



Madison Butler

Lessons from experience

For the past two years, I have worn the green jacket to represent the National Junior Angus Board of Directors (NJAB). For the 10 years before that, I was at the end of a halter or competing in a contest as a member of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA).

I've shown numerous Angus heifers, held several leadership positions in my state association, and met some of the best people in the world. For the past 12 years, I have lived for Angus cattle, the NJAA and knowing I will see my Angus friends soon at another event.

As I come to the end of my term on the NJAB, it is the end of an important chapter in my life. I am often reminding myself, "All good things must come to an end." So whether you are just starting out or have been at this awhile, here are a few reminders from a soon-to-be NJAA has-been.

1. Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver and the other's gold. There are more than 6,000 members in the NJAA spread from California to Maryland and North Dakota to Texas. The NJAA provides so many opportunities to meet

people from across the country. Don't be afraid to introduce yourself to someone new. You never know what that new connection may turn into in the future.

2. If you do what you've always done, you'll get what you've always gotten. When you get an opportunity to learn something new, take it. If you have a chance to attend a leadership conference, go. If you have the opportunity to compete in a cattle show or contest, do it. The opportunities offered by the NJAA will allow you to grow your skill set, knowledge and connections. Do not be afraid to try something new. It could totally change your life.

3. Don't wish it away. Looking back, I remember getting home from one show and anxiously waiting for the next show to roll around. Now, I would give anything to spend a day in the barn rinsing and blowing out

show heifers. I am guilty of getting caught up in the future and wishing for it to come more quickly, but it's important to appreciate the steps along the way.

4. When you fall, get back up. You will fall, trust me. When I was 19 years old, I was knocked over by my heifer in the showring at the National Junior Angus Show. I was mortified, but I got back up and finished showing. While this association offers so many opportunities, you might not always be successful at everything you try. Sometimes you may fail a few times before you get it right. Keep taking opportunities and risks. You learn more from your failures than you do from your successes.

5. Never forget, you are always impacting someone. Whether you are an older NJAA member who has

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NJAA leaders attend inaugural STAR Conference

National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) state association officers and advisors traveled to the American Angus Association headquarters March 22-25 in Saint Joseph, Mo., for the inaugural State Training and Angus Retreat (STAR) conference.

Twenty-two NJAA members and five adult leaders from 13 states were represented at the conference. Attendees were given the opportunity to tour the Association office, network with staff and partake in leadership training exercises. Educational sessions ranged from public speaking, facilitating events, goal setting and brainstorming to social media etiquette, working showrings and resolving conflict.

National Junior Angus Board Membership Director Michaela Clowser crafted the idea for the first ever STAR conference and helped see it to fruition.

"The STAR conference exceeded any and all expectations we had," said Association Events Coordinator Caitlyn Brandt. "The conference was extremely successful with nothing but good comments from both advisors and the junior members. Not only was the educational content extremely useful, but the networking and brainstorming among juniors from across the country was invaluable."

— by Katy Holdener, Angus Communications

been doing this for a while, or you are 8 years old at your first show, someone is always watching what you are doing. Be a positive role model. Always choose to do the right thing, because you never know who is watching. Be willing to teach

others, whether it's a bystander at the state fair or other members who want to improve their abilities.

Looking back on the impact the National Junior Angus Association has had on my life, I am incredibly grateful. The skills, memories and,

most importantly, friends I've gained from this association will remain with me my entire life.

Take it from me, it goes by quickly, so enjoy every minute of being part of this Association.

— **Madison Butler, Indiana**

Mississippi Angus Ass'n Meeting & Banquet, May 4, Raymond



Receiving the American Angus Auxiliary Certificate of Achievement Award are (from left) Bethany White, Morton; Haley Walker, Potts Camp; Hannah Beatty, Pulaski; Gabrielle Simpson, Tupelo; Kayci Tullos and Elizabeth Rone, both of Courtland; Porter Dancy, Flora; and Kristopher Beatty, Pulaski. Presenting is Emma Collins, Mississippi Angus Auxiliary.

Mississippi Angus Ass'n Sale, May 5, Raymond



Abby Cook (right), Potts Camp, received the Mississippi Angus Auxiliary Scholarship, presented by Connie Walker, Mississippi Jr. Angus Ass'n advisor.

2018 Illinois Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Feb. 23, Springfield



Left: Receiving the Illinois Angus Auxiliary Scholarship are (from left) Maddie Fugate, Mahomet, and Dalton Lemenager, Clifton.



Right: Receiving their Bronze and Silver Awards are (from left) Garrett Handsaker, Pearl City, bronze and silver; Tanner Mickey, Taylorville, bronze and silver; and Eric Schafer, Owaneco, silver.

Crowned as Illinois Angus royalty are (from left) Jordan Oliver, Buncombe, ebonette; Holly Marsh, Union, ebonette; Emily Brooks, Prophetstown, ebonette; Amber Schiffbauer, Tonica, Miss Illinois Angus; Lizzie Schafer, Owaneco, princess; Amelia Miller, Gridley, princess; and Brooke Schiffbauer, Tonica, princess.



National Junior Recognition Program

Keri Felumlee, Newark, Ohio; Taylor Glover, Pikeville, N.C.; Kristen Massingill, Hamilton, Texas; Shelley Rowlett, Martin, Tenn.; Weston Rowlett, Martin, Tenn.; Allyson Sellers, Vilonia, Ark.; Miles Stagemeyer, Page, Neb.; and Austin Viesselmeyer, Amherst, Colo., have earned the NJAA Bronze and Silver awards, according to Jaclyn Upperman, education and events director of the American Angus Association. Kara LeBeouf, DeRidder, La.; and Kassidy Moore, Mountain Home, Idaho, have earned the NJAA Silver award. Their information has already been published.

