

FOUNDATION IN FOCUS

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Making opportunities

It is reinvigorating to have normal life again. During the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), we celebrated the dedication so many juniors have invested into their cattle across a variety of competitions. .

The Angus Foundation celebrated a milestone in Grand Island, Neb., with the 20th Annual Golf Tournament. Not only does this mark two decades of the golf tournament, but the turnout set a new record for funds raised and players participating. Many of you played or sponsored this fun tradition, and you made it a memorable event.

We also had a great set of items donated for the silent auction. In fact, we saw a record number of items included in the silent auction and enjoyed having bidders buzzing around the floor right up until the closing second.

The funds from both the silent auction and golf tournament grow the Angus Fund, which provides

unrestricted support for programs like the National Junior Angus Board (NJAB), Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) and Raising the Bar conferences, many of the academic scholarships awarded, Angus University, and a variety of other initiatives.


Once we loaded up after the NJAS, I headed to western Nebraska for a couple of ranch visits.

This summer we welcomed four outstanding young people as a part of the Angus/Talon Youth Educational Learning Program, also known as the Talon Internship. They were hosted by four farms and ranches, providing a unique experience tailored to each intern's interests and career goals.

The Talon Internship is part of the impressive legacy of the late Cam Cooper and her estate, which created an endowment fund to prepare the next generation of

leaders for our breed and the beef industry.

Through both her prestigious scholarships and internships, Cam's vision continues to encourage students to expand their horizons and grow their potential.

Applications for summer and/or fall 2022 are available for both those interested in hosting and mentoring a young person, as well as for students interested in an outstanding internship opportunity. You can find applications at www.angusfoundation.org by going to the "What We Do" tab. Deadline for host applications is Sept. 30, and Dec. 1 for students. 

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2021 Talon interns (from left) are **Denny Atchley**, Texas Tech University, hosted by TD Angus at Rishel Ranch, North Platte, Neb.; **Maddy Smith**, University of Tennessee-Martin, hosted by Audley Farm, Berryville, Va.; **Lauren Ziegler**, Washington State University, hosted by Sunrise Sunset Farm, Modoc, Ind.; and **Ben Harman**, Southern Illinois University, hosted by Double M Ranch, Harrison, Neb.