

# Going for the Gold

**Olympic athletes weren't the only ones earning gold this past summer. A total of 12 graduating junior members were presented NJAA Recognition Gold Awards for 1996.**

**T**welve members of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) have earned the coveted Gold Pin award in 1996. It's been an educational opportunity which will lead them down the road to further opportunities in the beef industry.

We wish them success in future endeavors and hope to see them continue to take an active role in our industry as breeders and future leaders.

Outstanding NJAA members are recognized at several steps during their NJAA involvement. Gold Pins represent the culmination of several years, perhaps a decade, of work. Intermediate steps are the Bronze and Silver Pin awards.

Each level requires participation and achievement in leadership show competition, performance testing, production and merchandising of Angus cattle. To qualify for the Gold Pin Award, NJAA members must have received Bronze and Silver recognition, then apply during their final year of eligibility as an NJAA member.

Complete and accurate records are vital when applying for any of these award programs. Contact the Junior Activities Department at the American Angus Association for further information on this program.

John Anthony III



Beginning his Angus career in 1986, John Anthony III is the son of Bill and Deanne Anthony, Cameron, Okla.

"Through NJAA I have made numerous friends. Traveling nationwide to Angus activities I learned to respect and appreciate my breed for its many values in the beef industry," John says.

He served as a director of the Oklahoma Junior Angus Association for two years.

John will graduate from Connors State College in December with a degree in construction management-real estate. He plans to be involved in home design and building as well as continuing to play an active role in the Angus industry for many years to come.

Kelly Jo Bosworth



Michigan Junior Angus member Kelly Bosworth is the daughter of Quentin and Dorothy Bosworth, Charlotte, Mich.

"The National Junior Angus Association has supplied me with unlimited opportunities," Kelly says.

She has served as Michigan Junior Angus Association president, vice president and secretary/treasurer. She also represented Michigan as state queen in 1993.

On the national level she has participated in the team sales and cook-off contests.

After graduating from Kansas State University in December 1997 with a degree in animal science, she will seek a position with an agriculture related publication or business. She'd like to expand her herd of registered Angus females but still emphasize quality not quantity.

Ellen Chunglo



An NJAA member since 1988, Ellen Chunglo is the daughter of Cal and MaryLou Chunglo, Southwick, Maine.

She says what stands out most in her mind from her experiences in junior Angus activities has been the people.

An active member of the New England Junior Angus Association she served as president in 1994 and 1995

Ellen was also active in 4-H and won the state beef award in 1993 and attended the National 4-H Congress.

She is currently attending Virginia Tech majoring in food science. In the future she would like to work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and learn more about the regulatory side of the meat industry.

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### Kevin Corbin



Junior Angus breeder Kevin Corbin has been an NJAA member since 1987. He is the son of Richard and Sue Corbin, Eglon, W. Va.

An active member of the West Virginia Junior Angus Association, he has served as an officer since 1991. Kevin is currently president.

He is attending West Virginia University majoring in animal science.

### Anne Nicole Davis



Active NJAA member Anne Nicole Davis is the daughter of Joe and Sandra Davis, Springfield, Ky.

She has been an NJAA member since 1986. In 1991 she served as first vice president of the Kentucky Junior Angus Association.

Anne Nicole exhibited many champions in the show ring. In 1994 and 1995, she won the girl's Silver Pitcher award at the National Junior Angus show.

She will graduate in May 1997 with a degree in public relations from Western Kentucky University.

### Brooke Harrison



The 21-year-old daughter of Joel Harrison, Kinston, N.C., Brooke Harrison has been an NJAA member since 1987.

Her NJAA experiences led to her choice of a higher education, attending Kansas State University where she is majoring in animal science with a business option.

"I gained a good deal of self confidence through showing Angus and other activities and this helped to give me the confidence I need to travel all the way to Kansas to attend college," Brooke says.

Active in the North Carolina Junior Angus Association, she served as an officer six years. In 1993 she served as state president. She also reigned as North Carolina Angus queen in 1990-91.

Showing cattle has been an important part of her NJAA activities as well as participating in the cook-off and team sales.

Regardless of what the future holds for Brooke, she will always be partial to Angus cattle and plans to remain active by becoming an adult member of the American Angus Association.

### Ernest Leggett Jr.



Ernest Leggett Jr. is the 20-year-old son of Roger and Sylvia Leggett, West Union, W. Va. He has been an NJAA member since 1985.

