great. Here is an idea: List your goals and priorities on a card that will fit easily into a wallet. When you are trying to decide if you should say “yes” to a request that will erode your time, look at the card to remind yourself of what is important to you.

One more thought: It is not how many hours you put in, but how much you put into the hours.

A professor taught me a simple acronym that helps me keep my goals in order:

START.

S pecific	Goals should be clear, relevant and easily understood.
T rackable/measurable	Goals should be operational—you should be able to measure your success.
A chievable	Goals should be challenging but achievable—challenging enough that you have a 50/50 chance of achieving them.
R elevant	Goals should be meaningful, and you should be personally committed to achieving them.
T ransfer	Take what is learned and transfer it to future situations.

As with the teams in the Final Four, failure is more lack of determination than lack of talent.

—Jamie Meyer
Douglass, Kan.

Don't be afraid to fail

*Our greatest glory consists not in failing,
but in rising every time we fall.*

—Oliver Goldsmith

When I was about 6 years old, my parents signed me up for swimming lessons at the YMCA. I was terrified of swimming as a youngster. I was at one of the beginners' levels—the Guppy level.

One of the things required was to jump off the diving board into the water on your own. The experience is vague in my memory, but my parents recall that I had to be pushed off the diving board. They also tell me I wasn't quite able to get that whole breathing, kicking and arm thing down, either.



Garrett Pohlman

Needless to say, I was retaking the Guppy class while all of my friends advanced to the Minnow level. I soon began to take on the nickname, “Guppy Garrett.” I didn't even pass my second year, and it took me a third year before I was able to pass the class.

From this experience I learned not to be afraid of failure. All of us have failed many times. You probably fell the first time you tried to walk. Did you almost drown the first time you tried to swim? I certainly did. Babe Ruth struck out 1,330 times, but he also hit 714 home runs. R.H. Macy failed seven times before his store in New York became popular.

Don't worry about failure. Worry about the chances you miss when you don't try.

An individual also needs to be patient when striving for a goal, even though it is difficult. I remember instances where my mom was telling me, “Be patient now, your time will come.” Well, patience was never a great virtue of mine, and it was something that slowly developed over time.

When I reflect upon this experience, I think of how it relates to my experiences through the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). Things don't always go the way we expect them to in the showing and in different contests. We learn a lot from these experiences, and they make us better people.

Be patient, because your time will come, and you will find success. The NJAA offers a vast array of opportunities to its members. Don't be afraid to enter a new contest this year or to run for an office in your state association. You soon will find that those experiences help develop lifelong skills, such as leadership and communication.

Currently, I am waiting to get my scores back on the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT). The result will have a major effect on what I will be doing the rest of my life. I will be applying next fall to several medical schools, knowing that only a small percentage who apply are accepted. When I decided to pursue a medical career, I knew it was a challenging and competitive profession. I might fail to get accepted the first time. That is a chance worth taking and one that I would miss if I didn't try. I am willing, if needed, to get back on my feet and try again.

I urge all of you to be open-minded to new ideas. Don't be afraid to try new things. By trying new things, you might find that you are good at something you didn't realize you were. Have a positive attitude, and have fun at what you do. This mind-set should help take you far in life and will enable you to excel on your road to success.

—Garrett Pohlman
Norfolk, Neb.

Juniors earn Bronze and Silver awards

The Bronze and Silver awards are the first two levels of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Recognition Program that began in 1972. Junior Angus breeders must apply for the awards and meet point requirements in many areas of participation before receiving the honors.

Applicants are evaluated in the areas of junior Angus association activities, participation in showmanship and leadership competitions, the use of performance testing to improve their herds, and their progress in producing and merchandising Angus cattle.

James Fisher, director of junior activities for the American Angus Association, recently announced several recipients.

CALLIE BIRDELL, Sparta, N.C., has qualified for the Bronze and Silver awards. The 17-year-old daughter of Edward Birdsell, she is a senior at Ashe County High School.

She has shown her Angus in numerous shows at the state, regional and national levels and has represented North Carolina as a voting delegate to the NJAA annual meeting. She has participated in state and national LEAD (Leaders Engaged in Angus Development) conferences. In addition, she is currently secretary of the North Carolina Junior Angus Association and has been an NJAA member since 1998.



Rachael Vaassen, Ann Arbor, Mich., left, and **Andrew Foster**, Niles, Mich., right, earned their Bronze and Silver awards.

