

# Going for the Gold

Presenting NJAA's Recognition Program Gold Award winners for 1989 and 1990.

**D**o the names here sound familiar? They should. They've appeared on the pages of the *Angus Journal's* "Next Generation" and "Junior Show Scene" before.

We would like to congratulate these 26 juniors (nine from 1990 and 17 from 1989). They represent the top of NJAA's graduating class. We wish them much success in future endeavors and hope to see them continue to take an active role in our Angus industry as breeders and future leaders.

Outstanding juniors are recognized at several steps during their involvement with the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). Gold pins represent the culmination of several years, perhaps a decade, of involvement with the breed's junior program. Intermediate steps are the Bronze and Silver Awards.

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

Complete and accurate records are vital if applying for any of these awards. Contact the junior activities department at the Association for further details on this educational program.

## 1990 GOLD WINNERS

**Darrell Bowman**... Waynesboro, Va., son of Dr. Kenneth and Nancy Bowman. Darrell attends Florida Institute of Technology where he is studying aviation psychology. He began his NJAA membership in 1979.

The highlight of his show career was when a steer he raised and exhibited earned reserve champion carcass at the 1986 National Junior Angus Show. This steer was the top Certified Angus Beef qualifying carcass, as well. Darrell earned the Virginia Junior Angus Breeder Award in 1986. This past year he exhibited the grand champion owned cow with natural calf at the 1990 Atlantic National Junior Angus Show in Baltimore.

NJAA's achievement program taught Darrell skills in recordkeeping, production and marketing. "Looking back on my career as a NJAA member, I have learned leadership, dedication, responsibility, teamwork and a positive competitive spirit," Darrell says. "I've seen many different sections of the country and met many new people. They have helped shape my character and values."

**Joe Davis**... Blue Mountain, Miss., son of John and Carolyn Davis. Joe attends Mississippi State University where he is majoring in pre-law and agribusiness. He became a NJAA member in 1984 and served two years as president of the Mississippi Junior Angus Association as well as two years as a director for the NJAA Board. In 1988 he competed at the National Angus Showmanship contest.

"The people I've met and the activities I've been involved with will always be

cherished memories," Joe says. "By showing cattle I earned responsibility, hard work and the benefit of travel."

Look for Joe to continue his involvement with the NJAA and to manage his own Angus operation in the future.

**Lisa Hawkins**... Mason, Mich., daughter of David and Kathleen Hawkins. Lisa is a senior at Michigan State University where she is pursuing a degree in agricultural communications.

Lisa became a NJAA member in 1974 and a lifetime member in 1980. Leadership roles include serving as vice chairman of the NJAA Board of Directors, NJAA director (1989-91) and president of the Michigan Junior Angus Association (1988-89). Her list of accomplishments include Michigan Angus Queen (1985-86) and second place American Angus Auxiliary scholarship winner (1987). This past summer she served as editorial intern for the *Angus Journal*.

Lisa's show career highlight was in 1982 when she exhibited the grand champion owned heifer at the National Junior Angus Show in Milwaukee, Wis. Her heifer, MSU Miss Revolution 758, earned Pathfinder Cow status in 1982.

"Looking back over my NJAA activities, I now have a greater appreciation of the influence it has had on my life," Lisa says. "I learned to make decisions about selection, production and ultimately marketing of my livestock. Through my participation in judging and public speaking contests, I learned to express my ideas to others."

Lisa's goal as an ag communicator is to serve as a

liaison between the producer, researcher and consumer.

**Russell Jenkins**... Amite, La., son of Russell and Susan Jenkins. Rusty is attending Louisiana State University where he is pursuing a degree in business administration.

He became a NJAA member in 1983 and has served as vice president and a director of the Louisiana Junior Angus Association. In 1987 he was the Louisiana Angus Auxiliary scholarship winner.

He exhibited Angus successfully at the Louisiana State Fair, Regional Preview and Southeast District Shows over the years. He earned several champion showmanship titles, as well.

"I've had many wonderful experiences in 4-H and in the Louisiana Junior Angus Association — enough to last a lifetime," Rusty says. "If it hadn't been for my family, none of it would have been possible. I was given a heifer to show by MC-Michael's Angus Farm, which is owned by my grandfather, uncle and aunt. That heifer led to seven great years and a small herd of my own. I made life-long friends and had the opportunity to see some interesting places."

Future plans for Rusty include graduating from college and then managing an Angus herd.

**Cory Nichols**... Tracy, Iowa, son of Tom and Swaney Nichols. Cory is attending Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, where he is pursuing a degree in animal science with a business option.

