

Going for the Gold

Presenting NJAA Recognition Program Gold Award winners for 1992

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Olympic athletes in Barcelona weren't the only ones going for the gold in 1992. Fifteen members of the National Junior Angus Association team earned NJAA's gold medal counterpart — the Gold Pin.

We would like to congratulate these young people, who gave it their all — through many years of hard work, dedication and acquired skill.

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 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, junior 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.

BRIAN BELL

The 21-year-old son of Wayne and Ann Bell, Snellville, Ga., Brian is studying electrical engineering at IBEW Electrical Trade School. He expects to graduate in June of 1995 and is employed as an apprentice at Pirkle Electric Co.

An NJAA member since 1982, Brian was active in the Georgia Junior Angus Association, serving two terms as president. He was also a voting delegate.

Brian has successfully exhibited cattle at state shows, the Eastern Regional Junior Show, Southeast Empire, North American International Livestock Exposition and the National Junior Angus Show. He has also earned several showmanship awards at the state level.

"Looking back on my years as a member, I realize how it has helped me devel-

op responsibility, dedication and knowledge to benefit my future goals," Brian says. "Even though I'm not planning a career in the cattle industry, my life will continue to evolve around what I've grown to love — Angus cattle."

MARK BRANDENBERGER

The 21-year-old son of Don and Alice Brandenberger, Clifton, Texas, Mark is studying elementary education at Tarleton State University.

An NJAA member since 1979, Mark was an active member of the Texas Junior Angus Association, serving as a director as well as secretary-treasurer, first vice president and NJAA voting delegate. He was an American Angus Auxiliary scholarship winner in 1989.

Mark enjoys exhibiting cattle at state and national levels and competing in showmanship. A highlight of his show career was exhibiting the senior champion bred-and-owned female at the 1987 National Junior Angus Show.

"The best part of my involvement is all the people I've been able to meet. Some of these friendships have lasted many years and others have given me the opportunity to understand how different people think and feel," Mark says.

LORI CASH

The daughter of Erskine and Wilhelmina Cash, Centre Hall, Pa., Lori is attending Penn State University, where she is studying education.

During Lori's NJAA career she served as president, historian, reporter and director for the Pennsylvania Junior Angus Association. In 1989 she received scholarships from the Pennsylvania Angus Auxiliary, New England Angus Association and the American Angus Auxiliary. She served as 1990 Miss American Angus and was a director and NJAA communication coordinator on the NJAA Board.

"Looking back on my involvement in NJAA, I vividly remember as a nine-year-old watching my older brother compete in Angus shows and accumulate several trophies. At that time, I thought success was

measured by the amount of trophies someone had and all I wanted was to win one. My grandmother noticed how much I wanted a trophy so she went to a yard sale and bought my very first trophy.

"As I got more involved in NJAA, I realized there are many ways to measure success. Yes, trophies are shiny and indicate times in the winner's circle. But what do these trophies really mean? I have collected trophies to go along with the one my grandmother bought me but all of these trophies can't measure all the knowledge, leadership skills, friendships and experiences that I've gained through my involvement in NJAA."

MICHELLE DARBONNE

The 21-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Darbonne Sr., Opelousas, La., Michelle is a court reporter.

Michelle has been an active leader in the Louisiana Junior Angus Association since 1984. Through the years she held positions as director, historian and then president in 1989. She also represented the association as Angus princess, queen and voting delegate.

One highlight of her show career was winning honorable mention at the 1991 National Showmanship Contest.

This young Angus breeder produced a cow that earned Pathfinder status in 1986. Her name is Miss Fancy Play. In addition, she has performance tested two bulls at Louisiana State University.

REED DIEVERT

An outstanding member from the Bluegrass state, Reed is the son of Tim and Margie Dievert, Danville. He is studying nutrition and food science at the University of Kentucky.

Reed has been an NJAA and Kentucky Junior Angus Association member since 1974 and director in 1990. He received a scholarship from the Kentucky Angus Association in 1989 and served two terms as a state director.

He successfully exhibited cattle at the state and national levels.

"Angus cattle have always been a part

of my life. They have provided a living for my family and taught me what responsibility really means," he says.

LORI LYNN FRANKLIN

The 21-year-old daughter of Howard and Susan Franklin, LaSalle, Colo., Lori is an animal sciences major at Colorado State University. She is a member of the Colorado State livestock judging team and has been active in the Block & Bridle and Colorado State Women for agriculture.