ANDREW FOSTER, Niles, Mich., has qualified for the Bronze and Silver awards.

The 13-year-old son of Scott and Elaine Foster has shown his Angus in numerous shows at the local, state, regional and national levels. He has participated in the team-sales contest and the Auxiliary-sponsored *Certified Angus Beef*™ Cook-Off at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). He is a director of the Michigan Junior Angus Association and has been a member of the NJAA since 1993.

DEANNA HARTZELL, Shawano, Wis., has qualified for the Bronze and Silver awards. Hartzell, a sophomore at Shawano Community High School, is the 16-year-old daughter of Ken and Marilyn Hartzell.

She has shown her Angus in numerous shows at the local, state, regional and national levels. Hartzell has participated in the public-speaking and team-sales contests

at the NJAS and has served as the Wisconsin Angus princess. She has been a director for the Wisconsin Junior Angus Association and has been a member of the NJAA since 1992.

MEGHAN HILL, Holly Pond, Ala., has qualified for the Bronze and Silver awards. The 14-year-old daughter of Mike and Karen Hill is a freshman at Holly Pond High School.

She has participated in the extemporaneous-public-speaking, poster, graphic-design, team-sales and quiz-bowl contests at the NJAS. In addition, she has served as scrapbook chairperson and director for the Alabama Junior Angus Association. She has been a member of the NJAA since 1994.

NICOLE LONG, Berryville, Va., has qualified for the Bronze Award. Long is the 20-year-old daughter of Warren and Naomi Long. She is studying psychology and elementary education at Shenandoah University.

Long has participated in the public-speaking, poster and graphic-design contests at the NJAS and has reigned as the Virginia Angus queen. She is a director for the Virginia and Northern Virginia Junior Angus associations and has been a member of the NJAA since 1998.

JOANNA OLSON, Hereford, Texas, has qualified for the Bronze and Silver awards. Olson is the 16-year-old daughter of Steve and Ginger Olson and is a sophomore at Hereford High School.

She has shown her Angus in numerous shows at the local, state, regional and national levels. She has participated in the public-speaking and team-sales contests at the NJAS. Olson has several animals enrolled in the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) program. She has served as a director and second vice president of the Texas Junior Angus Association and has been a member of the NJAA since 1987.

CODY QUAM, Lodi, Wis., has qualified for the Bronze and Silver awards. The 17-year-old son of Terry and Ardel Quam is a senior at Lodi High School.

Quam has shown his Angus in numerous shows at the local, state, regional and national levels. He has participated in the public-speaking, quiz-bowl and team-sales contests, as well as the Auxiliary-sponsored *Certified Angus Beef Cook-Off*, at the NJAS. Quam is the junior chairman for the 2002 NJAS planning committee. He is the current president of the Wisconsin Junior Angus Association and has been a member of the NJAA since 1983.

JESSICA SCHMIDT, Drumore, Pa., has qualified for the Bronze and Silver awards. Schmidt is the 17-year-old daughter of Pete and Laurie Schmidt and a senior at Solanco High School.

She has shown her Angus in numerous shows at the local, state, regional and national levels. She has participated in the photography contest at the NJAS and has served as Pennsylvania Angus princess. She is a member in the Pennsylvania Junior Angus Association and has been a member of the NJAA since 1994.

RACHAEL VAASSEN, Ann Arbor, Mich., has qualified for the Bronze and Silver awards. Vaassen is the 13-year-old daughter of Dan and Sharon Vaassen and is a seventh-grader at Saline Middle School.

She has shown her Angus in numerous shows at the local, state and national levels. She has participated in the photography contest and the Auxiliary-sponsored *Certified Angus Beef Cook-Off* at the NJAS. She is a member of the Michigan Junior Angus Association and has been a member of the NJAA since 1987.

ZACHARY WELLS, Hamilton, Texas, has qualified for the Bronze Award. Wells is the 10-year-old son of Tom and Merridee Wells.

He has participated in the quiz-bowl contest, and he has cattle enrolled in AHIR. Wells is a director of the Texas Junior Angus Association and has been a member of the NJAA since 1990.

AMY WOLFREY, Frederick, Md., has qualified for the Bronze and Silver awards. The 17-year-old daughter of Dan and Judy Wolfrey is a senior at Governor Thomas Johnson High School.