He became a NJAA member in 1979 and has served as first vice president and director of the Iowa Junior

Angus Association. Other accomplishments include the NJAA Summer Job program in 1988, Iowa scholarship winner in 1987 and a NJAA voting delegate in 1985. The highlight of his show career was being a finalist at the 1988 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.

"I'll always value the experiences, friendships and responsibilities that have been a part of my NJAA career," Cory says. "Without the guidance and support of my parents, I wouldn't have achieved any of my goals. The only disappointing thing is that it's almost over."

Down the road, Cory anticipates graduating from Oklahoma State, maybe graduate school, then a career in the meat packing industry. Another option he's keeping open is to work for a livestock publication, such as the *Angus Journal*, or becoming a fieldman. No matter what field he chooses, you can bet this ambitious young man will be involved with Angus cattle and people.



**Pam Schaefer . . .** St. Meinrad, Ind., daughter of Elmer and Sharon Schaefer. Pam is attending Purdue University where she is pursuing a degree in agriculture education.

A NJAA member since 1983, she has served as president and vice president of the Indiana Junior Angus Association. Her accomplishments include president of the Purdue University agriculture student board, Indiana scholarship winner and NJAA voting delegate in 1987. The highlight of her career was being selected a finalist at the 1989 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest in Louisville, Ky.

"I met many people through NJAA who will be friends for a lifetime," Pam says. "As I have grown as an individual my life has started to revolve around cattle and NJAA. The responsibility and opportunities have made me a better person.

After graduation next spring, Pam plans to teach ag education

or pursue a sales career. No matter where her career path takes her, she says she will stay involved with NJAA.



**John Schneider. . .** California, Mo., son of Barbara Schneider. John is attending southwest Missouri State University, Springfield, where he is earning an animal science degree.

A NJAA member since 1982, John served as president of the Missouri Junior Angus Association in 1989. His accomplishments include NJAA Leadership Conference participant, Missouri Angus Auxiliary Scholarship winner, State FFA Farmer degree and Missouri Angus Association's "Junior Cattleman of the Year" Award.

"I can remember the first year I showed a heifer in the county fair," John says. "I was so nervous I could hardly think. But a very special person, my Dad, gave me the encouragement and confidence to go on. The best choice I ever made was to continue in the NJAA program after my father passed away."

Future goals for John include finishing his college degree. He also would like to go to embryo transfer school and continue raising quality Angus cattle.



**Tobie Coleman Sloan. . .** Carlton, Ore., daughter of Kenneth and Sandra Coleman. She is currently working as a hair stylist in Newberry, Ore.

Tobie became a NJAA member in 1979 and served as secretary-treasurer and director of the Oregon Junior Angus Association as well as director for the Northwest Junior Angus Association. In 1986 she served as Oregon Angus Queen. She exhibited the champion bred-and-owned heifer at the 1988 Oregon State Fair. In 1989 she represented Oregon at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest in Louisville, Ky.



**Bryan Ray Smith. . .** Newark, Ohio, son of Roger and Lynn Smith. Bryan is studying auto and diesel truck technology at Northwestern Business College. He also works as a mechanic at Alexandria Machinery,

A NJAA member since 1977, Bryan served as president, secretary-treasurer and vice president of the Heart of Ohio Junior Angus Association. In 1987 he was named Ohio Angus Association's Scholarship winner. In 1988 he earned his FFA American Farmer Degree. During his show career he competed at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville and the 1987 National Junior Angus Show.

"I am grateful to all the people who have sponsored junior activities on local, state and national levels," Bryan says. "They were all great learning experiences."

Future plans for Bryan include staying involved in production agriculture and the American Angus Association. He would like to help young people in his community and return the generosity he received while growing up.

## 1989 GOLD WINNERS



**Brian Bowman. . .** Winchester, Va., son of Dr. Kenneth and Nancy Bowman of Waynesboro. Brian graduated from the Florida Institute of Technology with a degree in aviation management/flight technology this past March. He works as a flight instructor for Professional Pilots Inc.

Brian began his NJAA membership in 1979 and was an active member and director of the Virginia Junior Angus Association. In 1989 he served as a NJAA Board voting delegate.

During his show career he competed in four National Junior Angus Shows, earned two reserve grand championships with his bred and owned cow-calf pairs at the Eastern Regional Junior

Angus Show, and exhibited a farm-raised grand champion market steer at the Augusta County Livestock Show.

