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## Making it

*The stories are woven into our American mindset. It's the American way. You can start from nothing, put in the work and change your path.*

Hard work and gumption can get you far. Yet are you ever truly on your own? Is there such a thing as a self-made person?

That's not exactly what I saw this summer as the *Angus Journal* team traveled to Grand Island, Neb., in July for "The Grandest Show" — the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS).

On my first afternoon there, I covered the prepared public speaking contest for the publication. Each time a National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) member walked in to deliver their speech, so did their support team.

At opening ceremonies, half of the arena was filled with Angus youth. The other half? In those seats were the parents, grandparents, advisors, mentors and friends, all invested in the success of the next generation.

"There is no such thing as a self-made man. We are made up of thousands of others. Everyone who has ever done a kind deed for us, or

spoken one word of encouragement to us, has entered into the make-up of our character and of our thoughts, as well as our success." — columnist George Matthew Adams.

I certainly witnessed this at NJAS, but I also see that support beyond



our Angus youth. It takes the whole Angus team, each playing their part to the best of their ability, to keep the Angus breed moving forward. We need investment in youth, we need investment in genetics and technologies and we need customers who trust their seedstock supplier of those Angus genetics.

## In this issue

This issue's theme is "Making It," and it's only fitting that this month is focused on the future of the Angus breed and those who are empowering the next generation.

In addition to the extensive

coverage of the 2021 NJAS, we share a glimpse into the prestigious Beef Leaders Institute. We also discuss the value of the Angus registration paper to commercial cattlemen, and provide some management tips to consider for this coming fall.

It's truly a group effort to deliver the *Angus Journal* to your mailbox each month, and we are thankful for each of you

who put your trust in our team. 

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie".

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