



STOCKMAN CONTEST SECURES ANGUS FUTURE

Award recognizes three juniors' outstanding performances across three contests.

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Setting goals and challenging themselves is no new feat to junior Angus members. In the contest room, that dedication is amplified.

The Stockman Contest, hosted annually at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), pushes juniors to a new level. The contest is not factored by performance in one contest, but instead accounts for scores from three: the judging contest, quiz bowl written exam and skill-a-thon. Three contestants with the highest combined scores were recognized at the 2022 NJAS awards ceremony July 8.

“The Stockman Contest is a unique avenue for junior members to not only test their knowledge, but also see how well-rounded they are,” says Caitlyn Brandt, director of events and junior activities. “They really have to understand all aspects of the industry, and that’s why this award is such an honor.”

This year’s junior stockman was Cally Hansen, Carrington, N.D. Hansen’s sister Molly held the honor in 2021, demonstrating hard work

The intermediate stockman was Tucker Stagemeyer, Page, Neb. Three top-ten finishes secured his way to the title. Stagemeyer placed fifth in

the judging contest, sixth as a team in quiz bowl and was seventh in skill-a-thon.

Taking home the honor of senior stockman was TaraLee Hudson, Belvidere, Neb. Hudson was seventh in the judging contest, led her team to first place in the quiz bowl exam and rounded out her performance placing second in skill-a-thon. Hudson was able to go out on a high note in her last year as an NJAA member.

The stockman contest is another avenue allowing junior members to learn life skills beyond their time in the show ring. **AJ**



Winning the Stockman Contest (from left) are TaraLee Hudson, senior stockman; Tucker Stagemeyer, intermediate stockman; and Cally Hansen, junior stockman.

runs in their genes. Hansen was third in her age division of the judging contest, anchored her team to a first-place finish on the quiz bowl exam and placed one point outside of the top 10 in the skill-a-thon.