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The Grandest Shade of Green

The newest six members of the National Junior Angus Board were elected to wear the famed green coat.

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With the smell of popcorn lingering in the air, the ground vibrates with the roar of the crowd. Fingers, sticky from cotton candy, clap together in applause. Lights flicker and flash as the spotlight dances through the masses.

The circus came to town at this year's National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), and the carnival fans gathered together to celebrate the newest six National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members to don the famed green coat.

Like a real circus, the team of this year's National Junior Angus Board of Directors (NJAB) offers a diverse set of skills, talents and attractions. These six may not be performers, but the newest members of the NJAB promise to put their best foot forward as they launch their two-year service dressed in the grandest shade of green.

J. GORDON CLARK



"I'm passionate about how awesome it is to be a part of this breed," J. Gordon Clark told NJAA members prior

to having his name announced as a member of the NJAB. He describes the Business Breed as first class, believing in the Association for both its professionalism and the friendships formed within. He has high hopes of continuing the Angus legacy while donning his green coat.

The Virginia native loves the Angus breed and the NJAB. He says he started preparing his own campaign for the junior board when his friend, Alex Cozzitorto, was first elected.

From getting a little too loud at Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conferences to having a bucket of water tossed on him during an Angus Mentoring Program (AMP) session, Clark can't help but smile when he recalls his NJAA memories.



Clark has had a show stick in his hand since he was 9 years old, but he says his view of the industry has changed since then.

"In the beginning, I viewed my time as a junior as just a competition — just trying to win a cattle show," he says. "I've learned it's the cows that bring us all together, but it's not all about a cow show."

Clark has grown to understand this industry is about passion, grit and family. He looks forward to helping juniors reach outside the box that is their comfort zone. As a leader, Clark promises to remain devoted to the Angus breed and its members while simultaneously helping the industry reach new heights.

In addition to his time working with the Business Breed, Clark also attends Kansas State University (K-State) where he is majoring in animal science. Clark plans to return

to his home state after college and continue to raise show cattle alongside his family.

KATHRYN COLEMAN



For this Californian, serving on the NJAB is so much more than just an opportunity to put on an easily recognized

garment or earn a new title. Kathryn Coleman firmly believes serving on the junior board is an opportunity to give back to the Angus breed.

“The green coats are the core of the NJAA and bind it together as a family,” she says. “To me, being a green coat means once a green coat, always a green coat.”

Coleman has been a force in the show ring since she first picked up the lead to a show halter. She has spent her time as an NJAA member culturing her leadership skills, developing connections and friendships to last a lifetime, and promoting the Angus breed.

She promises to live up to the standards set by both NJAA members and former green coats, assuring her peers she will never stop trying to help lead others to their futures in the cattle industry.

“The Angus family takes care of its own,” she explains. “It’s something I don’t take for granted.”

The Angus family allowed Coleman to find her tribe — the people she says she leans on the most, looks to in moments of celebration and loss, and hates to say goodbye to. Serving on the NJAB is an opportunity for Coleman to thank this industry by performing



to the same high standards as NJAB members before her.

“I will be that green coat,” she promises NJAA members. “Not just for two years, but beyond. Not just to one junior, but to all.”

During the next two years, Coleman will balance her time in green with her education at K-State, where she is pursuing a degree in animal science with a business option. Her future plans involve the Business Breed, the industry and family she is proud to call home.

KINSEY CROWE



Ohio native Kinsey Crowe finds inspiration on a daily basis in her mother. Crowe says her mom is a role model for both

herself and her two sisters, pushing them to be their best selves in and out of the show ring. As a member of the NJAB, Crowe wants to help inspire NJAA members the same way her mother inspires her.

Her favorite piece of advice to share with young Angus enthusiasts?

“If we knew who was going to win, we’d stay home until it was our turn,” she says. “I want to be someone the younger juniors can

look up to. I want to encourage juniors to take their turn and not stay home.”

Crowe firmly believes every opportunity is one that should be seized as a chance to grow as an individual. She says the NJAA goes above and beyond to open doors for its members, no matter their age.

While many of these opportunities are filled with smiles and laughter, Crowe understands the deeper meaning to the activities led by green coats year-round. From LEAD conferences to events like the NJAS, it’s up to the NJAA and the NJAB to help prepare young producers for their future careers.

During her time in green, Crowe says she will be part of the mission to help create the driven and talented young professionals of tomorrow who will continue to advocate for the Business Breed. Most of all she says her time in the green coat will be spent reminding NJAA members of the true reason they love they breed. ***“It all goes back to being unafraid to not receive a banner or buckle or have your name called,” she says. “Have fun, but be fearless of the outcome.”***



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Crowe is current attending Oklahoma State University (OSU), where she majors in animal science with a minor in business. After graduation, she plans on becoming a livestock pharmaceutical sales representative.

