

A Golden Opportunity

Presenting NJAA Recognition Program Gold Awards for 1994

Ten members of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) earned the coveted Gold Pin award in 1994. We would like to congratulate these young achievers. It's been an educational opportunity sure to 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.

— Jerilyn Johnson

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Jamie Jo Brisbin

The 21-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R.J. Brisbin, Longmont, Colo., Jamie is studying biological sciences and molecular biology at Florida Tech, Melbourne, Fla. She expects to graduate in May 1995. She hopes to use her dual degrees and her love for animals to go on to veterinarian school or to enter medical research.

An NJAA member since 1978, Jamie was active in the Colorado Junior Angus Association, serving as secretary from 1987 to 1991. She was a voting delegate for three years and served as Colorado Angus Queen in 1991.

Jamie began exhibiting Angus cattle in 1982 and has enjoyed a successful show career. She has exhibited several champions at the Golden Trend, Colorado's state junior Angus show, and the Colorado State Fair. A highlight was exhibiting the intermediate champion bred-and-owned heifer at the 1985 National Junior Angus Show. She represented her state at the 1990 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.

This young breeder enrolled her cow herd in the American Angus Association's Angus Herd Improvement Records

(AHIR) program. Birth and weaning weights of calves have been recorded since 1986.

Marketing experience for Jamie included consigning cattle to the Gem State Sale at Twin Falls, Idaho, and the Wyoming Stock Growers Association Sale. She has raised and marketed 15 calves during her NJAA career.

"NJAA taught me about responsibility and work ethics," Jamie says. "These qualities have stayed with me both in the show ring and in the classroom."



Jamie Kay Brown

An NJAA member since 1983, Jamie is the 21-year-old daughter of Keith and Judy Brown, Greenfield, Ind. She is studying elementary education at Purdue University and plans to graduate in December 1995. Once establishing a secure job as a kindergarten teacher, Jamie plans on furthering her Angus cattle operation. She also plans on staying active in the American and Indiana Angus Associations.

Jamie has been an active leader in the Indiana Junior Angus Association. She has held all IJAA offices, including president from 1992 to 1994. In 1992 she was awarded a third place scholarship from

the American Angus Auxiliary and first place scholarship from the Indiana Angus Auxiliary. She served as Indiana Angus Queen in 1991.

This young breeder has successfully exhibited her Angus cattle at state, regional and national levels. High placings have been earned at the National Junior Angus Show, North American International Livestock Exposition, Eastern Regional, Indiana State Fair and Indiana Junior Preview.

She is also an accomplished showman placing in the top 15 at the National Junior Angus Showmanship contest in 1992 and earning grand champion beef showman honors at the 1990 Indiana State Fair.

Jamie has also enjoyed competing in the National Angus Beef Cook-off and NJAA Team Sales competition. She was a member of the winning senior sales team at the 1993 National Junior Angus Show in Wichita, Kan.

Fifty calves have been produced in Jamie's Angus herd. She raised, fed out and collected carcass data on one steer and on-farm performance tested a bull. She manages an artificial insemination program and uses expected progeny differences (EPDs) as a tool for bull selection.

Her marketing program includes consigning several embryos and animals through the McClarnon Stock Farm production sale and the Indiana Angus Futurity sale.

Jamie has also been active in 4-H and FFA programs and judging teams in her state. In 1992 she was named Hancock County's outstanding 4-H member and received the 4-H beef award. In 1991 she re-

ceived the chapter and area FFA Beef Proficiency awards.

Jamie continues building her beef industry knowledge and experience at Purdue University. She has served as first vice president of the Block & Bridle Club and was a member of the meats judging team. She also finds time to work at the Purdue University Extension Service.

"These past 11 years have been rewarding and fulfilling in every aspect," Jamie says. "Through NJAA I've met friends which I could never replace. Through victory and defeat I've realized and learned a great deal about life. Showing Angus cattle throughout the country is an experience of a lifetime. I'm thankful my family gave me the opportunity along with their support. Without my family, the American Angus Association and Angus friends, I would not be the person I am today."



Jennifer Carrico

One of Iowa's most enthusiastic young Angus breeders, Jennifer has been an NJAA member since 1980. She is the 20-year-old daughter of Jerry and Ruth Carrico, Redfield, Iowa.

Jennifer is studying animal science at Iowa State University and plans to graduate in 1996. She is currently working as communications intern for the Iowa Cattlemen's Association.

A willing and able leader, Jennifer served as an NJAA director from 1992-94 and chaired the communications committee. She served two terms as president of the Iowa

Junior Angus Association (1991-1994). Other activities included NJAA voting delegate (1991), Iowa Angus Queen (1990-91), American Angus Auxiliary Scholarship winner (1992), and participant in the 1994 NJAA LEAD Conference and Youth Beef Industry Congress. In 1992 she earned second place, senior division, at the NJAA public speaking contest.

