

National Junior Recognition Program

Gold Award Winners

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The National Junior Recognition Program provides an opportunity for young Angus breeders to become nationally recognized for their achievements and involvement as junior Angus members.

The program, based on activities over a member's entire career, offers three levels of recognition: bronze, silver and gold. To qualify for an award, points must be earned in four categories—association activities, competition activities, performance testing, and production and merchandising of Angus.

Any junior, regular or life member of the American

Angus Assn. who is 20 or younger is eligible to apply for the bronze or silver levels, and silver award winners may apply for a gold award only during their last year as a junior member.

These gold award recipients have excelled as junior officers and leaders. In addition, they have been very involved in all facets of junior Angus activities. Hopefully, the examples that these juniors have set will spur younger members to continue their involvement and strive for excellence in the Angus breed.



J. WESLEY EDMUNDS JR.
Clover, S.C.

"I hope to continue my interest in the Angus industry as I have gained much experience and realize that with initiative and strength, I can achieve the goals I set for my life."

The son of Evelyn Edmunds, Wesley is the only boy in a family of six children. He is currently a sophomore at Clemson University and has also doubled the last two years as a co-manager with his mother in their cattle and turkey operations.

Wesley has been a member of the South Carolina Junior Angus Assn. for 15 years during which he served in several officer capacities of that association. In 1982, he received the third-place award in the Auxiliary Scholarship competition.

Wesley has been active also in 4-H and FFA and through all these involvements has built up his own registered Angus herd of 44 cows, which are enrolled in the AHIR program. Along with a sister, he owns 35 commercial cows.

ELIZABETH LIVINGSTON
North, S.C.

"I want my children to grow up with the same opportunities to travel and meet people that I have experienced with my association in the Angus industry."

Elizabeth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zack Livingston and is currently



a junior at Clemson University majoring in financial management. She is also a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Elizabeth was a state delegate to the National Junior Angus Show in Tulsa and has been a member of the South Carolina Junior and the National Junior Angus Assn. since 1973.

The SCJAA has been the club most responsible for her development of a registered Angus herd. Currently, her herd is enrolled in both the South Carolina Beef Improvement and the AHIR programs.

During Elizabeth's last year of college she plans to specialize in an area relating to agriculture economics. She hopes to work in an area of business that she can use both her financial management and agriculture background knowledge.



GAYLE HUNT
Milton, Ind.

"The Angus industry has been an educational and exciting experience for me. As I look over the past years, I can honestly say that I have made many lifetime friends through the Angus business."

Gayle is the daughter of Charles and Carole Hunt and is currently a senior at Purdue University majoring in Animal Science.

She has been very active in junior Angus organizations including both the Indiana and National Junior Angus Assn. She is a member of the NJAA board of directors. At Purdue University, Gayle is a member of Block and Bridle, the Purdue Royal and the Sigma Alpha sorority.

GREG NEUMEYER
Walker, Iowa

"It has always been my goal to raise a calf that will become a champion on the national level."

An Iowa Junior Angus Assn. member, Greg participated in local, regional and state activities, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G.N. Neumeyer. He has been accepted to Creighton University School of Law and began classes last month.

Greg was very involved in 4-H and FFA where he served in many officer positions. He participated in leader-



FFA in which he has received the State Farmer's Degree and the American Farmer's Degree.

Kent plans to stay involved in the Angus business and on the lookout for investments that will be an asset to the cattle industry.

RANDALL PREUSS
Terry, Miss.

"In 1982, my cousin and I travelled to Milwaukee, Wis., taking with us the Mississippi Junior Angus booth. We promoted Mississippi and encouraged Juniors to come to the 1983 Dixie Regional Junior Show."

Randall is the son of Ted and Sandra Preuss. He is now married and is putting his college training to work by his position with Brown-Ferris Inc. truck service center. His goal in that capacity is to become a top-flight diesel mechanic.

He was very active in showing Angus cattle at many state shows and exhibiting at the National Junior Angus Show. Randall has been a past winner of the Mississippi Angus Auxiliary Scholarship award. He has had his registered herd of Angus enrolled on the AHIR program every year since 1975 and also went to A.I. school and has successfully implemented it in his family's program.



G. KENT DYE II
Shelbina, Mo.

"My goals in the cattle industry are to build a good foundation of Angus females."

Kent is the son of Gary and Alice Dye and is a graduate of South Shelby High School and Highland Community College. He has been very active with the Missouri Juniors and the local association, Green Hills Junior Assn. Kent has been exceptionally progressive with his young herd of cows and to prove that, he showed the 1982 National Junior Show reserve champion owned heifer. He has shown in many national and regional junior shows and also represented Missouri in the National Showmanship Contest where he was awarded third overall.

Kent has been a member of several youth organizations including the



BRUCE KIESEWETTER
Farmington, Ill.

"I plan on returning to the family farm and continue raising registered Angus cattle . . ."

