

PAULA BOYD NAMED 2022 ADVISOR OF THE YEAR

Kentucky state advisor honored for going above and beyond to support tomorrow's leaders.

by Sierra Walter, communications intern

Behind every successful junior member is a hardworking and passionate youth advisor. Paula Boyd has been that mentor for youth of the Kentucky Junior Angus Association (KJAA) for more than a decade. Her commitment to serving Angus juniors has earned her the Advisor of the Year honor at the 2022 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS).

Coming from a deeply rooted Angus family, Boyd holds a lifetime of love for the breed. Throughout her years serving as the KJAA advisor, Boyd has brought enthusiasm and growth to all areas of the association. More specifically, Boyd has played a key role in planning two NJAS's, multiple Eastern Regional Shows and countless annual state shows.

"She opens her home for meetings, organizes meals at junior nationals and is an advocate for the Angus breed," says Jamie Gray, fellow KJAA advisor. "She is always available with an encouraging word, a smile or a hug. Her kind and caring manner helps her build relationships and excitement about our junior association."

Boyd's innovative mind and

generous touch have been instrumental in expanding funds and stretching the reach of the association. Whether coordinating fundraising events, driving junior members to leadership conferences

is very special. If I play a little role in that, then I did my job."

The magnitude of time and behind-the-scenes work youth advisors put in is a true testament to their commitment and belief in

juniors. Carrying on that legacy of building future industry leaders is what makes all the work worthwhile to Boyd.

"She never wants personal credit for her long hours and tireless work," Gray says. "Her willingness to help others and dedication to all juniors make her an excellent choice for Advisor of the Year."

The Advisor of the Year award was started in 1980 to recognize the incredible work state advisors of the junior Angus

association contribute to supporting Angus youth. All National Junior Angus Association state advisors are eligible for the award by sending in a letter of nomination. [AJ](#)



Paula Boyd was awarded as the Advisor of the Year. Pictured (from left) are Josh Jasper, National Junior Angus Board Foundation director; Paula Boyd, recipient; and Jaclyn Upperman, Angus Foundation executive director.

or supporting exhibitors in the show ring, Boyd has had a lasting influence.

"It is rewarding to know these kids are going to be successful in life," Boyd says. "Watching kids get elected on the junior board or [manage] their own Angus cows after they age out