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### Success on the menu

*When you hear the word “feeding,” what is the first thing that comes to mind? Nutritional value? Quenching hunger? To move gradually and steadily through a space?*

When I think about the word “feeding” and the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA), success easily follows. Through my time as a junior member, the NJAA has done nothing but feed me with the pieces needed to be successful, and I know I am not the only member that can say this.

As producers we feed cattle for success in the show ring, in the pasture and on the rail. The American Angus Association has fed producers many different assets to have a successful program and strive to be the most successful breed in the business — breed-specific EPDs (expected progeny differences), AngusLink<sup>SM</sup>, Certified Angus Beef<sup>®</sup> (CAB<sup>®</sup>), and the list goes on.

Like the American Angus Association, the NJAA has fed

their juniors with many different opportunities to be successful. From conferences like Raising the Bar or Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD), to award applications like the Bronze and Silver and scholarships from the Angus Foundation. Without these outlets for success, I would not be the person I am today.

Since my first LEAD conference in Seattle, Wash., I was hooked. The leadership, confidence, commitment and passion that came from the National Junior Angus Board (NJAB) was inspiring. The qualities the NJAB feeds to the members are unmatched. We feed for success: success throughout our association and beyond. Without the undying passion the NJAB has for the membership, I would not be where I am today.

From day one I knew this was where I wanted to end up, being able to give back to the association that has given me so much, taking my turn to feed success into the younger members of the association so they can flourish.

Through this opportunity, though I am only halfway, I have fed and been fed a multitude of experiences. From leading icebreakers to connecting with juniors at conferences and shows, I hope to leave the same impact of passion and inspiration on the juniors that the former NJAB did for me. I can’t begin to thank my mentors, fellow board members and advisors for feeding me with the tools to be successful through my time on the board and beyond.

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### 2020 Alabama Angus Ass’n Junior Preview Show & Field Day; June 6; Fayette



Newly elected to the Alabama Junior Angus Ass’n board are Kynleigh Wood (seated from left), Holly Pond, reporter; Audra Graves, Cleveland, secretary-treasurer; Case Birge, Slocomb, vice president; and Katie Smith, Cullman, president. Directors (pictured standing from left) are Corley Williams, Blountsville; Emsley Lovelace, Florence; Heather Gladney, Buhl; Sara Beth Faust, Oneonta; Tanner Denney, Ashland; Chelsea Langley, Camp Hill; and Wheeler Allen, Lexington.

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Judge Andy Higgins (pictured from left) stands with junior champion, Sara Beth Faust; intermediate champion, Curt Williams, Blountsville; and senior champion, Audra Graves.



Case Birge (pictured from left), and Katie Smith, qualified to represent the state of Alabama at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest held in conjunction with the National Junior Angus Show this July in Tulsa, Okla.



Emma Allen (pictured from left), Lexington, and Kynleigh Wood, were crowned as Miss Alabama Angus and Miss Alabama Junior Angus queen, respectively.



Katie Smith (sitting from left), and Tanner Denney, were selected as voting delegates for the upcoming National Junior Angus Show held this July in Tulsa, Okla. Abigail McCord (pictured back row, from left), New Market, and Case Birge were selected as alternates.



Meghan Rutherford (pictured from left), Alabama Angus Auxiliary, presented Audra Graves, and Emma Allen, with the Angus Auxiliary scholarship.



Audra Graves (left), received the Dyar scholarship from Richard Dyar (right).

## 2020 Kansas Junior Angus Ass'n Preview Show; June 6-7; Hutchinson



Jacye Dickerson, Paradise, won the Kansas Angus Auxiliary premier junior breeder.



Wendy Flory (left), Kansas Angus Auxiliary president, presented Kady Figge (right), Onaga, with the Kansas Angus Auxiliary Scholarship.



Wendy Flory (left) presented Bayle Wulfkuhle (right), with the Kansas Angus Auxiliary Scholarship.



Wendy Flory (left), presented Eva Hinrichsen (right), Westmoreland, with the 2019-2020 Kansas Angus Auxiliary Premier Exhibitor Award.





In the senior division of the quiz bowl, Alexandria Cozzitorto (left), Olathe, received second place, and Baylee Wulfkuhle (right), Berryton, received first place.



In the intermediate division of the quiz bowl, Kelsey Theis (pictured from left), Leavenworth, received first place; Creed Caldwell, Parker, received second place; Elyse Louderback, Saint George, received third place; and Jensen Woodworth, Enterprise, received fourth place.



In the junior division of the quiz bowl, Cohen Navinsky (pictured from left), Winchester, received first place; Addie Haverkamp, Bern, received second place; Dane Haverkamp, Bern, received third place; and Cheyenne Bruncker, Ottawa, received fourth place.



Laura Carpenter (left) and Channing Schneider (right), both from Wamego, qualified to represent the state of Kansas at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest held in conjunction with the National Junior Angus Show this July in Tulsa, Okla.



In the senior team sales, Nicholas Siemens, Towanda, received first place.



In the intermediate team sales, Kelsey Theis (pictured from left) received first place; Abbie Schwab, Goddard, received second place; Creed Caldwell received third place; and Lauren Frederick, Sterling, received fourth place.

Elected to the serve on the Kansas Junior Angus Ass'n board of directors are (pictured kneeling front row from left) Alexandria Cozzitorto, president elect; Eva Hinrichsen, first vice president; Kady Figge, second vice president; Jayce Dickerson secretary; Baylee Wulfkuhle treasurer; Kelsey Theis historian; and Grady Dickerson, Paradise, Kan., past president. District directors (pictured second row, from left) are Greta Rosenhagen, Cheney; Cohen Navinsky; Austin Woodrow, Emporia; Kelly Newton, Elk City; Jensen Woodworth; Baili Kerth, Sylvan Grove; and Addie Haverkamp, are district directors. Also pictured (back row, from left) are Nicholas Siemens, district director at large; and Dane Haverkamp, membership director.