AVERY DULL



“You got it. Just hang on.”

Those words were spoken to Avery Dull back in 2012, when the Maryland junior attended

her first NJAS. While she claims she felt like she could conquer the world as she first led her heifer into the ring, it wasn't long before an NJAB member had to come to her aid as the calf took off.

From this green coat, Dull says she learned her first — and biggest — lesson as an NJAA member. She says being a part of the Angus industry is all about pushing through difficult moments to learn from the past and try harder in the future.

“We all have to persevere through the hard times to truly appreciate the good ones,” Dull says. “Each and every one of us has a different story about the challenges we face individually.”

Since her first NJAS when that initial piece of wisdom was passed to her, Dull has grown as both an Angus producer and an individual. She says she's come to better understand the purpose of the NJAA, the need for positive role models in any industry



and the strength of the Angus family.

Dull knows the bonds that unite Angus cattlemen together are strong, and she says she is eager to do her part in sharing the beauty of those bonds with others.

In moments of challenge, she says it's the Angus family that helps the individual pull through. She vows to be there as an NJAB member to help support the juniors when they need it and push them when they're ready.

“The role of the junior board member isn't just about the fancy coat,” she says.

Dull knows exactly what it takes, in and out of the green coat, to be a strong member of the NJAB.

To achieve her dream of applying to vet school and working as a large animal veterinarian, Dull is currently pursuing her degree in animal science with a pre-vet option at K-State.

MARCIE HARWARD



North Carolina native Marcie Harward has dreamed of joining the ranks of the NJAB since she first became a

member of the NJAA. To help make this a reality, she has planned out the best ways to accomplish her G.O.A.L.S.

She says the key is to get involved, open your mind to new ideas, adopt an ambitious attitude, listen before speaking and serve faithfully.

On her journey to the green coat, Harward has worked to prepare herself for the role. She has attended LEAD conferences, participated in Raising the Bar and competed at the NJAS. As a fifth-generation cattle producer and a first-generation Angus breeder, she is devoted to the Business Breed and its members.

“My legacy is deeply connected within the cattle industry,” Harward explains. “I want to be a part of continuing the future legacy of this great Association.”

Maya Angelou's words of leaving a mark on the world that can't be erased keep this young Angus junior pushing forward. Her advice for juniors is to find a way to help leave their own mark on the Association.

“Let us all strive to work each day to leave a legacy for ourselves, our family and our breed that will inspire the next generation,” she says.





These six individuals were elected to serve on the National Junior Angus board of directors during the closing ceremonies at the 2021 National Junior Angus Show in Grand Island, Neb., on July 16. Pictured from left are Avery Dull, Westminster, Md.; Nicole Stevenson, Joliet, Mont.; Marcie Harward, Richfield, N.C.; J. Gordon Clark, Gretna, Va.; Kathryn Coleman, Modesto, Calif.; and Kinsey Crowe, Eaton, Ohio.

Harward looks forward to spending the next two years closely surrounded by young members as dedicated to the Angus breed as she is. She knows the work will be hard, but she is eager to forge forward.

After receiving her degree in agricultural business management from North Carolina State University, Harward hopes to attend vet school and become an embryologist while also working with her family's production herd and video auction business.

NICOLE STEVENSON



"Heritage. Legacy. Tradition."

Three words Nicole Stevenson of the big sky state of

Montana says define her family. Growing up, Nicole Stevenson says her background in both agriculture and the Business Breed further solidified her family's dedication to the trio of nouns.

As a fourth-generation Angus breeder, Stevenson works to uphold the heritage of the breed, the legacy of her family and the tradition of her home state every day.

Stevenson's desire to serve as a member of the NJAB went from a small spark to a bright flame when she encountered Tommy Cook, a young man whose family she helped work show cattle for this summer. Tommy found opportunities to join Stevenson in the barn whenever he could, even going so far as to ask her if he could attend the NJAS.

"This. This is why I want to serve on the NJAB," she explains.

What might feel like an ordinary



day to one is an extraordinary day to another junior member. Stevenson says she wants to spend more time helping NJAA members find those extraordinary moments.

Her father served on the NJAB in 1984, and Stevenson says it's his memories and learned lessons that have played a large role in sparking her desire to don her own green coat. ***"I hope to convey my passion for both the Angus breed and Angus youth," she explains.***

Her two years as a member of the NJAB will give Stevenson an opportunity to positively influence young Angus enthusiasts like Tommy. She will spend her days in green promoting the same heritage, legacy and tradition she learned to treasure in her childhood.

Stevenson is currently studying agriculture business with a minor in business administration at Montana State University. After graduation, she aims to gain experience in marketing and embryology before returning home to Basin Angus Ranch. **AJ**