

# A Golden Opportunity

Presenting NJAA Recognition Program Gold Award winners for 1991

"Real leaders are ordinary people with extraordinary determination." This maxim is especially true for 12 junior members who have earned the coveted Gold Pin Award from the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA).

We would like to congratulate these juniors, who, through dedication and determination, took advantage of NJAA's many programs and opportunities and succeeded.

They represent the best 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 NJAA involvement. Gold pins represent the culmination of several years, perhaps a decade, of work. Intermediate steps are the Bronze and Silver Awards.

Each level requires participation and achievement in leadership, show competition, performance testing, production and merchandising of Angus cattle. To qualify for the Gold Award, junior members 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 when applying for any of these awards. Contact the junior activities department at the American Angus Association for further information on this educational program.

—Jerilyn Johnson

## 1991 GOLD WINNERS

### JULIA BROWN

The daughter of Keith and Judy McClarnon Brown, Greenfield, Ind., Julia is attending Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind., where she is studying communications. She expects to graduate in May 1993.

Julia, an NJAA member since 1979, has been active in the Indiana Junior Angus Association. She currently serves as president and was a NJAA voting delegate in 1987-88. In addition she was 1990 Indiana Angus Queen. This past summer Julia worked as an intern for the Indiana Commissioner of Agriculture office. She has successfully exhibited her cattle at the National Junior Angus Show, Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show and Indiana State Fair.

### SANDRA FLESHER

The daughter of Bill and Joyce Flesher, Waterford, Ohio, Sandra has been an NJAA member since 1979. She recently married and has moved to Nebraska. "My husband and I plan to continue our involvement with Angus cattle," she says.

During Sandra's NJAA career she served as director, news reporter and voting delegate for the Ohio Junior Angus Association. In 1988 she was Ohio Angus Queen and earned fourth place in the American Angus Auxiliary girl's scholarship award program. This young Angus enthusiast was also active in 4-H and FFA, receiving the FFA State Farmer Degree and the District Beef Proficiency Award.

While attending Ohio State University's agricultural branch college in Wooster, Sandra was a member of the livestock judging team and served as secretary of the Hoof and Hide Club.

"Showing Angus cattle for 16 years allowed me to meet many people," Sandra says. "I enjoyed being part of NJAA."

### DAVID GRIMES

Another outstanding member from the Buckeye state, David is the son of Charles and Nancy Grimes, Decatur, Ohio. He is studying agricultural economics at Ohio State University and plans to graduate in June 1992.

David has been an NJAA member since 1979 and has served as a director and now vice president of the Ohio Junior Angus Association. During his show career, David successfully exhibited Angus cattle at the National Junior Angus Show, NAILE and Ohio Junior Preview Show. This young breeder also marketed cattle in the Ohio Beef Expo and Miami Valley Sale for the past three years.

This past summer David worked as an intern at Dow-Elanco Company.

### LAYNE GROSETH

The son of Miles and Meme Groseth, North Platte, Neb., Layne is a senior majoring in political science/public administration at the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

An NJAA member since 1980, Layne has been active in the Nebraska Junior Angus Association, serving as director and voting delegate. In 1988

he was the Nebraska Angus Auxiliary scholarship winner.

Layne successfully exhibited cattle at the National Junior Angus Show as well as in Nebraska junior shows. A highlight of his show career was winning champion showman at the 1985 Nebraska Junior Angus Field Day.

This young Angus breeder produced a heifer that earned Pathfinder Cow status in 1988. Her name is 4G Miss Voltage 06P. In addition, he has performance-tested three bulls at a test station in Ogallala, Neb.

### LESLIE HALL

Another outstanding Nebraskan, Leslie is the son of Ed and Betty Hall of Bassett. He is a sophomore at the University of Wyoming and plans to graduate with an animal science degree and a certificate to teach vocational agriculture.

An NJAA member since 1986, Leslie has been active in the Nebraska Angus Association, serving two terms as president and as a director and voting delegate. He has earned his share of awards in Nebraska Angus shows and showmanship contests, as well. In 1989 his cow, HA M Emulous LO27 8228, earned Pathfinder Cow status from the American Angus Association.

"Having my own cattle and being part of NJAA, 4-H and FFA have made it more interesting for me to learn about the cattle industry," Leslie says. "I also learned a lot of leadership skills and made a lot of friends. My wife,

Rachel, and I plan to stay involved in Angus production and education. We hope our son, Craig, will someday be on the end of the halter of an Angus heifer."

**TIMOTHY JEFFRIES**

This NJAA Board Director has the distinction of earning his Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards all in one year. Tim is

the son of Keith and Diana Jeffries, Canmer, Ky. He is attending Western Kentucky University, pursuing a degree in social studies and secondary education.

An NJAA member since 1979, Tim has been active in the Kentucky Junior Angus Association, serving as second vice president and director. In the show ring, he has earned

many top awards with his cattle and showmanship skills. A highlight was earning third place at the 1990 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.

"Being part of such a great organization has taught me many useful skills — responsibility, cooperation, helping others, competitiveness and applying knowledge I

have learned," Tim says.

**JODY BRISBIN-POE**

The daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R.J. Brisbin, Longmont, Colo., Jody attends Colorado State University, Fort Collins, where she is pursuing a degree in landscape horticulture.

