

HARD WORK YIELDS SUCCESS ON ROUTE 66

New Crystal Award recognizes outstanding efforts outside the showing.

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Even though the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) is the world's largest single-breed cattle show, its purpose reaches far beyond the showing. With opportunities to participate in numerous educational events, juniors are challenged to explore new possibilities and ideas within the Angus industry.

To recognize those involved, the American Angus Auxiliary decided to recognize the girl and the boy who earned the most points this year participating in educational contests, such as the Auxiliary-sponsored *Certified Angus Beef*™ Cook-Off, team sales, extemporaneous speaking, prepared speaking, graphic design, poster and photography contests.

"We wanted to put more focus on the educational contests and target more Angus youth," says Mary McCurry, Auxiliary president. "We believe that the educational contests deserve as much recognition as the showing."

Garrett Lampe, an eighth grader from Scott City, Kan., received the first-ever Crystal Award for boys at the 1999 NJAS in Tulsa, Okla.

"The National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) is so much more than showing cattle," Lampe says. "Even if you don't have an animal to show, you



Recipients of the first-ever Crystal Awards (pictured l to r with Cathy Watkins, Auxiliary awards chairwoman, far left; and Mary McCurry, Auxiliary president, far right) are **Garrett Lampe**, Scott City, Kan.; and **Jamie Meyer**, Douglass, Kan.

can still participate and have fun learning about the Angus industry through these contests."

Finishing first in the photography, public speaking, extemporaneous speaking, team sales and the *Certified Angus Beef* Cook-Off, Lampe proved that hard work pays off in the long run.

"When I first heard about the Crystal Award, I asked my mom if she thought I could win it," he says. "I set goals early in the year to win this award. I think it's a great idea and just another example of how the NJAA's variety of junior programs puts our breed on top."

Lampe also finished second in the graphic design contest and participated in the poster contest.

"Garrett was gunning for this

award," McCurry says. "He's a unique, talented individual. His mother has been a great support while he's worked toward his goals."

Jamie Meyer, a junior at Oklahoma State University from Douglass, Kan., took the top honor in the girls' division. This award was especially meaningful to Jamie as it was her last year to compete in these educational contests.

"This definitely ended my junior activities career the way I wanted," Meyer says. "It was very exciting to win this award and accomplish my goals."

Like Lampe, Meyer participated in many of the NJAS contests, including poster, photography, public speaking, extemporaneous speaking, quiz bowl, team sales, graphic design, and the Auxiliary-sponsored

Certified Angus Beef Cook-Off.

McCurry says the Crystal Award promotes a well-rounded individual like Jamie.

"Jamie is a great example of a person who's very involved and dedicated," McCurry says. "She gave each contest her best shot, and it paid off."

One of the advantages of participating in these educational contests is they help juniors discover some of their strengths and weaknesses.

"The skills you gain through these contests will help you for the rest of your life," Meyer says. "They teach you new thought processes and good relation skills. As well, you learn how to carry on a conversation with someone new and speak in front of a large group of people."

Meyer says she devotes time and effort to these contests because she knows they are helping her in return. "People see the hard work you put into these contests," she says. "The rewards you receive for your efforts extend far greater than any trophy at the show."

In this section you'll find results from the various educational contests held outside the showing, as well as recognition of Angus enthusiasts who have supported junior Angus activities and Angus youth.



(l) **Janelle Sommers**, Silver Lake, Ind., left, was presented with the *Certified Angus Beef* Program/National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) scholarship. Pictured presenting the award is **Garrett Pohlman**, NJAA Director.

(r) **Rhonda Nida**, Red Rock, Okla., left, and **Betsie Ebert**, Lexington, N.C., right, each received a \$2,500 scholarship from the Angus Foundation.





Members of the **Kansas Angus Junior Association** won the sweepstakes contest for the third year. This award is based on leadership and participation in educational activities and contests held throughout the week.



Jessica Sawyer, Bassett, Neb., left, was presented with the Outstanding Leadership Award. The Outstanding Leadership Award was initiated in 1994 in memory of Barbara Smalstig, long-time supporter of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). Pictured presenting the award is **Melissa Pickrell**, NJAA Director.