Her competitive spirit was apparent on the Angus show circuit. She participated in her first National Junior Angus Show in 1982 in Milwaukee, Wis., and has attended every national show since. She successfully exhibited cattle at the state, regional and national levels. A highlight was being named a finalist at the 1993 National Junior Angus Showmanship contest.

This young breeder enrolled her herd in the American Angus Association's AHIR program. She has produced two Pathfinder Cows, JC Jenna Belle 534 and JC Career Girl. Several farm-raised calves have been consigned to the Iowa Beef Expo and Gala Review sales.

Jennifer was active in 4-H and FFA, earning numerous awards and competing on livestock judging teams. Her FFA livestock judging team earned a gold award at state. In 1993 she received the coveted American FFA Degree.

At Iowa State University, Jennifer is active in the Block & Bridle Club, Rodeo Club, and was a member of the 1994 ISU Meats Judging Team.

"I've been involved in the Angus industry all of my life," Jennifer says. "I've had the privilege to be involved in nearly every aspect of NJAA. Valuable skills I've developed include responsibility, decision making, recordkeeping, and how to be a good winner or a good loser. I've met some of the best people in the world by being involved in the Angus industry. I wouldn't trade my experiences for anything."



Janet Gilliland

Proud to be an NJAA member since 1982, Janet is the 21-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gilliland, Fort Scott, Kan. She will graduate this December with a degree in agricultural journalism from Kansas State University. Her future would not be complete, she says, without her Angus herd and continuing membership in the American Angus Association.

Janet was an active leader and member of the Kansas Junior Angus Association (NJAA) and her regional Angus associations. A banner year was in 1991, when she served as president of the KJAA, Kansas Angus Queen and as an NJAA voting delegate. She also was a Kansas Angus Auxiliary scholarship winner.

Competing on the Angus show circuit was another activity Janet enjoyed. She successfully exhibited her cattle in district, state and national shows. A highlight of her show career was reaching the finals of the 1991 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.

Janet's journalism skills helped her state Angus group earn second place in national scrapbook competition in 1990 and earned her an honorable mention in the senior division of the NJAA/*Angus Journal*. Photography Contest in 1993. She also enjoyed competing in team sales.

Performance testing, AI and forage management are all areas Janet has mastered to improve her Angus cow herd. Her herd is enrolled in the American Angus Associa-

tion's AHIR Program. Eight of Janet's farm-raised bulls have been consigned to the Kansas Bull Test at Potwin; five bulls have recorded more than 4-pound average daily gains and four have been consigned to the Kansas Bull Test Sale. Janet has produced one Pathfinder Cow, Marie G215, who achieved this status in 1990 and 1991.

4-H and FFA activities also kept Janet busy during her school years. She was a National 4-H Agriculture winner and attended National 4-H Congress in Chicago in 1990. She successfully competed on state 4-H livestock and horse judging teams. In 1989 her team took second place at the American Junior Quarter Horse Association national horse judging contest. In 1988 her livestock judging team earned third place at the National Western Stock Show. In 1991 she placed third individual in the state FFA livestock judging contest and earned her State Farmer Degree.

At Kansas State University, Janet has been an active member of the Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow chapter, Block & Bridle Club, KSU Ag Ambassadors and Collegiate 4-H.

"Once I obtain my ag journalism degree, I plan on informing and communicating to the public about the ever expanding agriculture industry," Janet says. "Being involved with NJAA has definitely had a large impact on my life. It has given me many opportunities — to travel and meet people with similar interests around the state and nation; to learn what responsibility and team work really mean; to do your best and keep on trying, no matter how scared you are."

"My registered Angus cattle are something I take pride in and will always enjoy?"



Heather Hamm

This ambitious 21-year-old joined NJAA in 1982. The daughter of K. Isobel and Henry Hamm Jr., Clarksburg, Md., she is pursuing a degree in agricultural economics and international agriculture at Cornell University.

Heather spent last spring semester studying at the University of Warwick in England. She is back at Cornell this fall and plans to graduate next June. Agribusiness is her career ambition.

"My degree is a combination of my ag background and my interest in international business, which originally developed out of my exposure to the global nature of the Angus breed," Heather explains.

Her decision to study abroad at the University of Warwick was also based on an earlier experience through her 4-H club. Heather participated in the International 4-H Youth Exchange Program and spent five weeks in France.