He enjoyed the traveling and opportunities he has had as an NJAA and West Virginia Junior Angus member. He served as a director of the West Virginia Junior Angus Association in 1993-94.

On the national level he exhibited cattle and participated in the poster contest and team sales. He won several divisions of the poster contest.

Ernest was an active member of 4-H and FFA. He earned his American FFA Degree and was a delegate to the National 4-H Congress.

He is employed by Richard Webb Contracting Inc. as a carpenter.

### Darrell Mitchell



A 14-year member of the NJAA, Darrell Mitchell is the son of Harold and Sharon Mitchell, Hiddenite, N.C.

Active in his state association, Darrell served as state reporter for four years, a director two years and was president in 1992.

He participated in the national speech contest, team sales and the cook-off.

Active in 4-H and FFA he served in many leadership roles including state

FFA vice president.

He currently works full time at North Carolina State University (NCSU) as a research technician while attending the University part time majoring in poultry and animal science.

His career goal is to manage a NCSU agricultural department or a NCSU research farm.

### Jennifer McCain



Jennifer McCain is the first Alaska Junior Angus member to receive her gold award. She is the daughter of Edward and Diane McCain, Wasilla, Alaska.

"As I look back on my junior career, I discovered that I made the best of my career as an NJAA member by being involved and participating in every available program offered by the Association despite living in Alaska," Jennifer says.

An NJAA member since 1986, she has participated in the computer cow-calf game for seven years.

She is a true believer in the Angus Herd Improvement Record (AHIR) program. She has 36 head enrolled.

"This program has been invaluable to me because it offers me the knowledge of which cattle to keep for replacement heifers and which to send to the feedlot," Jennifer says.

Jennifer currently attends the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, where she is majoring in veterinary medicine and fire science.

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### Matthew Nipper



Angus enthusiast Matt Nipper has been an NJAA member since 1988. He is the son of Tommy and Linda Nipper, Pikeville, Tenn.

Active in youth activities, Matt was a 4-H member for nine years and won the state beef project in 1994. He served as president of the Tennessee Junior Angus Association in 1995-96 and was president of the Tennessee Cattle Youth Association in 1994-95.

He enjoys raising Angus cattle and especially enjoys grooming and exhibiting cattle. This has led to the establishment of his cattle fitting service, Cadillac Cattle Service.

After receiving his animal science degree from Middle Tennessee State University Matt's ambition is to manage an Angus operation and someday own his own Angus ranch.

### Angela Paulsen



Wisconsin Junior Angus member Angela Paulsen is the daughter of Bill and Marilyn Paulsen, Lone Rock, Wis.

Angela has been a member of the NJAA since 1985. She has served as an officer of the Wisconsin Junior Angus Association for five years and was the third place recipient in the Auxiliary scholarship contest in 1993.

She is currently attending Edgewood College in Madison. She plans on

graduating in May 1997 with dual business management and marketing majors and an economics minor.

During the summer of 1996 she was the Wisconsin Beef Council's beef ambassador. In this position she participated in many activities including the promotion of Angus beef.

### Dru Uden



A 16-year member of the NJAA, Dru Uden is the son of Vance and Connie Uden, Franklin, Neb.

Dru served as a director of the Nebraska Junior Angus Association for four years and is currently a member of the National Junior Angus Board.

He was also an active 4-H and FFA member and has received his American FFA degree.

Dru says through his experiences as an NJAA member he has learned responsibility, goal setting, budgeting, hard work, following directions, competition, judging, showmanship, cooperation, commitment, recordkeeping, leadership and confidence.

He is currently working on an Angus ranch in Montana and plans to return home to ranch someday. His goals are to operate a top registered Angus cow-calf herd, to be a promoter for the beef industry and to enjoy the cattlemen's way of life.



*These NJAA Gold Pin winners were recognized at the National Junior Angus Show in Kansas City. Pictured front row (l to r) are: Angela Paulsen, Lone Rock, Wis.; Kelly Bosworth, Charlotte, Mich.; Anne Nicole Davis, Springfield, Ky.; and Brooke Harrison, Snow Hill, N. C. Pictured back row (l to r) are: Matthew Nipper, Pikeville, Tenn.; Dru Uden, Franklin, Neb.; Kevin Corbin, Eglon, W.Va.; and John Anthony III, Cameron, Okla.*