NJAA members receiving the \$1,000 Angus Foundation Scholarships are (front row, l to r) **Jessica Sawyer**, Bassett, Neb.; **Kami Krebs**, Gordon, Neb.; **Laura Hooper**, Bliss, Idaho; (middle row, l to r) **Lana Myers**, Jennings, La.; **Anne Schmalenberger**, Vincent, Iowa; **Lindsey Trospen**, Hamilton, Mo.; **Ryan Sweeney**, Mason, Mich.; (back row, l to r) **Karl Holschouser**, Gold Hill, N.C.; **Julie Dameron**, Lexington, Ill.; **John Melton**, Bridgewater, Va.; **Jesse McCurry**, Sedgwick, Kan.; **Melissa Pickrell**, Paris, Ky.; and **Becca Penner**, Mill Creek, Okla.

POSTER CONTEST

Junior division

Breed or association promotion

First: Courtney Rump, Galva, Kan.

Second: Brandon Creamer, Montrose, Colo.

Membership recruitment

First: Kara Wilson, Orleans, Ind.

Second: Drew Herrmann, Dodge City, Kan.

Herd advertisement

First: Lauren Stalnaker, Shawnee, Kan.

Second: Chelsey Warfield, Andersonville, Tenn.

Intermediate division

Breed or association promotion

First: Jarrett Martin, Lavaca, Ark.

Second: Trey Gunn, Tiplersville, Miss.

Membership recruitment

First: Adam Jones, St. Francis, Kan.

Second: John McCurry, Burrton, Kan.

Herd advertisement

First: Jarrett Martin, Lavaca, Ark.

Second: Trey Gunn, Tiplersville, Miss.

Senior division

Breed or association promotion

First: Lana Myers, Jennings, La.

Second: Jamie Meyer, Douglass, Kan.

Membership recruitment

First: Lana Myers, Jennings, La.

Second: Nicole Long, Berryville, Va.

Herd advertisement

First: Jamie Meyer, Douglass, Kan.

Second: Lana Myers, Jennings, La.



Winning top honors over all categories in their respective divisions of the poster contest (pictured l to r) are **Kara Wilson**, Orleans, Ind., junior; **Jarrett Martin**, Lavaca, Ark., intermediate; and **Lana Myers**, Jennings, La., senior.



Winners in the junior division of the extemporaneous speaking contest (pictured l to r) are **Garrett Lampe**, Scott City, Kan., first; **Chelsey Warfield**, Andersonville, Tenn., second; and **Abby Rayl**, Hutchinson, Kan., third.



Winners in the intermediate division of the extemporaneous speaking contest (pictured l to r) are **Adam Jones**, St. Francis, Kan., first; **Heather Hopper**, Leonardville, Kan., second; and **Lacey Robinson**, Montgomery City, Mo., third.



Winners in the senior division of the extemporaneous speaking contest (pictured l to r) are **Cindy Rezac**, St. Marys, Kan., first; **Jennifer Stamey**, Statesville, N.C., second; and **Jamie Meyer**, Douglass, Kan., third.



Kansas Junior Angus Association members took top honors in the junior division of the team sales contest. Team members (pictured l to r) are **Garrett Lampe**, Scott City; **Abby Rayl**, Hutchinson; and **Brady Huck**, Dodge City.



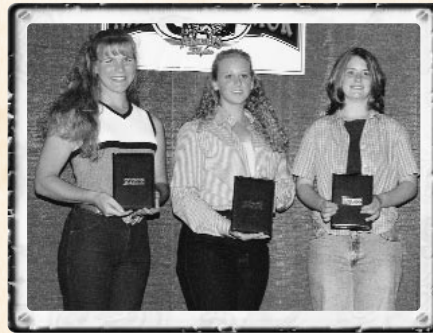
Arkansas Junior Angus Association members took top honors in the intermediate division of the team sales contest. Team members (pictured l to r) are **Katie Cravens**, Van Buren; **Christy Williams** and **Jarrett Martin**, both from Lavaca.



Maryland Junior Angus Association members took top honors in the senior division of the team sales contest. Team members (pictured l to r) are **Michael Considine**, Middletown; **Cortney Hill-Dukehart**, Sykesville; and **Michael Harrison Jr.**, Woodbine.



Winners in the junior division of the graphic design contest (pictured l to r) are **Chelsey Warfield**, Andersonville, Tenn., first; **Garrett Lampe**, Scott City, Kan., second; and **Adam Sawyer**, Bassett, Neb., third.



