

# NEXT GENERATION

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POSTCARD FROM A JUNIOR



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## Angus Family

*Growing up, my immediate family was relatively small and more unconventional than most. We had busy schedules balancing school, work and extracurriculars, so we were rarely all in one place at one time.*

At times, I was jealous of my peers who grew up in a traditional household with a large family where everyone was home for dinner every night. Although the grass may have seemed greener on the other side, I never felt a shortage of love and support, and that is largely due to the extended family agriculture brought into my life.

Family has never been limited to those sharing the same household but rather extending to the people dedicating themselves to supporting, loving and investing in those in their life. The phrase “Angus family” is heard quite often at shows and events throughout the year, and it has proven time and time again to

be true. As a family, we have faced challenges and hardships testing our faith, and we’ve come together to build an unbreakable bond. We encourage each other to accomplish our goals and better one another, whether it’s making it to the backdrop or making a new friend.

My Angus family has pushed me to become the best version of myself possible. The older junior members who served as role models when I was younger pushed me to get involved and try new activities, taking me places I never thought I could go. The American Angus Association staff and leadership have worked to create an environment promoting personal growth and

career development opportunities paving the way for thousands of juniors to succeed. Finally, Angus juniors have been motivators for me to serve and continually push the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) in a positive direction just as those before me did for me.

I know my experience in the NJAA is not an isolated incident. This organization has taken a large group of juniors spanning across the country and created a tight-knit, family network; and I have confidence knowing the Angus breed is in good hands with the next generation.

–Keegan Cassidy

## 2019 Atlantic National Regional Preview Junior Angus Show, May 25, Timonium, Md.



Bryce Fitzgerald, West Grove, Pa., won premier breeder, premier junior breeder and supreme champion showman. Pictured (from left) are Madison Weaver, Miss American Angus; Baxter Knapp, NJAB director; Tyler Bush, NJAB director; Bryce Fitzgerald, recipient; Brody Fitzgerald, NJAB leadership director; and Madison Sundsbak, NJAB vice chairman.



The Pennsylvania Junior Angus Association won state group of five. Pictured (from left) are Weaver, presenting; Daniel Rohrbaugh, Seven Valleys; Cailey Dahlquist, Washington; Bryce Fitzgerald; Michael Butz, Reinholds; Kaitlin Bell, Nottingham; and Brody Fitzgerald, presenting.

Awarded Atlantic National Merit Scholarships (front row, from left) are Haley Sweitzer, Wellsville, Pa.; Kallie Knott, Laotto, Ind.; Kaitlin Bell, Nottingham, Pa.; Madelyn Gerken and Sydnee Gerken, both of Cashion, Okla.; and Katie Smith, Cullman, Ala. Also presented scholarships (back row, from left) are Betsy Micheal, presenting; Cailey Dahlquist; Daniel Rohrbaugh; Madison Weaver, Ephrata, Pa.; Zach McCall, Greenville, Va.; Bryce Fitzgerald; Caroline Cowles, Rockfield, Ky.; Morgan Scilacci, Baker City, Ore.; Justin Wood, Willow Spring, N.C.; and Daniel McFarland and Alan Miller, presenting.



Winning top honors in the junior B showmanship (from left) are Emma Woodard, Cambridge, Ohio, champion; and Garrett Miley, Sarahsville, Ohio, reserve champion. Presented by Weaver, left.



Winning top honors in the junior A showmanship (from left) are Tucker Bayer, Ringle, Wis., champion; and Lindsey Grim, Dover, Pa., reserve champion. Presented by Weaver, left.



Left: Winning top honors in the intermediate showmanship (from left) are Victoria Gerken, Cashion, Okla., champion; and Rylee Stockdale, Dayton, Pa. Presented by Weaver, left.

Right: Winning top honors in the senior showmanship (from left) are Bryce Fitzgerald, champion; and Chance Meyers, Edmond, Okla., reserve champion. Presented by Weaver, left.



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## 2019 Minnesota Junior Angus Association Field Day, June 8, Hutchinson



Serving on the Minnesota Junior Angus Association board of directors (front row, from left) are Allyson Stanek, Hayward, secretary; Alyssa Nesler, La Crescent, vice president; and MaKenna Ludwig, Richmond, president. Also serving (back row, from left) are Jaden Borman, Holland, historian; Dawson Johnson, Pipestone, treasurer; Madelyn Ludwig, Richmond, membership director; and Joe Sevareid, Owatonna, communications director.



Winning top honors in the peewee showmanship (from left) are Megan Plamann, Hutchinson; Taylor Lang, Buffalo Lake; and Kyle Rasmussen, Hutchinson.



Winning top honors in the junior showmanship (from left) are Brady Ford, Lake Wilson, champion; and Cora Mayer, Peterson, reserve champion.



Winning top honors in the intermediate showmanship (from left) are Taylor Ford, Lake Wilson, reserve champion; and Dawson Johnson, champion.



Winning top honors in the senior showmanship (from left) are Caroline Mayer, Peterson, champion; and Allyson Stanek, reserve champion.



Taylor Ford, left, and Brady Ford, right, received their National Junior Angus Association Bronze awards.



Crowned Minnesota Angus royalty (from left) are Alyssa Nesler, La Crescent, Miss Minnesota Angus; and Taylor Ford, Minnesota Angus princess.

## 2019 Tennessee Angus Association Junior Preview Show, June 8, Lebanon



Winning top honors in the junior showmanship (from left) are Emily Schilling, judge; Alyssa Meier, Clinton, champion; and Avery Rowlett, Cypress Inn, reserve champion.



Winning top honors in the intermediate showmanship (from left) are Schilling, judge; Tristan Meier, Clinton, champion; and David Mundy, Speedwell, reserve champion.



Winning top honors in the senior showmanship (from left) are Schilling, judge; Morgan Lehnert, Old Hickory, champion; and Shelley Rowlett, Martin, reserve champion.

## 2019 Missouri Junior Angus Association Preview Show, June 8, Sedalia



Winning top honors in showmanship (from left) are Ciara Raithel, Mexico, senior champion; and Annaliese Mead, Barnett, junior champion.

## 2019 Missouri Angus Association Preview Show, June 9, Sedalia



Crowned Missouri Angus royalty (from left) are Alexis Koelling, Curryville, Missouri Angus princess; Holly Sinning, Mansfield, Miss Missouri Angus; and Garrett Schuering, Thompson, Missouri Angus ambassador.

## 2019 Michigan Angus Association Preview Show, June 9, East Lansing

Winning top honors in showmanship (from left) are Dylan Stoll, Grand Ledge, junior champion; Kristopher Kosal, Deckerville, intermediate champion; and Wyatt Fuller, Big Rapids, senior champion.



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