She has shown her Angus in numerous shows at the state, regional and national levels and has served as the Maryland Angus queen. She has attended several national LEAD conferences and has participated in the public-speaking, photography and quiz-bowl contests at the NJAS. In addition, she has served as reporter and secretary of the Maryland Junior Angus Association and has been a member of the NJAA since 1994.

Items for silent auction wanted

The National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) is preparing to host its annual silent auction at the 2000 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). This year's auction will begin Wednesday, July 12, and close Saturday, July 15, in Des Moines, Iowa.

A variety of items are donated annually to fit the tastes of the variety of people attending the NJAS. Items donated in the



past include embryos, semen packages, books, unique artwork and jewelry, craft items, furniture, and other gifts. Proceeds

from the silent auction benefit the Angus Foundation, which supports youth, education and research.

"This is a great way for Angus enthusiasts to support the juniors while getting in a little competitive bidding," says James Fisher, director of junior activities. "We greatly appreciate the support of those who donate items and those who buy the items at the junior show."

Contributions are welcome from any individual or state junior or adult association. The items can be delivered to Des Moines or sent to the American Angus Association in advance. Fisher encourages those with donations of great value to notify him so efforts at publicity can be made.

The silent auction is coordinated by Garrett Pohlman, Angus Foundation director of the NJAA. For more information or to contribute an item, contact Fisher at (816) 383-5100 or jfisher@angus.org or Pohlman at (402) 436-6411 or gpohlma1@bigred.unl.edu.

Call her Double Whammy

The September 1999 daughter of VDAR Lucy's Boy that was donated to raise funds for the 2001 NJAS will get two chances to do so. Donated by the Jim Coleman family, Vintage Angus, Modesto, Calif., the heifer sold before a standing-room-only crowd gathered at the Showgirl Revue Sale April 16 in Reno, Nev.

A syndicate purchased the heifer for \$5,000, then donated her back to Vintage Angus to sell in their October female sale. The proceeds from her second selling also will be donated to the 2001 NJAS.

Purchasers in Reno included the Heritage Bull Sale; the Signature Collection Sale; James and Elsie Covey, Snohomish, Wash.; Harold and Lois Schudel, Holiday Ranch, Terrebonne, Ore.; Amanda and Kirbe Schnoor, Schnoor Sisters, Chowchilla, Calif.; Chris, Mark and Scott Vian, Vian Angus Ranch, Auburn, Calif.; and the Paul Parreira family, Los Banos, Calif.

Others who donated to the show include G Bar Angus, Lodi, Calif.; O&M, Prineville, Ore.; Dean and Gloria Hurlbut, Saint Joseph, Mo.; Mike and Gene George, M&G Farms, Galt, Calif.; Mark and Carla Malson, Malson Angus Ranch, Parma, Idaho; Hollyce and Robert Neumeyer, Jaynbee Ranch, Bonners Ferry, Idaho; Jack and Marcie Davidson, Davidson Double D, Mount Vernon, Wash.; Greg Smith, G-13 Angus Ranch, Elida, N.M.; James Danekas and Associates, Fair Oaks, Calif.; Agri Beef Co.; the Inland Empire Angus Association and the Washington Angus Association.

The package included 30 days of free insurance provided by Harding and Harding Live Stock Insurance; free transportation of the heifer by Lathrop Livestock Transportation; free semen to breed the heifer from ABS; a free flush of the heifer provided by Precision Embryonics; and a framed color photo of the heifer donated by Alderhurst Farms, Snohomish, Wash.

The 2001 NJAS will be hosted by a group of Western states July 9-14 in Denver, Colo.



The Jim Coleman family of Vintage Angus, Modesto, Calif., donated a heifer to the 2001 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). The heifer, a September 1999 daughter of VDAR Lucy's Boy, sold during the Western National Angus Futurity April 16 in Reno, Nev. Buyers of the heifer include, from left, Tom Wulff, Lodi, Calif.; Scott Vian, Auburn, Calif.; Jim Coleman, Modesto, Calif., donor; Mark Vian, Auburn, Calif.; Elsie Covey, Snohomish, Wash.; Chris Vian, Auburn, Calif.; Lois and Harold Schudel, Terrebonne, Ore.; Amanda Schnoor, Chowchilla, Calif.; Mark and Abbie Nelson, Wilton, Calif.; Tim O'Neil, Prineville, Ore.; Paul Parreira, Los Banos, Calif.; and Jim Sauter, Moses Lake, Wash.