Bruce is the son of Edward and Alice Kiese Wetter and is a senior at the University of Illinois majoring in Animal Science. He has served as

president of the Illinois Juniors, received the Illinois Junior Scholarship and has been a member of the board of directors of the National Junior Angus Assn. He most recently returned from Argentina where he was working with Angus cattle.

Bruce graduated from Black Hawk East Junior College and was involved in numerous organizations. At U of I, he was the marshall for the Block and Bridle Club last year.

Bruce and his family maintain a herd of 30 Angus cows of which five are used in a crossbreeding program to produce club calves. His plans and goals for the next five years is to build up a herd of 75 registered Angus cows which he intends to promote through association activities and sales.



CINDY HOUCK
Bushong, Kan.

"Someday, I plan to be a director of the American Angus Assn. and the mother of a future Miss American Angus."

Cindy is the daughter of Jim and Jean Houck and is from a rural area of Kansas that is in the beautiful Flint Hills. She was Miss American Angus in 1984 and most recently was elected to the National Junior Angus Assn. board of directors. Cindy has been an active member of the Kansas Juniors displaying leadership in many different officer positions. She has shown at all levels of junior shows and is most proud of her champion steer at the 1984 National Junior Show, that was also a home-raised product.

Cindy was a recipient of the 4-H state livestock award in 1983 where she received a trip to the Chicago Congress. She is a junior at Kansas State University majoring in Animal Science and is a little sister for the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity.



PAM WALTER
Groton, S.D.

"Agriculture needs dedicated people and I would like to take my part in making rural America strong again."

Pam, the daughter of Jack and Helen Walter, was a very active member of the South Dakota Junior Angus Assn. and has shown in nearly every South Dakota Junior show since 1973. She has served as the state Angus queen, was president of the South Dakota Juniors and was a voting delegate to the 1983 National Junior Angus Show. Also that same year she represented her state in the National Showmanship Contest.

Pam is currently a senior at South Dakota State University majoring in agriculture journalism. She served as president of the Agriculture Communicators of Tomorrow organization. Pam wishes to remain linked with the agriculture industry and plans to work in public relations and at the same time build up her own herd of registered Angus.

LINDA KROEKER
Hutchinson, Kan.

"I realize that it is the responsibility of every Angus breeder to strive to keep our breed number one, and that will be my main goal."

Linda is the daughter of Eldo and Grace Kroeker and is in her third year at Kansas State University majoring in elementary education. She has served as officer of every position in the Kansas Junior Angus Assn. including president this past year. Linda was the state queen in 1984 and was a Kansas Junior scholarship winner in 1982. She has done quite well with her junior show projects including her bred-



and-owned entries and most recently won the champion cow-calf title at the National Junior Angus Show in Tulsa.

At KSU, Linda is involved in Block and Bridle, is a Sigma Chi little sister and has been a class winner in the Little American Royal livestock show.



R. ALLEN JOBES
Stillwater, Okla.

"I believe in the concept of the associations and plan to be involved with local, regional and the state Angus associations."

Allen is in his third year of college at Oklahoma State University, majoring in agricultural economics. His parents are Raleigh and Betty Jo Jobes.

He has been active in the Oklahoma Juniors as an officer and also as a participant in junior Preview shows, regional and state shows and the National Junior Angus Shows. Allen was very active in his local FFA chapter. In 1983 he received the Chapter Star Farmer award and the State Farmer Degree.

He plans to stay in the Angus business as the past six years have been rewarding to him.

"With the help of AHIR and the use of sires selected by A.I., we will continue to develop a small, but quality herd of Angus cows."

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MARY ELLEN SHAW
West Bend, Wis.

"As a member of the National Junior Board of Directors, I would like to continue developing new programs and opportunities for the breeders of the future."

Just recently elected chairman of the National Junior Angus Assn., Mary Ellen will continue her service to the Junior associations as she has done for the past several years. Mary Ellen is the daughter of Stan and Bar-

bara Shaw.

She was chairman of the National Junior Angus Show when it was held in Wisconsin in 1982 and she has received the Wisconsin Junior scholarship. Mary Ellen has been active in showing her junior Angus projects and has participated in numerous showmanship contests, including the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.

Mary Ellen is a senior majoring in fashion merchandising at Iowa State University. She is a Kappa Sigma fraternity little sister and a member of the ISU Block and Bridle club. She plans to continue developing her herd of Angus and in the future wants to own a farm.

MATT WYBLE
Opelousas, La.

"After graduating from college I hope to continue being active in the operation of our family farm."

Matt is a junior majoring in both physical therapy and business administration at Louisiana State University-



Eunice. His parents are Wayne and Bonnie Wyble.

Matt was the president of the Louisiana Junior Angus Assn. in 1982 and was a delegate to the National Junior Show in 1984. He also was the recipient of the Louisiana Auxiliary scholarship in 1982. Matt has shown at junior shows on the local, state and national level and has been a candidate in the National Junior Showmanship Contest. His cow herd is currently enrolled in the AHIR program.

Among Matt's many involvements, he has been a member of the student government association at LSUE for three years. Wherever his occupation takes him, Matt plans to have a herd of registered Angus. **AJ**