Keri Felumlee, the 17-year-old daughter of Dawn and David Felumlee, attends Licking Valley High School and is a member of the



NJAA and the Ohio Junior Angus Association, which she serves as vice president.

At the 2014 NJAS, Keri participated in the mentoring program.

She has consigned cattle in the Ohio Angus Superstar Sale and the Partners in Performance Sales.

Taylor Glover, the 17-year-old daughter of Brian and Joy Glover, attends Charles B. Aycock High School

and is a member of the NJAA and the North Carolina Junior Angus Association, which she has served as secretary, director and royalty.

At the NJAS, Taylor participated in the photography and livestock judging contests and the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*[®] (CAB[®]) Cook-Off. In 2017, she served as a voting delegate. She also participated in the Leaders

Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference in 2016 and 2017.

She is actively involved with her local 4-H club and FFA.

Kristen Massingill, the 17-year-old daughter of Scott and Faith Massingill, attends Hamilton High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Texas Junior Angus Association, which she serves as director.

At the NJAS, Kristen participated in the creative writing, photography, team fitting, quiz bowl and livestock judging contest.

She has submitted weight data to Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR[®]) and is actively involved in her local 4-H club and FFA.

Shelley Rowlett, the 17-year-old daughter of Charlie and Sandra Rowlett, attends Westview High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Tennessee Junior Angus

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Western Regional Jr. Angus Show, April 13-14, Reno, Nev.



From left, Carla Malson, Western States Angus Auxiliary, presents Mason Tarr, Sanger, Calif., the Western States Auxiliary Scholarship; and Nicholas Sheridan, Yamhill, Ore., the Perpetuating Memorial scholarship. Also presenting is Madison Cox, 2017 Miss Western States Angus.



Amanda Toth (left), Anacortes, Wash., was crowned Western States Angus Queen. Also pictured is Kallie Knott, Miss American Angus.



From left, Malson presents Corrie Falleur, Gearhart, Ore., the Western States Angus Auxiliary Scholarship. Also presenting is Cox.

Photos by Alex Tolbert, American Angus Association.

Association, which she has served as first vice president, reporter and royalty.

At the NJAS, Shelley participated in the team fitting, photography and livestock judging contests and the All-American CAB Cook-Off. In 2012 she participated in the mentoring program.

She has consigned cattle to the First Farmers Heifer sale, and is actively involved with her local 4-H club and FFA.

Weston Rowlett, the 13-year-old son of Charlie and Sandra Rowlett, attends Martin Middle School and is a member of the NJAA and the Tennessee Junior Angus Association and the West Tennessee Junior Angus Association, which he serves as reporter.

At the NJAS, Weston participated in the quiz bowl, poster, livestock judging and team fitting contests and the All-American CAB Cook-Off. In 2011 he participated in the mentoring program. In 2015 he served as a voting delegate.

He has consigned cattle to the Duck River Angus Classic sale, and is actively involved with his local 4-H club.

Allyson Sellers, the 18-year-old daughter of Craig and Tina Sellers, attends Vilonia High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Arkansas Junior Angus Association, which she has served as membership director, communications director, foundations director, vice president, president and royalty.

At the NJAS, Allyson participated in the prepared public speaking, quiz bowl, livestock judging, team sales, extemporaneous speaking, graphic design and photography contests and the All-American CAB Cook-Off. She also served as a voting delegate in 2015 and 2016. In 2016 she was

Guy E. Ham Beef Industry Scholarship applications due Aug. 1

The South Dakota Stockgrowers Association and the South Dakota Cattlewomen are currently accepting applications for a \$1,000 and a \$500 scholarship in memory of Guy E. Ham. The scholarships are available to any South Dakota student having completed at least one year of postsecondary education and pursuing a career in an agricultural or agribusiness-related field.

Application information and details about the scholarships can be found by visiting www.southdakotastockgrowers.org/stockgrowers-news/scholarships or by contacting the S.D. Stockgrowers Association at 605-342-0429. Applications will be accepted until Aug. 1, 2018, and the scholarship will be awarded during the S.D. Stockgrowers Annual Convention Sept. 28, 2018.

a participant in the Raising the Bar conference.

She is actively involved with her local 4-H club and FFA.

Miles Stagemeyer, the 20-year-old son of Brent and Carla Stagemeyer, attends Butler Community College, where he studies animal science, and is a member of the NJAA and the Nebraska Junior Angus Association, which he has served as second vice


president and currently serves as director.

At the NJAS, Miles participated in the livestock judging, quiz bowl, team fitting, team sales, prepared public speaking, photography and career development contests and the All-American CAB Cook-Off. He also served as a voting delegate in 2015.

He has submitted weight data to the AHIR and consigned cattle at the Stagemeyer Cattle sale.

Austin Vieselmeyer, the 19-year-old son of Brent and Tina Vieselmeyer, attends Butler Community College, where he studies agricultural education, and is a member of the NJAA and the Colorado Junior Angus Association, which he has served as secretary, vice president and president.

At the NJAS, Austin participated in the quiz bowl, team fitting and team sales contests. In 2011 he participated in the mentoring program, and in 2015 he served as a voting delegate. He also participated in the LEAD conference in 2012, 2013 and 2015.

He has consigned cattle to the Vision Angus Bull and Heifer Sale and is also actively involved with his local FFA. 

Louisiana Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, April 27, LeCompte



Austin Purpera (left), Plaquemine, received the Rookie of the Year award from Lana Myers, Louisiana Jr. Angus Ass'n advisor.

Photo by Mark Sims, American Angus Association.