An NJAA member since 1981, Lori was elected this past July to chair the NJAA Board. She's also been active in her state associations, serving as president of the Washington Junior Angus Association in 1989 and as a voting delegate and leadership conference representative after moving to Colorado.

Lori has exhibited cattle at numerous state, regional and national Angus shows. The highlight of her show career was at the 1990 National Junior Angus Show in Omaha, Neb., where she won grand champion owned heifer and was a finalist in the National Showmanship contest.

"My time spent in NJAA has been an opportunity to grow, learn and gain friendships across the nation," Lori says. "With

the experience I've gained from NJAA in addition to my degree, I hope to be at the forefront of beef promotion. I will accomplish this by helping and teaching youth – who are the future of our industry."

KYLA HALL

The Cornhusker state has produced a strong leader in Kyla Hall. The 21-year-old daughter of Ed and Betty Hall, Bassett, Neb., she will graduate next May from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, with a degree in consumer science.

An active NJAA member since 1983, Kyla served as NJAA Board director from 1990-92 and as communication officer from 1991-92. She was also active in the Nebraska Junior Angus Association, serving as president, secretary-treasurer, historian, reporter, queen and voting delegate over the years. Kyla was a Nebraska Auxiliary scholarship winner in 1989 and 1991.

Kyla was active in breeding, exhibiting and marketing her cattle. Enrolled in the AHIR program, she keeps performance records on her cattle. In 1991 an Angus cow produced by Kyla, HRK Zest 8642, earned Pathfinder Cow status.

"I went to the pasture in the summer

of 1980 to select my first registered Angus heifer with a sense of anticipation I'll never forget," Kyla says. "That began for me a 12-year association with youth programs and the Angus industry. Through my NJAA experiences I've developed skills in setting goals, organization, planning and leadership."

DEIRDE "DEE DEE" LAWSON

This outstanding Oklahoman has been an active NJAA member since 1981. She is the 21-year-old daughter of Bill and Connie Lawson, Cushing, Okla., and will graduate with a degree in human resource management at Oklahoma State University next May.

Dee Dee's leadership skills grew during her term as NJAA Board director from 1990-92 and as president of the Oklahoma Angus Association in 1989. She also served as state Angus queen and was a scholarship recipient in 1989.

Dee Dee exhibited cattle at state Angus shows, fairs, the American Royal and the National Junior Angus Show. In 1989 she earned honorable mention at the National Showmanship Contest.

"Being an NJAA member has been the greatest experience of my life," she says.



These NJAA members received their NJAA Gold Award at the 1992 National Junior Angus Show in Columbus. The recipients seated from left to right are: Tamra Vollmer, Wing, N.D.; Kyla Hall, Bassett, Neb.; Deirdre Lawson, Cushing, Okla.; Dianne McGiveron, Marshfield, Wis.; and Lori Franklin, LaSalle, Colo. Standing from left to right are: Freddy Waldrop, Winston, Ga.; Cathy Shive, Seven Valleys, Pa.; Jamie Wilson, Thornville, Ohio; Colette Prox, MaComb, Ill.; Reed Dievert, Danville, Ky.; Mark Brandenberger, Clifton, Texas; and Brian Bell, Snellville, Ga.



Lori Cash



Michelle Darbonne



Brandi Linhurt

"I've had so many opportunities and have gained many leadership skills. I'll miss being part of such a great program."

BRANDI LINHART

This Montana Angus enthusiast has been an active NJAA member since 1983. Brandi is the 21-year-old daughter of Doug and Penny Linhart, Hobson, Mont. A student at Purdue University, she will graduate next May with a degree in agribusiness. This past summer Brandi worked on a U.S. Forest Service trail crew and during the school year works at Purdue's Calvert Beef Unit.

Leadership roles included serving as secretary-treasurer and historian for the Montana Junior Angus Association. She was a princess and scholarship winner in 1989-90 and an NJAA summer job program participant in 1990.

Brandi successfully exhibited cattle at the Montana Junior Angus Field Day, Montana State Fair and NILE shows. Calves produced from her herd are enrolled in the AHIR program and two bulls have been performance tested. This young breeder has produced four cows awarded Pathfinder Cow status. Those cows include N Bar Kinochtry Beauty 9913, GV Blackcap Bava 75-83, GV Tiger Lady 83-85 and Green Valley Georgina 81.

"My involvement in NJAA has put me in touch with breeders and young people like myself from across the nation," Brandi says. "I plan to continue to raise registered cattle and someday would like to have my own ranch."