Winners in the intermediate division of the graphic design contest (pictured l to r) are **Emily Hartzell**, Shawano, Wis., first; **Mercedes Danekas**, Wilton, Calif., second; and **Heather Hopper**, Leonardville, Kan., third.



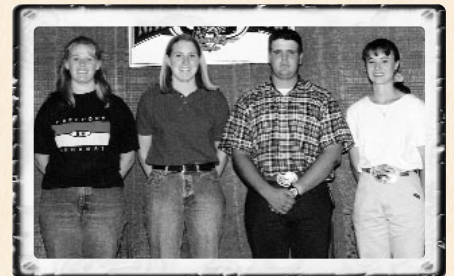
Winners in the senior division of the graphic design contest (pictured l to r) are **Whitney Trospier**, Hamilton, Mo., first; **Cindy Rezac**, St. Marys, Kan., second; and **Tanya Peebles**, Lawrenceville, Va., third.



Kansas Junior Angus Association members placed first in the junior division of the quiz bowl contest. Team members (pictured l to r) are **Garrett Lampe**, **Megan Dreiling** and **Clayton Lampe**, all from Scott City; and **Abby Rayl**, Hutchinson.



Kansas Junior Angus Association members placed first in the intermediate division of the quiz bowl contest. Team members (pictured l to r) are **John McCurry**, Burrton; **Heather Hopper**, Leonardville; **Brandon New**, Leavenworth; and **Benjamin Winsor**, Grantville.



North Carolina Junior Angus Association members placed first in the senior division of the quiz bowl contest. Team members (pictured l to r) are **Callie Birdsell**, Sparta; **Jennifer Stamey**, Statesville; **Karl Holshouser**, Gold Hill; and **Caroline Smith**, Pendleton, S.C.



Top scrapbook — Michigan



Kyle Conley, Clarksdale, Mo., won "Belle Point's Full Ride To College," award at the 1999 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Tulsa, Okla. The first junior member to finish the highest in their class at the NJAS with a heifer purchased at Belle Point Ranch's spring sale, Kyle received the next best thing to a four-year, full-ride scholarship to college — a brand new, full-size truck of his choice! David McMahon, owner of Belle Point Ranch, Lavaca, Ark., left, is pictured with Conley, right, and Dean Hurlbut, director of activities, middle.

(l) Junior Angus members placing in the top 10 of the computer cow-calf game (pictured l to r) are **Michael Considine**, Middletown, Md., first; **Abby Rayl**, Hutchinson, Kan., second; **Parker Rayl**, Hutchinson, Kan., fourth; **Anna Hewlett**, Independence, Kan., fifth; **Kara Wilson**, Orleans, Ind., sixth; **Scott Hewlett**, Independence, Kan., ninth; and **Heath Johnson**, Tupelo, Miss., 10th. Not pictured are Wrex Phipps, Kearney, Neb., eighth; Waco Phipps, Kearney, Neb., seventh; and Jamie Grogan, Cincinnati, Ohio, third.



William and Lucille Leatherman, Lexington, N.C., were recognized by the NJAA as Advisors of the Year. The Leathermans were honored for their dedication to junior Angus programs and activities. Presenting the award is Hutch Porter, NJAA Board member.



Pam and Charles "Bud" Smith, Russell Springs, Ky., were inducted into the Honorary Angus Foundation. The Smiths have been long-time advisors of the Kentucky Junior Angus Association and chaired the 1995 National Junior Angus Show. Presenting the award is Hutch Porter, NJAA Board member.



The NJAA honored **Vance and Connie Uden**, Franklin, Neb., pictured with their son, Dru, as inductees of the Honorary Angus Foundation. They have been avid supporters and leaders of junior Angus associations at the state and national levels.



Anne Patton Schubert, Taylorsville, Ky., left, was inducted into the Honorary Angus Foundation. She was instrumental in starting the Auxiliary-sponsored *Certified Angus Beef*™ Cook-Off Contest, which is held in conjunction with the National Junior Angus Show. Presenting the award is Rhonda Nida, NJAA Board member.

(l) **Merial**, sponsor of the National Junior Angus Association awards function, presented \$10,000 to NJAA Board members **John Melton** (center left), and **J.W. McCurry** (center right). Presenting the check is **Bob Van Schoik**, far left, and **Richard Jenkins**, far right, of Merial.