Jody has been active in the Colorado Junior Angus Association, serving as



*These NJAA members received their NJAA Gold Award at the 1991 National Junior Angus Show in Milwaukee. The recipients are, (l to r): David Grimes, Decatur, Ohio; Patricia Simpson, Buchanan, Va.; Sandra Flesher, Waterford, Ohio; Julia Brown, Greenfield, Ind.; Timothy Jeffries, Canmer, Ky.; Cheramie Viator, Jeanerette, La.; and James Fisher, director of junior activities for the American Angus Association.*



Layne Groseth



Leslie Hall



Jody Brisbin-Poe



Sheri Rentz



Douglas Spooner



Christopher Wood

president, vice president, secretary and as a voting delegate. She's also been a successful showman exhibiting Angus at Colorado, Wyoming and national shows. The highlight of her show career was exhibiting the reserve grand champion bred-and-owned heifer at the 1985 National Junior Angus Show.

#### **SHERI RENTZ**

An NJAA member since 1980, Sheri is the daughter of James and Judy Rentz, Coldwater, Ohio. She works as a secretary at Celina City Schools in Coldwater along with managing her own Angus herd.

Sheri has been an active leader in the Ohio Junior Angus Association, serving as president, vice president, reporter, director and voting delegate. She showed Angus for five years at the Ohio Junior Preview Show and Ohio State Fair. The highlight of her show career was exhibiting the grand champion steer and carcass at the 1985 National Junior Angus Show.

In addition, she has consigned 15 head to various Ohio sales. All calves she has raised have been enrolled in the AHIR program.

#### **PATRICIA SIMPSON**

From the time she received her first 4-H project — an Angus heifer from her grandfather — Patricia has been an Angus enthusiast. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Simpson, Buchanan, Va., she has recently married and plans to start medical laboratory technology school this fall.

An NJAA member since 1980, Patricia has been active in the Virginia Junior Angus Association, serving as vice president, secretary, director, queen and voting delegate. Exhibiting Angus cattle has been an enjoyable part of her life and she has successfully shown cattle in Virginia as well as the Eastern Regional, Atlantic National and National Junior Angus Show.

In 1989 she earned the privilege to compete in the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.

Topping her list of accomplishments was being a member of the Virginia State Livestock Judging Team. The team was third and Patricia earned 11th individual in the nation in 1988. In addition, she won the Virginia State Fair Stockman's Contest and went on to earn Stockman of the Year at the Eastern National Show.

#### **DOUGLAS SPOONER**

An NJAA member since 1980, Doug resides in Albany, Wis., where he works as a fieldman for Midwest Livestock Producers. He is the son of Don and Ann Spooner, Evansville, Wis.

Doug has been an active leader in the Wisconsin Junior Angus Association, serving as president, national show chairman, vice president, treasurer, public relations chairman, director and voting delegate. In 1988 he was the Wisconsin Angus Auxiliary scholarship winner and went on to win fourth place in national competition.

During his show career, he competed in 11 National Junior Angus Shows, earning several top awards with his cattle. He has also been an active 4-H and FFA member, earning the Wisconsin Diversified Livestock Proficiency Award in 1988. In November of 1990 he received his American Farmer degree.

#### **CHERAMIE VIATOR**

This NJAA Board Director has been an active member since 1980. She is studying animal sciences at the Texas A&M University, College Station and plans to graduate in December 1992. Cheramie is the daughter of Annie and Lester Viator, Jeanerette, La.

Along with her NJAA leadership role, she has served as a second vice president, reporter, director and voting delegate for the Louisiana Junior Angus Association. In

1988 she was the LJAA and NJAA scholarship winner.

An expert showman, Cheramie has enjoyed exhibiting her Angus cattle at state regional and national shows. The highlight of her career was earning champion showman honors at the 1989 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest in Louisville.

"I can honestly say being a NJAA member has been one of the highlights of my life," Cheramie says. "The activities, travels, friendships and experiences have helped direct me toward a career and way of life with beef cattle."

#### **CHRISTOPHER WOOD**

The son of Greg and Lola Wood, Bentonville, Ark., Chris is a junior attending Oklahoma State University, Stillwater. He is pursuing a degree in agricultural economics with an emphasis on international marketing.

An NJAA member since

1980, he served as a director of the Iowa Junior Angus Association. Other accomplishments include being one of the youngest junior members to participate in the NJAA summer job program in 1988. Chris competed in the 1991 National Junior Angus Showmanship contest. A real highlight of his show career was exhibiting the 1984 Iowa Heifer of the Year.

Chris continues a family tradition of breeding Angus cattle. "My entire life has revolved around the Angus industry," he says. "I hope it continues to remain that way in the future. The NJAA has been very beneficial in meeting people and making friendships that will last forever. The achievements I have attained and goals that I wish to attain have all been made possible through being involved in the Angus industry."

### **SILVER AWARD WINNERS**

*The following 17 juniors earned their Silver Award pins this year in the National Junior Recognition Program:*

**Lara Anthony**  
*Poteau, Okla.*

**Timothy Jeffries**  
*Canmer, Ky.*

**Kelly Bosworth**  
*Charlotte, Mich.*

**Shandell Kinnett**  
*Meeker, Okla.*

**John Bowyer**  
*Cedar Lake, Ind.*

**Jennifer Lynn Maurer**  
*Lawler, Iowa*

**Julia Brown**  
*Greenfield, Ind.*

**Jennifer McCain**  
*Willow, Alaska*

**Amy Dyar**  
*Crossville, Ala.*

**Rhonda Nida**  
*Red Rock, Okla.*

**Anthony Fesler**  
*Danville, Iowa*

**Chad Rotenberger**  
*Bismarck, N.D.*

**Cody Hall**  
*Bassett, Neb.*

**Reena Sharma**  
*Williamsport, Ind.*

**James Herman**  
*Taylorsville, N.C.*

**Sean Sharma**  
*Williamsport, Ind.*

**Traci Higgins**  
*Brooks, Ga.*

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