Heather's NJAA involvement all began with an Angus heifer named "Rosebud." This heifer was born on her small family farm which lies just outside the metropolitan area surrounding Washington, D.C.

"Rosebud and I grew together that year as we faced the challenges of the show circuit," Heather says. "The ribbons we won are long forgotten, but the experience has lasted in my memory. Each year after her there was a new calf and thus began the cycle of training, practice and orientation into the show ring. I learned to respect their strength, size and individual characteristics."

Two years later, Heather accompanied her sister to the 1990 National Junior Angus Show in Omaha, Neb. She represented Maryland as queen and also exhibited a heifer and steer there.

Heather was soon introduced to a wide range of Angus activities outside the show ring. As an NJAA delegate, Maryland Angus Queen, Maryland Junior Angus Association officer, and in many other ways, she strived to educate herself about the beef industry and be a good ambassador.

Heather believes in hands-on management when it comes to her Angus herd. She plans her breeding program, including AI sire selection, keeps records on her herd, and takes full responsibility for their care and feeding. She has gained marketing skills by consigning her cattle to the Maryland National, Maryland Fall Invitational and Cow Power Angus sales.

"Being an NJAA member is more than showing the best or most expensive animal," she says. "It's a whole industry trying to provide the consumer with a quality beef product. Beyond the consumer, there's still much more to the beef industry — from methods of production, to concerns about the environment, to outcries about animal welfare. There are political and economic concerns that affect us all. It's good to see these issues being addressed by NJAA members and to see the numerous educational activities at the National Junior Angus Show."



Sarah Lynn Hill

Representing NJAA and the Buckeye State well, Sarah has been a member since 1980. The 21-year-old daughter of Paul and Lynn Hill, Bidwell, Ohio, she is studying biology/pre-medicine at the University of Virginia and plans to graduate next May. Currently she is doing an internship at the Holzer Clinic.

Sarah is on the NJAA Board of Directors and is NJAA Foundation director for 1994/95. She represented the Angus industry as Miss American Angus in 1993 and received a fifth place scholarship from the American Angus Auxiliary.

Her involvement and leadership with the Ohio Junior Angus Association led her to serve as a director (1986-87) and treasurer (1988-89). She represented her state at the 1993 National Angus Showmanship Contest where she earned an honorable mention placing. She especially enjoys exhibiting her Angus cattle and over the years has competed successfully at state, regional and national shows.

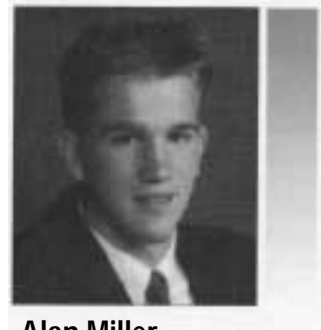
Sarah's cow herd is enrolled in the American Angus Association's AHIR program and she consigned one of her bulls to the Red House, Va., test station. Marketing experience has been gained by consigning cattle to the Northcote Triple Crown and Champion Farm sales.

"As I look through the old papers and pictures amassed over the years, I began to remember all of the cattle I have raised and shown," Sarah says. "I recall hours of brushing and leading the animals around the barnyard, and how Dad would always say, 'just one more time.' I remember those heifers which would do anything you asked and a few which didn't appreciate being told to do anything. With a smile, I look back on the times I won, and also the times I didn't."

"One of the greatest things involvement in NJAA taught me is a special type of competi-

tive spirit. It's not always that you must win, but that you run the race. By pushing yourself a step further you create challenges and elevate yourself to a higher level. It has taught me that the most progress is achieved through competition, combined with working towards a common goal.

"I will always cherish the people I've met and the friendships made through NJAA. It is their faces I remember when I look back over my experiences. I do hope I've had a positive impact on the junior members I've met and have promoted the Angus breed to cattle producers and civilians alike."



Alan Miller

A sincere young Angus breeder from Illinois, Alan has been an NJAA member since 1983. He is the 21-year-old son of Orlan and Carol Miller, Gridley, Ill. Alan is one of 12 on the NJAA board of directors and serves as membership and information director.

He is studying animal science at the University of Illinois and is a member of the livestock judging team. He will graduate with a B.S. degree next May, then hopes to attend graduate school. Expanding his family's Angus herd is also on his future agenda.

Alan has been an active member of the Illinois Junior Angus Association, serving as president (1992) and director (1988-91). He represented his state as an NJAA voting delegate in 1991-92, and was a scholarship winner at both the state and national level in 1991.

During his high school

years Alan was also active in 4-H and FFA and was a member of numerous livestock judging teams. His 1992 Illinois 4-H team won the national contest at the North American International Exposition.

