



In(terns) for a Summer to Remember

The American Angus Association welcomes interns with an opportunity to work in a professional setting in various areas.

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Interns can come from all corners of the United States. This year the American Angus Association welcomed students from Ohio to California to Brazil as Madeline Bauer, Andre Garcia, Megan Green, Rudy Pooch, Megan Silveira and Whitney Wilkinson joined the team at 3201 Frederick Ave.

Madeline Bauer

Madeline Bauer of Willard, Ohio, is one of two events and education interns for the American Angus Association this summer. She will further develop her event-planning skills by helping organize the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) hosted in July in Wisconsin and the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference in August in Montana.

With graduation set for May 2019 from the Ohio State University



(OSU), Bauer is majoring in agricultural communications with

a minor in production agriculture. Her interest in planning events was cultivated this past school year as she served her Sigma Alpha professional sorority as the social chair, in addition to being president of the Collegiate Ohio Agri-Women and a member of the OSU College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Student Council, and Saddle and Sirloin Club.

Bauer grew up showing sheep and steers until her brother introduced her to the Angus breed and she switched to showing heifers. She chose this internship based on her love for the breed, but is most looking forward to playing a role in the opportunities presented to the youth of the Association through the various shows and conferences.

“I love event coordinating and working with the youth, especially within the livestock industry, so I knew this would be my dream internship,” Bauer says. “I am most excited about all the traveling that is involved, whether it be for the NJAS or LEAD Conference. I am excited to see the country while learning some valuable knowledge and skills from some of the best in the business.”

Andre Garcia

Andre Garcia of Formosa do Oeste, State of Parana, Brazil, is the Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) genetics intern working on different aspects of genomic evaluation using single-step methodology. Andre is currently pursuing a doctorate at the University of Georgia in animal and dairy science with special emphasis in breeding and genetics.



Growing up on a small farm in southern Brazil, Andre’s family raised dairy cattle, harvested fish, and grew corn and soybeans. He completed both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in animal science in Brazil before moving to Georgia.

Andre says he is thankful for the unique opportunity presented by Angus through this internship. He is excited to learn about the industry and meet new people while still doing research.

“This is a great opportunity for me to learn about beef cattle in the U.S. and to get some experience handling

data and running analytics outside of the academic environment,” Garcia says. “Angus has one of the biggest sets of data available for genomic evaluation in the U.S., and the number of genotyped animals continues to grow.”

Megan Green

Megan Green of Leavenworth, Kan., will be serving as a part-time communications intern for the American Angus Association. She will also be contributing to the *Angus Journal* and *Angus Beef Bulletin*.



Green will be a senior at Kansas State University finishing her degree in agricultural communications and journalism in May 2019.

She grew up on a diversified seedstock operation, which includes a farrow-to-finish hog operation. Her family enjoys giving horseback riding lessons to people of all ages. She is an avid cattle showman and equestrian for the leisurely afternoon ride on the family lesson horses.

“I am looking forward to spending my summer with Angus,” Green says. “It will be fun to be a part of the breed that has been a big part of my life. This will also be a great opportunity to grow as a communicator.”

Rudy Pooch

Tecumseh, Neb., native Rudy Pooch is serving as the inaugural American Angus Foundation intern. Rudy will



assist the nonprofit organization with its fundraising efforts and purebred livestock association-related programs and projects.

An animal science junior at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln (UNL) minoring in beef industry and communications, Rudy is no stranger to the Angus association. She is a member of the UNL’s Block and Bridle club, the William H. Thompson Learning Community and Nebraska Jr. Angus Association.

A longtime and current member of the NJAA, Rudy grew up showing Angus cattle through 4-H, FFA and the association. Her love for Angus was fostered by her great-grandfather Scott, who raised cow-calf pairs in the Sand Hills of Nebraska.

Rudy chose the Foundation internship to get hands-on experience that cannot be supplemented in a classroom. This unique position combines her communication skills with a love for the breed.

“This summer I am looking forward to coordinating the Angus Foundation Golf Tournament held in conjunction with the NJAS in Madison,” Rudy says. “Although I love being in the showing and preparing cattle for a judge, it will be a nice change of pace to be on the other side of things assisting with Foundation events.”

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Megan Silveira

Megan Silveira of Denair, Calif., will be serving as the editorial intern for Angus Media contributing to the *Angus Journal* and the *Angus Beef Bulletin* throughout the summer. She will be interviewing, writing, traveling and taking photos for both major publications.



Silveira will be starting her senior year at Oklahoma State University (OSU) this fall, where she is double-majoring in agricultural communications and agribusiness. She has been involved at OSU through the Freshmen in Transition program, the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) Student Council, Oklahoma Collegiate Cattlewomen, the Beta Psi chapter of the Sigma Alpha Agricultural Sorority, and the CASNR Ambassador team.

Silveira fell in love with the Angus industry when she purchased her first heifer at the age of 9 years old. She credits this love for leading her to apply for the Angus Media internship.

“The breed has always been my biggest passion in life,” Silveira says. “I am so honored to have a chance to share

my passion for black Angus cattle with others and give back to the organization that helped me find my place in life.”

Whitney Wilkinson

Hailing from Cement, Okla., Whitney Wilkinson is the other events and education intern serving the American Angus Association this summer. She will be traveling and planning various events along with Bauer and the events staff.

Wilkinson will be starting her second and final year of graduate school at Oklahoma State University this fall studying agricultural communications. She graduated from OSU with a bachelor’s degree in animal science and agribusiness. Serving as chair in the areas of public relations, academics, and intramurals for her sorority, Delta Delta Delta, Whitney was also a homecoming director her senior year. After starting the Collegiate American Farmers

and Ranchers at OSU, Whitney is now the graduate advisor for the organization.

In the third grade, Whitney started showing sheep and a passion



for all things livestock followed suit. Her sheep herd slowly grew until she started selling show lambs to local students. She has hosted 4-H and FFA showmanship clinics all across Oklahoma. After interning at the Oklahoma Youth Expo and the Tulsa State Fair, Whitney knew she loved the event planning and coordinating side of livestock shows, leading her to Angus.

“I was born and raised in Oklahoma, so I thought this internship would be a good way to spread my wings and see what the Angus industry was all about,” Wilkinson says. “I knew several NJAA members at OSU, so I asked them about the Association and quickly realized it was exactly what I was looking for. It had new people, places and livestock.” **AJ**



Joining the Angus team for the summer are (from left) Whitney Wilkinson, Madeline Bauer, Rudy Pooch (back, center), Megan Green (front center), Andre Garcia and Megan Silveira.