"I am proud to be a part of an organization whose members can give a helping hand at any moment, yet can actively compete in a professional atmosphere," Brian says. "I've become part of a 'family' through which I have made many true friends."



**Mary Ann Brandenberger . . .** Clifton, Texas, daughter of Don and Alice Brandenberger. Mary Ann graduated from Tarleton State University with a history/English degree in December, 1990. She is now a teacher.

A NJAA member from 1978 to 1989, Mary Ann was active in the Texas Junior Angus Association, where she served as president, vice president, reporter and director. Honors include NJAA voting delegate, Texas Angus Queen and National and TJAA Scholarship winner. The highlight of her show career was earning top showman at the 1986 National Showmanship Contest.

"The most important thing I gained while raising and showing Angus was making friends—throughout Texas and the United States. Angus cattle and the association have given so much to me. I was able to attend college with the money I earned from my cattle. I hope to give something back."

Mary Ann and her family's goal is to continue raising quality Angus cattle for future breeders and exhibitors.



**Brenda Leigh Coleman. . .** Turner, Ore., daughter of Kenneth and Sandra Coleman. Brenda attended Oregon State University, studying animal science and business. She is now selling real estate.

An NJAA member since 1982, Brenda has been an active member of the Oregon Junior Angus Association (OJAA), serving as president and director. Honors include Oregon Angus Queen, Western

States Angus Association Scholarship and FFA American Farmer Degree.

During her show career she competed successfully with her bred-and-owned heifers at the Northwest Regional Preview, Western Regional Futurity and OJAA State shows.

"NJAA gave me the opportunity to travel, meet friends, prove myself as a showman and leader," Brenda says. "Everything I learned will go with me in all my endeavors in the future."

After graduation, Brenda will apply for a real estate license. She would like to continue to work in the beef industry and Angus cattle are sure to be an important part.



**Melanie St. Blanc Collins..**

New Iberia, La., daughter of Paul and Vicki St. Blanc of Charenton, La. Melanie is now a mother of two. She and her husband, Darrell Collins, lived in Scott City, Kan. for a year when Darrell took a job with Caprock 3 Feedyard, Leoti. Recently they moved back to Louisiana.

A NJAA member from 1977 to 1989, Melanie served as president and several other top offices for the Louisiana Junior Angus Association. She served as Louisiana Angus Queen in 1984 and as a NJAA Board candidate and delegate.

During her show career she competed in six National Junior Angus Shows. In 1983 she competed in the National Showmanship Contest in Des Moines, Iowa. Other awards she earned include FFA State Farmer Degree and State 4-H Beef Award.

"I wouldn't trade my NJAA experiences or the memories for anything!" Melanie says. "Now that I'm a mother, I'm already looking ahead to the days when I can be involved in NJAA once again."



**Pam Gilliland . . .** Fort Scott, Kan., daughter of Larry and Kathleen Gilliland. Pam is attending Kansas State University, where she is pursuing a degree in mathematics education. She maintains her own Angus

herd of 40 cows.

A NJAA and a lifetime member, Pam is currently serving as president of the Kansas Junior Angus Association. She served as president of the East Central Kansas and Southeast Kansas Junior Angus Associations.

She was selected as a state finalist for her 4-H beef project for three years. In addition, Pam served on the Kansas 4-H Beef Committee. The highlight of her show career was being selected a finalist at the 1985 National Showmanship Contest.

"Being a part of NJAA was rewarding," Pam says. "There were good and bad experiences — from meeting people across the country, to showing when it's 110 degrees outside. The most enjoyable event was the National Show. Everyone in your state comes together and helps each other."

Future plans for Pam include graduating from college and then finding a teaching and coaching job. She also intends on keeping her Angus herd.



**Cindy Grant..** Horner, W.

Va., daughter of Gary and Sharon Postlethwait. Cindy is attending West Virginia University where she is pursuing a degree in social work.

A NJAA member since 1982, Cindy has been an active member, treasurer and director of the West Virginia Junior Angus Association. She served as West Virginia Angus Queen in 1989.

During her show career she competed successfully at the Eastern Regional, State Angus Breeders and Junior Preview Angus shows. In 1988 she earned first place in the West Virginia Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.



**Cheryl Lynn Hampton..**

Gardner, Kan., daughter of Carl and Linda Hampton. Cheryl graduated from Ohio State University this past June with an economics degree. She is pursuing her MBA at Kansas University.

