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POSTCARD FROM A JUNIOR



Brody Fitzgerald

Challenge accepted

We have all faced challenges in life that we try to make the best of and overcome. It could be a little day-to-day task or life-changing event; the results that follow and, most importantly, the way we respond shape us into who we are.

The challenges give us something to work hard towards. Regardless of the outcome, the take-away from the process is how we grow.

Finding success

Personally, I have found success is sweetest when situations don't go the way we wanted them to. Sometimes we get too focused on getting the job done our way because of the pride we take in our own work.

It took failure for me to realize how important it is to ask for help. This is just an example of a positive response to a failure because I needed other ideas on the subject. When trying to achieve something, the key to success is focusing on what you could do better next time, rather than giving up.

Living a life with a mind-set to never give up has shaped me into who I am today. Instead of failing a task, I learned from it and worked harder to complete it the next time. To learn how to succeed, you must first learn how to fail. As Michael Jordan once said, "I've failed over and over again in my life... and that is why I succeed."

— Brody Fitzgerald, Pennsylvania

Bronze and Silver awards

Suter Clark, Gretna, Va.; J. Gordon Clark, Gretna, Va.; Kalli Flanders, Buffalo, Ky.; and Kelsey Vandeberghe, Cleveland, N.D., have

earned the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Bronze and Silver awards, and Jeremiah Steph, Tatum, Texas, earned the NJAA Silver Award, according to Jaclyn Upperman, education and events director of the American Angus Association.

J. Gordon Clark, the 16-year-old son of Tim and Gretchen Clark attends Gretna High School. He is a member of the NJAA and the Virginia Junior Angus Association (VJAA), which he has served as director.

He has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Clark participated in the quiz bowl, extemporaneous speaking, photography and team sales contests and the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off. He also served as a voting delegate in 2018 and was a participant in the mentoring program in 2014 and 2017. He attended the Raising the Bar conferences in 2017 and 2018 as well as the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference in 2017.

Suter Clark, the 14-year-old son of Tim and Gretchen Clark attends Gretna Middle School. He is a member of the NJAA and the VJAA, which he has served as both reporter and director.

He has participated in local, state,

regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At NJAS, Suter participated in the quiz bowl, extemporaneous speaking, photography and livestock judging contests and the CAB cook-off. He was also a participant in the mentoring program from 2014-2017.

Kalli Flanders, the 18-year-old daughter of Kelly and Melissa Flanders attends La Rue County High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Kentucky Junior Angus Association, which she has served as royalty and now director.

She has participated in local, state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Kalli participated in the quiz bowl, photography and livestock judging contests and the CAB cook-off.

She has submitted weight data to the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) and consigned cattle to the Kentucky Beef Expo and Central Kentucky Angus sale.

Kelsey Vandeberghe, the 13-year-old daughter of Paul and Lori Vandeberghe is a member of the NJAA and the North Dakota Junior Angus Association (NDJAA).

She has participated in state and national shows and has submitted weight data to the AHIR®.

Jeremiah Steph, the 15-year-old son of Chris and Melissa Steph attends Beckville Junior/Senior High School and is a member of the NJAA

and the Texas Junior Angus Association (TJAA), which he has served as director.

He has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Jeremiah participated in the quiz bowl, team sales and extemporaneous speaking contests. He also participated in the mentoring program in 2014-2016.

He has submitted weight data to the AHIR® and consigned cattle to the Club Calf event.

Scholarships

Cashley Ahlberg, a Kansas State University (K-State) Department of Animal Sciences and Industry Graduate student was recognized May 23 as the recipient of the Larry

Corah Outstanding Graduate Student Award.

Ahlberg, originally from Longmont, Colo., received the Outstanding Ph.D. Student Award which includes a \$1,500 scholarship. She is a graduate research assistant pursuing a doctoral degree in animal breeding and genetics. Ahlberg's research project is related to water intake and efficiency in beef cattle.

She has served as a teaching assistant (TA) in both genetics and animal breeding. Her advisor, Megan Rolf, says, "Cashley has exceptional data analysis skills, and she has already been a coauthor or first author on three peer-reviewed journal articles and four abstracts."

The award is presented in honor of Larry Corah, who served for 25 years

as a K-State Animal Science and Industry Department Beef Extension and Research Specialist. After retiring from K-State, he went on to work for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) as director of production systems and then served 17 years as the CAB LLC Vice President of Supply. The scholarship funds are supported by the Larry Corah Graduate Student Enhancement Fund.