DIANNE MCGIVERON

The 20-year-old daughter of Dave and Suzanne McGiveron, Marshfield, Wis., Dianne has been an active NJAA member since 1984. She is a meat and animal science major at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

A current NJAA Board director (1991-93), Dianne chaired the 1991 National Junior Angus Show committee. She served as president of the Wisconsin Junior Angus Association from 1990-92.

"Through NJAA I've had opportunities to exhibit my cattle, meet new people and take on leadership roles — the highlight of each summer is attending the national show," she says. "My Angus project has taught me the importance of promotion and marketing. My future will always include Angus activities and cattle."

COLETTE PROX

An NJAA member since 1971—the year she was born — Colette is the daughter of Stan and Linda Prox, Macomb, Ill.

She is now attending Oklahoma State University where she majors in hotel and restaurant administration. Future plans are to become a beef purveyor for restaurant chains and to continue her herd of registered Angus cattle.

Colette served the Illinois Junior Angus Association as secretary-treasurer, director and voting delegate. She enjoys raising, exhibiting and marketing cattle and earned many top show awards during her NJAA career. Calves produced from her herd are enrolled in the Association's AHIR program and she has completed on-farm performance testing of two bulls.

"To enjoy life you must learn how to work with others and that's what NJAA is all about — teamwork, leadership, integrity and fun," Colette says.

CATHY SHIVE

This progressive Pennsylvania junior has been an active NJAA member since 1980. Cathy is the 20-year-old daughter of Gordon and Dianna Shive, Seven Valleys, Pa. She is studying accounting at York College of Pennsylvania.

Leadership roles in the Pennsylvania Junior Angus Association included serving as president, vice president, secretary and director. She was Pennsylvania Angus Queen in 1989 and earned scholarships from the American and Pennsylvania Angus Auxiliaries in 1990.

Cathy successfully exhibited her cattle at state, regional and national Angus shows. She also participated in state livestock judging contests and won the Penn State Block & Bridle judging contest in 1989 and 1990.

"Just as the Angus breed has changed during my 11 years as an NJAA member, I also have changed," Cathy says. "I grew up from a shy, 9-year-old to an enthusiastic 20-year-old. The NJAA program has a lot to offer its members and I'm glad I took advantage of its opportunities."

TAMRA VOLLMER

This North Dakota Angus enthusiast serves on the NJAA Board of Directors and is information director. The 21-year-old daughter of Allen and Beverly Vollmer, Wing, N.D., she is studying animal science and communications at North Dakota State University.

Leadership roles in the North Dakota Junior Angus Association include serving as president, vice president, secretary-treasurer and director. She was North Dakota Angus Queen in 1988 and an Auxiliary scholarship winner in 1989.

Tamra successfully exhibited cattle and competed in showmanship at state

Angus shows and fairs. Calves produced from her cow herd are enrolled in the Association's AHIR program and one of her top cows, Miss Blackcap Mary Lou, earned Pathfinder Cow status in 1992.

"Meeting all the wonderful people and friends in the Angus industry is the highlight of my NJAA career," Tamra says.

FREDDY WALDROP

Herdsmen and show & sale cattle manager at Waldrop Angus Farms, Freddy is the 21-year-old son of Tommy and Elaine Waldrop, Winston, Ga.

Leadership roles in the Georgia Junior Angus Association include serving as president, vice president, treasurer and director.

Freddy has successfully exhibited cattle and competed in showmanship at state and regional shows and fairs. He also competed in livestock judging contests. Seven calves produced in his herd are enrolled in the Association's AHIR program.

This young breeder is also active in his county, state and national cattlemen's associations, as well as the Georgia Young Farmers, where he serves as a county director.

"I owe a lot of my success in the past and future to junior Angus activities," Freddy says. "I have friends who are involved in other breed organizations and have had the opportunity to see how much more is learned through our organization. Without a doubt, the Angus breed is head and shoulders above the rest."

JAMIE WILSON

This outstanding member from the Buckeye state has been an active NJAA member since 1985. The 21-year-old daughter of James and Charlotte Wilson, Thornville, Ohio, Jamie is studying music education at Capital University.

Jamie served as secretary-treasurer from 1988-92 for the Heart of Ohio Junior Angus Association. She was a state scholarship winner in 1989 and enjoyed exhibiting her cattle at state, regional and national Angus shows. Calves from her cow herd are enrolled in the Association's AHIR program.

"In 1984 my father and I made a big decision that changed my life forever — we bought four registered Angus cows and began building a herd," Jamie says. "I've encouraged my nephews to become active in the Angus association and they're now showing with me. I'm proud to have been part of NJAA and hope to continue with the American Angus Association in the future."

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