A NJAA member since

1979, Cheryl was active in both the Ohio and Kansas Junior Angus Associations. She served as news reporter and director for Ohio. Honors include a NJAA voting delegate, Ohio Angus Queen, and American and Ohio Angus Auxiliary Scholarship award winner. During her show career, she competed at the National Junior Angus Show five times and once at the North American in Louisville, Ky.

"My parents purchased our first Angus for my brother and me as an investment plan for our college education fund," Cheryl says. "I really think it was a constructive way of keeping me occupied and involved in a family-oriented activity. It changed my life and taught me important things like discipline and responsibility. Today I own 25 registered Angus. I plan to continue breeding Angus, and perhaps someday give my children the same valuable experiences that I received."



**Susan Renee Hoover..**

Broadway, Va., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hoover. Susan is finishing her final year at Bridgewater College where she is studying business administration and accounting.

A NJAA member since 1983, Susan has been an active director and member of the Virginia Junior Angus Association. Honors include Virginia Angus Queen and VJAA Outstanding Member award. The highlight of her show career was exhibiting her bred and owned heifer at the 1988 National Junior Angus Show. She also competed in the 1987 National Show in the showmanship and steer carcass contests.

"NJAA taught me many new skills, including leadership and cooperation," Susan says. "I enjoyed every minute of it."

Future plans for Susan after college graduation include pursuing a career in accounting and continuing her Angus cattle operation.



**Amy Lyons..** Manhattan, Kan., daughter of Frank and

Jan Lyons. Amy is finishing her final year at Kansas State University where she is earning a degree in agricultural journalism.

A NJAA member since 1977, Amy served as president and vice president of the Kansas Junior Angus Association. Honors include 1988 Miss American Angus, National Auxiliary Scholarship winner, KJAA Scholarship winner, NJAA Board voting delegate and Youth Beef Industry Conference participant. In 1988 Amy produced a Pathfinder Cow.

"I joined NJAA in 1977, the proud and nervous owner of one registered heifer," Amy says. "Since then, my herd has expanded to 30 females, my list of friends has definitely increased, and my knowledge of the beef industry and world has grown. I realized that this business isn't made of cattle, but of hard-working and directed individuals. Raising Angus cattle has given my family the opportunity to work together to achieve goals. This closeness, coupled with other pluses the Angus network offers, reaffirms my plan to keep Angus cattle a part of my life."



**Leslie Ann Morelock. . .**

Fayetteville, Ark., daughter of Teddy and Jane Morelock. Leslie is a senior in animal science at the University of Arkansas.

A NJAA member since 1980, Leslie served as NJAA Board Director from 1988-90. She also was active in the Arkansas Junior Angus Association, serving two terms as president and was a director. The Arkansas Junior Cattlemen's Association selected her as its secretary in 1986.

Honors include 1987 Arkansas Angus Queen, Arkansas Angus Association Scholarship winner, NJAA voting delegate and Arkansas FFA Star Farmer Award. During her show career she exhibited cattle at four National Junior Angus Shows.

"My Angus program required decision-making and responsibility," Leslie says. "I

used the advice of other Angus breeders and my parents when ever I could, but most I made myself. Our Angus operation is a family business/project with everyone doing their part to help. This has encouraged me to pursue a career in animal science."

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**Damon New**... Leavenworth, Kan., son of Bill and Loris New. Damon is an agricultural economics major at Kansas State University. He also is owner/partner in his family's Angus farm operation.

A NJAA member since 1975, Damon has been active in the Northeast Kansas Junior Angus Association. He served as president in 1986. Honors include National and Kansas Scholarship award winner in 1986, FFA American Farmer Degree, State Farmer Degree and 4-H Congress.

During his show career he exhibited cattle at the National Junior Angus Show, American Royal, Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Angus Show.

"Managing an Angus herd has taught me about health programs, production records, feeding rations, marketing and financial planning," Damon says. "I also learned valuable leadership skills through the Kansas Junior programs."

Looking into the future, Damon sees himself becoming a full-time Angus breeder as well as an advisor for the Kansas Junior Angus Association. He hopes to continue to meet Angus people and gain their knowledge of the Angus business.

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**Karin Olson**... Grand Mound, Iowa, daughter of Steven and Eunice Olson. Karin is finishing up her last year at Iowa State University where she is majoring in communications disorders.

A NJAA member since 1978, Karin was active in both the Iowa and Eastern Iowa Junior Angus Associations. She served as Iowa president in 1988 and Eastern Iowa president in 1986. The Iowa Junior Beef Breeds Association selected her as its Angus representative for two years.