The award winners are selected based on scholastic achievement, research activity and success, teaching activities, faculty evaluation, and overall contributions to the mission of the department.

Alabama Angus Ass'n Jr. Preview Show and Field Day, June 2, Hope Hull



Winning top honors in showmanship are (from left) Audra Graves, Cleveland, senior champion; Callie Akins, judge; and Wheeler Allen, Lexington, junior champion.



Voting delegates for Alabama at the NJAS are (from left) Katie Smith, Cullman; Case Birge, Graceville, Fla.; and Abigail McCord, New Market.



Miss Alabama Angus is (left) Abigail McCord, New Market; pictured with Melody Barton (right) Alabama Angus Auxiliary president.



Recipient of the Richard Dyar Scholarship is (left) Abigail McCord, New Market; presented by Richard Dyar (right).



Elected to the Alabama Jr. Angus Association board of directors are (front row, from left) Katie Smith, Cullman, president; Layton Adams, Union Springs, vice president; Audra Graves, Cleveland, secretary-treasurer; Aspen Adams, Union Springs, reporter; (back row, from left) Chelsea Langley, Camp Hill; Heather Gladney, Buhl; Abigail McCord, New Market; Case Birge, Graceville, Fla.; and Ellis Ann Evans, Hope Hull.

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Kansas Jr. Angus Ass'n Preview Show, June 2-3, Hutchinson



Kelsey Theis, Leavenworth, was named Premier Jr. breeder.



Winning Premier Exhibitor was Jayce Dickerson (left), Paradise; presented by Beverly Figge (right), Kansas Angus Auxiliary president.



Winning novice showmanship are (from left) Kaelyn Schilling, Edson, champion; and Aubree McCurry, Burrton, reserve champion.



Winning junior showmanship are (from left) Elyse Louderback, Saint George, champion; and Jackson McCurry, Colwich, reserve champion.



Winning intermediate showmanship are (from left) Alexandria Cozzitorto, Olathe, champion; and Eva Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, reserve champion.



Grady Dickerson, Paradise, won top honors in the senior showmanship.



Left: Qualifying to represent Kansas in the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest are (from left) Cale Hinrichsen, Westmoreland; and Madison Loschke, Kingsdown.

Right: Winning the junior division of team sales are (from left) Addie Haverkamp, Bern, first; and Dane Haverkamp, Bern, second.



Winning the intermediate division of team sales are (from left) Eva Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, first; Kelsey Theis, Leavenworth, second; Nicholas Siemens, Towanda, third; and Lauren Frederick, Sterling, fourth.



Winning the senior division of team sales are (from left) Cale Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, second; Channing Schneider, Wamego, third; and Grady Dickerson, Paradise, fourth.



Winning the junior prepared public speaking are (from left) Elyse Louderback, Saint George, first; and Addie Haverkamp, Bern, second.



Winning the junior extemporaneous speaking are (from left) Jackson McCurry, Colwich, first; and Grant Dugan, Saint George, second.



Winning top honors in the photography contest is Kady Figge, Onaga.



Winning the junior herdsman quiz are (from left) Elyse Louderback, Saint George, first; Grant Dugan, Saint George, second; and Kaelyn Schilling, Edson, fourth.



Winning intermediate herdsman quiz are (from left) Eva Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, first; Baylee Wulfskuhle, Berryton, second; Alexandria Cozzitorto, Olathe, third; and Kelsey Theis, Leavenworth, fourth.



Winning senior herdsman quiz are (from left) Grady Dickerson, Paradise, first; Laura Carpenter, Wamego, second; and Cale Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, third.



These junior Angus members will compete as a team at the NJAS in the team-fitting contest. Pictured are (from left) Colt Laflin, Olsburg; Cohen Navinsky, Winchester, alternate; Ethan Dickerson, Paradise; and Laura Carpenter, Wamego.



Elected to the Kansas Jr. Angus Ass'n board of directors are (front row, from left) Anna Carpenter, Wamego, president; Grady Dickerson, Paradise, president-elect; Cale Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, vice president; Morgan Woodbury, Quenemo, second vice president; Alexandria Cozzitorto, Olathe, secretary; Eva Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, treasurer; Ethan Dickerson, Paradise, reporter; and Kady Figge, Onaga, historian; (second row, from left) Kelsey Theis, Leavenworth, membership director; Dane Haverkamp, Bern, district 1 director; Baylee Wulfskuhle, Berryton, district 2 director; Kelly Newton, Elk City, district 3 director; Lauren Frederick, Sterling, district 4 director; Nicholas Siemens, Towanda, district 6 director; Kaelyn Schilling, Edson, district 7 director; and Jayce Dickerson, Paradise, membership director.