STATE SPOTLIGHTS

ALABAMA



Kindra Wood, Holly Pond, left, received a Certificate of Achievement award from the Alabama Angus Auxiliary. Sharon Fox presented the award.



KENTUCKY

Elected to lead the Kentucky Junior Angus Association are (seated, from left) **Tara Ayres**, Lancaster, president; **Amanda Pickrell**, Paris, secretary; **Susan Ashley Toll**, Lawrenceburg, treasurer; and **Lauren Moss**, Harrodsburg, reporter; (standing, from left) **Lindsay Pennington**, Russell Springs, second vice president; and **Kristopher Lynn**, Springfield, first vice president.

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■ MICHIGAN

Elected as 1999-2000 officers and directors of the Michigan Junior Angus Association are (seated, from left) **Ryan Sweeney**, Mason, president; **Jessica Scrimger**, Clifford, vice president; **Emily Hogberg**, Mason, secretary; and **Renee Thelen**, Ann Arbor, treasurer; (standing, from left) **Evan Boehmer**, Olivet, director; **Rachael Vaassen**, Ann Arbor, director; **Ricka Boehmer**, Williamston, director; **Erika Boehmer**, Olivet, director; **Brit Boehmer**, Williamston, junior livestock society representative; **Kristina Conley**, Olivet, co-reporter/historian; **Kayla Tuggle**, Ithaca, co-reporter/historian; **Scott Heil**, Berrien Center, director; **Andrew Foster**, Niles, director; and **Julie Thelen**, Ann Arbor, director.



■ SOUTH CAROLINA



Leading the South Carolina Junior Angus Association are (seated, from left) **Katie Patrick**, Pelzer, secretary; **Matthew Patrick**, Pelzer, president; and **Elizabeth Hawkins**, Belton, vice president; (standing, from left) **Hannah Thompson**, Pelzer, queen; **Lindsay Wilson**, Abbeville, reporter; and **Jeremy Adkins**, Pelzer, treasurer.

■ TEXAS

These young Angus enthusiasts earned top honors in the junior judging contest at the 2000 Mid-Texas Angus Association Field Day April 1 at Hallman Angus Farm in Cleburne. Pictured (from left) are **Natalie Mat-**



ula, Penelope, first; **Cody Kuykendall**, Midlothian, second; and **Nicole Kuykendall**, Midlothian, third.

■ ANGUS ROYALTY



Michigan Angus royalty (from left) are **Emily Hogberg**, Mason, 1999 Miss Michigan Angus; **Jessica Scrimger**, Clifford, 2000 Michigan Angus ebonette; **Renee Thelen**, Ann Arbor, 2000 Miss Michigan Angus; and **Kayla Tuggle**, Ithaca, 2000 Michigan Angus ebonette.



Deborah Furtado, Turlock, Calif., was crowned the 2000 Western States Angus Queen at the 2000 Western Regional Junior Angus Show on April 15 in Reno, Nev.



Tara Ayres, Lancaster, (left) and **Amanda Pickrell**, Paris, (right) will serve as the 2000 Kentucky Angus queens.

■ GEORGIA

Elected to the Georgia Junior Angus Association board are (seated, from left) **Katie Gazda**, Athens, director; **Lindsey Holton**, Camilla, director; (standing, from left) **Keith Mask**, Newborn, second vice president; **John Bramblett**, Jefferson, treasurer; **Brandon Walker**, Lexington, first vice president; **Shelly Ansley**, Cornelia, secretary; and **Terri Cameron**, Winder, president.



Keith Mask, Newborn, (right) was presented the Outstanding Georgia Junior Angus Member award in the memory of Susan Oliver. Allison Porter, NJAA board member, made the presentation.

■ LOUISIANA

Elected to serve as officers of the Louisiana Junior Angus Association (from left) are **Jennifer Ourso**, Donaldsonville, president; **Denise McFarland**, Bentley, first vice president; **Camille Talbot**, Plattenville, third vice president; **Kassie Kennedy**, Monterey, secretary-treasurer; and **Kristen Oaks**, Calhoun, historian.



Kristofor Toups, Thibodaux, (right) received the Louisiana Angus Auxiliary Scholarship. Sherry Grappe, Auxiliary representative, presented the scholarship at the Feb. 16 annual meeting in Port Allen.



Kristen Oaks, Calhoun, (center) was named the Louisiana Junior Angus Association rookie of the year. Brian Kennedy and Leslie Kennedy, advisors, presented the award.