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In the junior team sales (pictured from left) are Avery Mullen, Ulysses, first place; Molly Hill, Baldwin City, second place; Aubree McCurry, Burrton, third place; and Ruby Hill, Baldwin City, fourth place.



Brad and Alicia McCurry (pictured back row from left) presented Jayce Dickerson, Paradise, with the Cecil McCurry Keep Smiling Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Award with Sandra McCurry and Greg McCurry. Also presenting were Lydia McGrew (pictured front row from left), Leo Perez and Lola McGrew.



John McCurry (left), Kansas Angus Ass'n president, presented Kelsey Theis (right), with the Kansas Angus Ass'n Endowment - Angus Foundation LEAD scholarship.



In the senior division of showmanship, Eva Hinrichsen (left), won champion, and Alexandria Cozzitorto (right), won reserve champion.



In the intermediate division of showmanship, Kelsey Theis (left), won champion, and Caroline Wingert (right), Ottawa, won reserve champion.



In the junior division of showmanship, Cohen Navinsky (left), won champion, and Cheyenne Bruncker (right), won reserve champion.



In the novice division of showmanship, Molly Hill (left), won champion, and Aubree McCurry (right), won reserve champion.

## 2020 South Dakota Junior Angus Ass'n Field Day; June 6; Marion



Ty Mogck (left), Olivet, was presented the South Dakota Angus Auxiliary's Boy's scholarship by Jeana Hurlbut, South Dakota Angus Auxiliary. Photo by Jeana Hurlbut.



Showmanship winners (pictured from left) are Emma Noteboom, Burbank, senior champion; Morgan Kwasniewski, Clear Lake, reserve senior champion; Harlee Heim, Wessington Springs, junior champion; Sawyer Styles, Brentford, reserve junior champion; Wyatt James, Bruce, beginner champion; and Maggie Holt, Mina, reserve beginner champion. Photo by Jeana Hurlbut.



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## 2020 North Dakota Junior Angus Ass'n Field Day; June 6; Carrington



Alexis Vandenberghe (pictured from left), Cleveland, was crowned Miss North Dakota Angus, and Kourtney Schaff, Saint Anthony, was crowned North Dakota Angus princess.



Quaid Spicker (pictured from left), Glenfield, and Rayna Bruner, Drake, participated in peewee showmanship. Photo by Ashley Bruner.



Showmanship winners (pictured from left) are Molly Hansen Carrington, reserve junior champion; Addison Neshem, Westhope, junior champion; Rose Wendel, LaMoure, intermediate champion; and Kourtney Schaff reserve intermediate champion.

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## 2020 Wisconsin Junior Angus Preview Show, June 7, Jefferson



Qualifying to represent Wisconsin at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest hosted in conjunction with the National Junior Angus Show this July in Tulsa, Okla., are (from left) Dale Hummel and Tara Hummel, both judges; Paige Gaffney, Barneveld, first; Clayton Walsh, Lyndon Station, second; Taylor Cooley, Lancaster, first alternate; and Bree Gaffney, Barneveld, second alternate.

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## 2020 Kentucky Angus Preview Show; June 13; Danville



In the junior division of showmanship (pictured from left) are Blane Smith Russell Springs, junior A champion; Jacob Marksbury, Buffalo, junior A reserve champion; Ellee Marksbury, Buffalo, junior B champion; and Emily Jeffries, Canmer, junior B reserve champion.



In the senior division of showmanship, Catherine Cowles, Rockfield, won champion.



In the intermediate division of showmanship, Bryanna Smith (left), Russell Springs, won champion, and Lily Jeffries (right), Canmer, won reserve champion.



Brenda Jasper (pictured from left) presented the Billy and Jimmy Jasper scholarship to Julia Weaber, Harrodsburg, and Josh Jasper, Nicholasville, who qualified to represent the state of Kansas at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest held in conjunction with the National Junior Angus Show this July in Tulsa, Okla., with the help of Maggie Jasper.

## Bronze and Silver Awards

Presley Sliger, Hamilton, Texas, has earned the National Junior Angus Association's (NJAA) Bronze and Silver awards, and Payton Troxell, Detour, Md., has earned the NJAA's Silver award, according to Jaclyn Upperman, education and events director of the American Angus Association in Saint Joseph, Mo.

The Bronze and Silver awards are the first two levels of the NJAA Recognition Program that began in 1972. Junior Angus breeders must apply for the awards, then meet point requirements in many areas of participation before receiving the honors. Applicants are evaluated in areas of junior Angus

association activities and leadership, participation in showmanship, contests and shows, using performance testing to improve their herd, and their progress in producing and merchandising Angus cattle.

**Presley Sliger** is the 16-year-old daughter of Rena Sliger and is from Hamilton, Texas. She currently attends Hamilton High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Texas Junior Angus Association (TJAA), where she has served as director.

Sliger has attended the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), where she participated in the photography and livestock judging contests and mentoring program. She has also participated in the LEAD conference

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

Receiving the Silver award is Detour, Md., native **Payton Troxell**. Troxell attends Catoctin High School and is the daughter of Eric and Vicky Troxell.

The 15-year-old is a member of the NJAA and Maryland Junior Angus Association (MJAA). Troxell also currently serves as the secretary for her county district junior Angus association. At the NJAS, she has participated in the photography contest. 