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Michigan Angus Ass'n Jr. Preview Show, June 10, Lansing



Winning showmanship awards are (from left) Drew George, Niles, junior champion; Dalaney Bates, Sebewaing, intermediate champion; and Danielle Wood-Seddon, Brown City, senior champion.



Maggie Reid, Eaton Rapids, qualified to represent Michigan at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.



Michigan Angus Auxiliary scholarship winners are Amanda Kosal (left), Deckerville; and Austin Pillars (right), Deckerville; presented by Nancy Thelen (center).



Blake Pillars (center), Martin, received his Bronze and Silver Awards and Austin Pillars (right) received his Silver Award; presented by Casey Jentz (left), American Angus Association regional manager.

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**Southern National Jr. Angus Show,
June 8, Perry, Ga.**



Presenting top honors in showmanship is Zach Bartenslager (left), judge; to (continuing from left) Owen Austrino, Dade City, Fla., novice champion; Blaire Beasley, Doe Run, Ga., intermediate champion; and Austin Ertzberger, Carnesville, Ga., senior champion.

Tennessee Angus Ass'n Jr. Preview Show, June 9, Lebanon



Winning top honors in their respective showmanship divisions are (front row, from left) Shelley Rowlett, Martin, senior champion; Juliann Fears, Fayetteville, reserve senior champion; Tristan Meier, Clinton, intermediate champion; Sophia Santini, Leoma, reserve intermediate champion; Lila Sims, McEwen, junior champion; and Avery Rowlett, Cypress Inn, reserve junior champion; presented by (back row, from left) Jon Davis, judge; Kenneth Armstrong and Jimmy Armstrong, sponsors; and Amy and Vince Santini, junior advisors.

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Maryland Jr. Angus Preview Show, June 3, Westminster, Md.



Left: Presented by Dale Rains (left), judge, winners of their respective showmanship divisions are (continuing from left) Avery Dull, Westminster, intermediate division; Savannah Brauning, Finksburg, senior division; and Hayden Hahn, Rocky Ridge, junior division.



Right: Avery Dull (right) won overall showmanship, presented by Rains.



Left: Qualifying to represent Maryland at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest are (from left) Harrison King, New Market; and Savannah Brauning, Finksburg.



Right: Winning premier breeder is Alyson Schulze (left) and Kevin Spicer (right) won premier exhibitor, both from Woodbine. Presenting the award is Kelly Spicer, Maryland Angus Princess (center).

2018 Southwestern Wisconsin Angus Classic Show, May 27, Lancaster



Left: Winning pee wee showmanship are (from left) Bradly Retallick, Cassville, first; and Sophia Jentz, Fennimore, third.



Right: Winning junior showmanship are (from left) Clara Henderson, East Troy, first; Madison Poll, Maquoketa, Iowa, second; and Kaycee Linder, Platteville, third.



Winning intermediate showmanship are (from left) Hailey Jentz, Fennimore, first; Abby Meier, Glen Haven, second; and Connor Mason, Glen Haven, third.



Winning senior showmanship are (from left) Hannah Tremaine, Oconomowoc, first; Grace Link, Deerfield, second; and Benjamin Marsh, Union, Ill., third.



Recipients of the Sue Finley/Roger Kruel Memorial Award are (from left) Lexi Harper, Bloomington; and Hannah Tremaine, Oconomowoc.

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Wisconsin Jr. Angus Preview Show, June 2, Jefferson



Winning junior showmanship are (from left) Tucker Bayer, Ringle, champion; and Kaycee Linder, Platteville, reserve champion.



Winning intermediate showmanship are (from left) Hailey Jentz, Fennimore, champion; and Samuel Henderson, East Troy, reserve champion.



Winning senior showmanship are (from left) Kolin Huth, Richland Center, champion; and Paige Gaffney, Barneveld, reserve champion.



Qualifying to represent Wisconsin at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest are (from left) Claire Hawthorne, Westby; and John Henderson, East Troy.