



Top Showmen Stand Tall Under the Western Sky

Georgia's Rachel Postin named top showman at 2001 NJAS.

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Rachel Postin, Stephens, Ga., captured the coveted title of "Top Showman" during the 35th National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest July 13-14 in Denver, Colo. A total of 52

contestants from 31 states competed for honors during the contest that took place in conjunction with the 2001 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS).

In addition to the coveted title, Postin received the traditional \$350 from the Hamilton James Memorial Fund and a silver Revere bowl, the Dean Hurlbut Award, presented

by the American Angus Auxiliary. The Jake White family also presented Postin with a handmade trophy buckle in memory of Jake White.

Robbie Smith, Lebanon, Tenn., claimed the second-place honors and \$250. Sarah Fuller, Twin Falls, Idaho, was named the third-place showman. She received \$175.

Lana Myers, Jennings, La., received \$125 for her fourth-place finish. Lacey Robinson, Montgomery City, Mo., won fifth and \$100.

The cash prizes awarded to the top five showmen are provided on behalf of the Hamilton James Memorial Fund, established in memory of Angus enthusiast and auctioneer Ham James. The American Angus Auxiliary presented each of the top five contestants with a silver Revere bowl.

The showmanship contestants must qualify at the state level before they can advance to the national competition. Only two contestants per state are allowed to compete. The young exhibitors are evaluated on their skills in handling the animal, ability to follow instructions, use of equipment, courtesy, sportsmanship and general



► From left, Brian Barragree, Absarokee, Mont.; Andra Campbell, Klamath Falls, Ore.; and Tim Fitzgerald, Alderson, W.Va., evaluate 52 contestants from 31 states during the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest. cb



► Fifteen finalists remain after four preliminary rounds of competition.

appearance. The contestants do not show their own animals; they draw for animals owned by other exhibitors at the show.

The judges for the event included Brian Barragree, Absarokee, Mont.; Andra Campbell, Klamath Falls, Ore.; and Tim Fitzgerald, Alderson, W.Va.

The contestants competed in four preliminary rounds before the 15 finalists were named. The finalists competed in the final round for top honors.

The ten finalists who rounded out the top 15 included Carl Detwiler, Roaring Spring, Pa.; Christy Walther, Mount Crawford, Va.; Joey Greenberg, Napa, Calif.; Kendall Bremer, Blakesburg, Iowa; Brian Howell, Union City, Ind.; Amanda Penner, Mill Creek, Okla.; K.C. Keffer, Crawfordsville, Ind.; Anthony Frost, Tallula, Ill.; Robert Sand Jr., Alachua, Fla.; and Grady McCurry, Mount Hope, Kan.



► Joey Greenberg (right) carefully eyes Jeff Rhode, Saint Joseph, Mo., who served as the surrogate judge for the 2001 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest. cb



► Jenny Davis, Gallipolis, Ohio, walks a calf around the ring at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest. Each state can send two representatives to compete in the two-day event. cb