Honors include National

and Iowa's Scott Eichhorn Memorial Scholarship winner, Iowa Angus Queen and NJAA Board voting delegate. During her show career she competed at 10 National Junior Angus Shows. She also earned the Eichhorn Showmanship Trophy. In 1987 Karin and her brother donated a heifer to the Iowa Angus Auxiliary Scholarship program. This heifer was sold at the 1987 Iowa Beef Expo.

"I grew as a person in many ways during my 11-year involvement with NJAA," Karin says. "I've learned that success and accomplishments are measured by your efforts, not by the rewards."

Future plans for Karin include working toward a Master's degree in speech pathology. Though her chosen field is not ag related, she is confident the skills obtained through NJAA will provide a firm foundation on which to build her career.

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**William Reeder Jr.**... Sunbright, Tenn., son of Andy and Kathy Starr. Bill is pursuing a degree in agricultural education at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

A NJAA member since 1980, Bill is serving as NJAA Board Director. He was active in the Tennessee Junior Angus Association, serving as president and vice president. Honors include National and TJAA Scholarship awards and County Herdsman of the Year Award. He participated for three years in the Tennessee Beef Cattle Improvement Program.

During his show career, Bill has successfully competed at the National Junior Angus Show, North American in Louisville, Ky., and Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show.

"Looking back to the city boy I was, to the present young cattleman I've become, the change is like a chameleon," Bill says. "Through my first Angus heifer, a desire to learn, a supportive family and much enjoyment, I've come a long way."

Future goals for Billy include working in ag education. "Trying to instill my

love of cattle and land into other young people would give me great satisfaction," he says.

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**Ann Margaret Shaw**...

Madison, Wis., daughter of Stan and Barbara Shaw. Ann graduated with a degree in hospitality management from MATC in May 1989. She currently works as a front desk clerk at the University Inn, Madison, Wis.

Ann was a NJAA member from 1978 to 1989. Active in the Wisconsin Junior Angus Association, she served as state director, secretary and state show chairman. Honors include NJAA voting delegate and Wisconsin Scholarship winner in 1986. During her show career she successfully competed in the National Junior Angus Show, North American and Wisconsin State Fair. She represented her state in the 1986 National Showmanship Contest.

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**Christine Simmons**...

Williamston, Mich., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Simmons. Christine graduated last May from the University of Illinois with a degree in reproductive physiology. She is now at Michigan State pursuing an advanced degree.

A NJAA member from 1977 to 1989, Christine was NJAA Board chairman and a director from 1987-89. She was active in the Michigan Junior Angus Association, serving as president and director. Honors include Miss Michigan Angus, NJAA Board voting delegate, American Angus Auxiliary and Michigan Scholarship awards. During her show career, she exhibited cattle at the National Junior Show, Eastern Regional and Michigan State Fair. In 1987 she earned an honorable mention award at the National Showmanship Contest.

"I joined the NJAA to meet new friends and experience new and exciting opportunities," Christine says. "My Angus activities far exceeded my expectations. I hope to work in both research and practical aspects of beef cattle production. I'm

especially interested in improving my Angus herd."

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**Mary Wagner**... Harlan, Kan., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wagner. Mary will graduate this December with a communications degree from the University of Kansas.

A NJAA member since 1976, Mary was active in the Kansas Junior Angus Association. She served as president, vice president, reporter and treasurer. Honors include 1987 Miss American Angus, American Angus Auxiliary and Kansas Auxiliary Scholarship award winner, NJAA voting delegate, NJAA Leadership Conference speaker and participant. She represented the American Angus Auxiliary as 1989 beef education chairman and as a delegate to the National CattleWomen's convention.

During her show career, Mary competed in nine National Junior Angus Shows. She was a finalist at the 1985 National Showmanship Contest. Her cow, Miss Juanerra 11 of CW, earned Pathfinder Cow status.

"Looking back on my NJAA career, I can honestly say that my activities had a very positive effect on my life," Mary says. "My career goal is to become a promotional and motivational speaker. I hope to channel that in a way I can promote Angus cattle and the benefits of red meat in our diet."

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**Daniele Walter**... Groton, S.D., daughter of Jack and Helen Walter. Daniele is majoring in horticulture at South Dakota State University. She will graduate in May, 1991.

A NJAA member since 1987, Daniele served as director and princess of the South Dakota Junior Angus Association. During her show career, she exhibited cattle at the National Junior Angus Show, Northern Plains Regional Show, South Dakota State Fair and South Dakota Junior Angus Show. Her cow, WAF Adventure Erica, earned Pathfinder Cow status in 1983.