Showing Angus cattle at the state and national level was a good experience for this young breeder. A highlight was exhibiting the bred-and-owned reserve champion bull calf at the 1991 National Junior Angus Show and reserve intermediate bull at the 1990 National Junior Angus Show.

Performance testing of bulls was also a valuable experience. He consigned four bulls to the Southern Illinois University Bull Test Station in 1987-88. Marketing experience was gained through consignments to the Illinois Angus Futurity and Grasstime Sales.

"I have many vivid memories of my years in NJAA," Alan says. "I'm sorry to see my time as a member pass, but at the same time I'm looking forward to my final year as a director. This is truly the best ending I could have ever dreamed of, for a very rewarding NJAA career."



Nikki Roberts

A dedicated young Angus breeder from Louisiana, Nikki joined NJAA in 1982. She is the 21-year-old daughter of Wayne and Jimmie Lou Roberts, Sikes, La., and is a full-time partner at 3R Farm.

Nikki was an active member and leader of the Louisiana Junior Angus Association, serving as president (1991-92) and director (1988-91). In 1989-90 she represented her

state as Angus queen and in 1991 she earned scholarships from the Louisiana and American Angus Auxiliaries.

Exhibiting Angus cattle was her favorite part of being an NJAA member and she competed successfully at the Louisiana State Fair, Louisiana State University Spring Show and National Junior Angus Show. A highlight was representing her state at the 1994 National Angus Showmanship Contest in Des Moines, where she placed in the top 15.

Nikki has raised 13 calves from her cow herd. Marketing experience has been gained as a consignor to the Louisiana Angus Association Bull Sale.

Involvement in 4-H and FFA activities was also important for Nikki. She was a 4-H member for 12 years and served as a secretary and reporter for her local club. She earned the Louisiana 4-H Key Club and the Louisiana 4-H Governor's awards. In FFA she was awarded the National FFA Foundation Award for beef production and earned an FFA Chapter scholarship.

"My involvement in NJAA 4-H and FFA gave me confidence and determination to do my best," Nikki says. "Being active in my state Angus association gave me the opportunity to learn and later the opportunity to help young showmen learn.

"In no way have I learned everything there is to know about being a successful cattlemaster. Sometimes I'm still a spectator, but always an eager participant."



Robin Shive

An active NJAA member since 1981, Robin is the 21-year-old daughter of Gordon and Dianna Shive, Seven Valleys, Pa. She is studying elementary education at York College of Pennsylvania and will graduate next May. Robin is currently employed as a child care provider at the York Hospital Day Care Center. Her future plans include teaching, obtaining a master's degree and owning and operating her own day care school. Her plan would not be complete, she says, without a small Angus herd, as well.

Robin represented the Pennsylvania Junior Angus Association well, serving as a state director for six years. A banner year was 1990 when she served as Angus queen, assistant secretary, and NJAA voting delegate. In 1993 she earned a scholarship from the Atlantic National Angus Show.

Over the years Robin enjoyed exhibiting her cattle at state, regional and national shows and earned several championship ribbons. A highlight was representing the Keystone state at the 1990 National Angus Showmanship Contest. She also competed in the NJAA speech and photography contests.

Robin raised 18 registered calves from her cow herd. She also fed out and collected carcass data on two steers.

Involvement in 4-H livestock activities added to her education. She was named Junior Stockman of the Year three consecutive years at the York County Fair and participated in the state livestock and meats judging contests. In 1988 she earned top individual at the Keystone International Stockman's Contest. In 1989 she was state 4-H Veterinary Science winner. She served as spokesperson in 1991-92 and gave presentations to several elementary school classes.

"I've greatly benefited from the opportunities the NJAA program has offered," Robin

says. "Through serving on various show committees and as a queen, delegate and exhibitor, I've realized that I enjoy working with people, especially children."



Troy Vollmer

An aspiring Angus breeder from North Dakota, Troy has been an NJAA member since 1981. He is the 21-year-old son of Allen and Beverly Vollmer, Wing, N.D., and works as herdsman for Vollmer Angus Ranch.

Troy is pursuing a degree in animal science at North Dakota State University and plans to graduate in December 1995.

He has been an active member of the North Dakota Junior Angus Association, serving as a director (1987-90) and as vice president (1991). He represented his state in 1993 as an NJAA voting delegate.

This young breeder has successfully competed at Angus shows at the state, regional and national level. He represented North Dakota at the 1989 National Angus Showmanship contest.

Performance testing experience included on-farm testing of eight bulls. He has raised a total of 12 calves from his cow herd and purchased an additional 11 cows to expand the herd. To gain marketing experience, Troy has consigned seven animals to the North Dakota State Sale and the Vollmer Angus Ranch production sale.