Harriett and Carroll Boudreaux, New Iberia, (right) were recognized for their dedication to the Louisiana Junior Angus Association. From left, Denise McFarland and Lana Myers, Louisiana Junior Angus Association members, presented the retiring advisors a gift.



Selected to represent the Louisiana Junior Angus Association as voting delegates to the 2000 NJAA annual meeting this summer in Des Moines, Iowa, (from left) are **Jennifer Grappe**, Springhill, delegate; **Denise McFarland**, Bentley, delegate; **Jennifer Ourso**, Donaldsonville, alternate; and **Carroll Boudreaux Jr.**, New Iberia, alternate.

■ NORTH CAROLINA

Elected to lead the North Carolina Junior Angus Association in 2000 are (front row, from left) **Ashley Williams**, Kinston, eastern director; **Callie Birdsell**, Sparta, secretary; **Karl Holshouser**, Gold Hill, president; **Jennifer Stamey**, vice president; (back row, from left) **Ashley Andrews**, Trenton, treasurer and North Carolina Angus queen; **Heath McPherson**, Snow Camp, reporter; and **Amanda Brooks**, Rural Hall, North Carolina Angus princess.



Spencer Hodges, Hamptonville, (right) earned his Bronze Award from the NJAA. Julie Scarlett, NJAA leadership director from Snow Camp, presented the award.



■ MISSOURI

(l) **Minnie Roberts**, Sarcoxie, (center) and **Cody Washam**, Pierce City, (right) received their Bronze and Silver awards from the NJAA. Lindsey Trosper, NJAA communications director, presented the awards.

(r) **Clint Hunter**, Fair Grove, (left) and **Whitney Trosper**, Hamilton, (second from left) were each awarded a \$1,500 scholarship from the Missouri Junior Scholarship Foundation. Jean and Ron Gillig made the presentation.



From left, **Curtis Long**, Briarwood Farms, Butler, presented awards to juniors winning 1999 Show-Me Steer and Heifer Futurity honors, including **Justin Campbell**, Green City, champion heifer; **Chelsea Moffitt**, Kirksville, champion steer; and **Clint Hunter**, Fair Grove, reserve champion heifer.



Claiming top honors in junior showmanship at the 2000 Missouri Angus Breeders' Futurity were **Brett Naylor**, Buffalo, first place; and **Holly Bellis**, Orrick, second place.



Selected to represent Missouri at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest (from left) were **Minnie Roberts**, Sarcoxie, representative; **Lance Thompson**, Russellville, representative; **Cody Washam**, Pierce City, alternate; and **Whitney Trosper**, Hamilton, alternate.

■ ANGUS ROYALTY



Georgia Angus Association 2000 royalty include **Kristy Ansley**, Cornelia, Georgia Angus princess; and **Lindsey Holton**, Camilla, Georgia Angus queen.



From left, Louisiana Angus royalty include **Kristen Oaks**, Calhoun, 1999 Angus princess; **Camille Talbot**, Plattenville, 2000 Angus princess; **Jennifer Ourso**, Donaldsonville, 2000 Angus queen; and **Denise McFarland**, Bentley, 1999 Angus queen.



Amy Jernigan, West Plains, (left) and **Chelsea Moffitt**, Kirksville, (right) were crowned the 2000 Missouri Angus queen and princess, respectively.

Nicholas Cobb, Ephrata, Wash., won the Fifth Annual Ken Troutt Memorial Scholarship at the Annual Cowman's Classic All-Breed Bull Sale. The award was presented by Jerry York, *Western Livestock Journal* field representative. The \$300 scholarship is awarded each year to an enrolling college freshman from a family that has consigned or purchased bulls at the sale.



Fischer tops Kansas Angus Futurity judging contest

Stacey Fischer, Saint John, Kan., claimed the top spot at the Kansas Angus Futurity Judging Contest at the Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, Jan. 22. The event was conducted in conjunction with the 45th Kansas Angus Futurity.

Thirty young judges participated in the annual contest, reported coordinator Dr. David Nichols of Manhattan, Kan. Placing second was Lindsey Ottsenmeier of Oskaloosa, followed by Cody Bevan.

Six classes of Angus cattle were judged by Kansas 4-H and FFA members. Classes for the contest were selected from the Kansas Junior Angus Show. Cattle from the selected classes were designated and time was allowed for the contest participants to judge and to mark their cards before the actual placing of the class by the junior-show judge.

