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Goals as Good as Gold

National Junior Angus Association members receive Gold Awards for their involvement in the organization.

by Sarah Harris, editorial intern

Alexis Borgstadt



"I'm thankful for all the connections and friendships I have been able to make within the Angus industry," says

Alexis Borgstadt, Concordia, Mo. "This Association has allowed me to make friends all across the world, and along with friendships and connections, it has also given me countless opportunities."

For 12 summers, Steven Borgstadt's daughter has been dedicated to raising and showing cattle, and she says she wouldn't have it any other way. Through her time exhibiting cattle, Borgstadt has won numerous awards and developed many life lessons she says will be applicable for the rest of her life.

Upon graduation from the University of Missouri-Columbia with her undergraduate degrees, Borgstadt plans to attend medical school. She hopes to one day become a surgeon and return to where she grew up to practice. Borgstadt aims to make a difference in the lives of others in her future endeavors.

"I am thankful for everything this industry has done for me and my family and the person it has

shaped me to be," she says. "I plan to continue the family farm and one day give my children the same opportunities I had to show Angus cattle."

Kassidy Bremer



Kassidy Bremer, Redfield, Iowa, cannot remember a time without Angus cattle in her life.

She received a membership form from Tom Burke when she was 9 months old, and Jennifer Carrico's daughter is proud to say she's been involved with Angus since Day 1. As a sixth-generation cattlemaster in central Iowa, the ability to carry on the family tradition is something she doesn't take lightly.

In 2018, her family's operation was selected to receive the *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) logo as part of the Brand the Barn campaign to celebrate CAB's 40th anniversary.

Angus activities allowed her to develop a love for the breed. Growing up in the cattle industry and making connections throughout the country, Bremer has learned about the various aspects of her family's operation.

Bremer is currently attending

Black Hawk East junior college and is on the livestock judging team. She plans to further her judging career in senior college, and to earn a bachelor's degree in animal science.

"My career goal is to be an embryologist," Bremer says. "I also plan to continue the family legacy of raising cattle for many years to come."

Truman Byergo



"When I look back on my career as a member of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA), there are

two things that come to mind: friends for a lifetime and pride in the Angus industry," says Truman Byergo, Dearborn, Mo.

From the first time he grasped the lead to take a show heifer into the ring, Byergo fell in love with the industry. Exhibiting cattle at county, state and national shows, his experiences in and out of the show ring helped to shape him into the young man he is today.

Byergo, the son of Joe and Susan Byergo, is proud to be a recipient of the 2019 Angus Star Award and to have been a competitor in the 2020

National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest. He says experiencing the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) with youth from varying backgrounds excites him for the future.

Byergo plans to earn a bachelor's degree in aviation, professional pilot, at the University of Central Missouri, while earning aircraft mechanics certificates.

He hopes to obtain a master's in aviation safety and plans to become a certified flight instructor with the future intent of working for UPS in their cadet program.

"As I age out this year, it will not mean goodbye, simply 'until next time' to the NJAA," Byergo says. "I cannot wait for the day I get to introduce my kids to the NJAA and everything it has to offer."

Taylor Cooley



Taylor Cooley, Lancaster, Wis., has been involved in the Angus breed since the beginning of her high school career, something she says has made her evolve into a new person.

Through the NJAA, Cooley has met new friends from different parts of the country, and to have been involved in an organization with such a strong sense of family. The daughter of Tonia Busch-Feerin, Taylor says she doesn't know where she would be without the NJAA or agriculture industry.

Cooley recently graduated from Southwest Tech with an accounting degree and plans to attend again this fall for the livestock management

program. She hopes to have a farm, raise cattle and have an exceptional show facility while teaching juniors about showing livestock.

Allowing the next generation to have the same opportunities she did through the NJAA such as holding leadership positions on her state association's board, attending the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference, exhibiting cattle across the country, and obtaining her bronze, silver and gold awards.

"I hope to be able to give back to the future juniors and to keep this industry alive as long as I live," Cooley says. "I have always been very passionate when it comes to this industry, and I don't know where I would be without it."

Madison Cox



Nothing fills Madison Cox, Eagle Point, Ore., with as much pride as looking back at how far she's come. Brad and Buckley Cox's daughter is proud to say she is and always will be a member of the NJAA.

"Saying goodbye to my junior years in the association that has helped shaped me into the person I am today is not an easy task," Cox says. "The NJAA has helped me find myself, as well as given me so many people and resources I value so much. Whether it was attending LEAD, the NJAS or many state events, I've gained so much drive and passion for the agriculture industry and upholding the values of Angus enthusiasts who

stood here before me, as well as the many who will be here after me."

Cox's time studying at Oklahoma State University (OSU) has allowed her to develop skills she says will serve her well in the future. Through advertisement campaigns, social media, audio and video, photography, and risk and crisis management, Cox is eager to assist and communicate with ranchers and the general public.

"I will always advocate, support and try to be there for those who supported me throughout my career, as well as the next generation of eager junior members," she says.

Alexandria Cozzitorto



"I feel so incredibly blessed and grateful," says Alexandria Cozzitorto, Olathe, Kan. "I can say with

complete confidence that the NJAA is the organization that made me the woman I am today. I can't help but thank my parents for introducing me to agriculture, Angus cattle and an incredible industry of people who have become my family."

When Rick and Melissa Cozzitorto helped their daughter become a member of the NJAA, they helped her find her purpose. After competing in her first prepared speaking contest, she knew she wanted to tell everyone about agriculture. That day, she made a personal commitment to merge the worlds of those removed from the farm and those familiar with agriculture. In pursuing her passion, Cozzitorto has developed a unique skill set in communications.

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When she began her NJAA career, Cozzitorto focused on showing cattle and participating in contests. However, when she was 14, she attended her first Raising the Bar conference. Developing friendships with individuals who shared the same passion for Angus cattle built the foundation for the driven young lady she is today.

Cozzitorto's immediate goal is to graduate Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas, with a degree in animal science. Her long-term career goal is to work as a lawyer specializing in agriculture.

No matter where life takes her, Cozzitorto plans to always raise Angus cattle and encourage her future family to participate in the NJAA.

Cailey Dahlquist



The life of Cailey Dahlquist, Washington, Pa., has encompassed the Angus tradition since Day 1. With a

background composed of the strength of family ties, Carla Dahlquist's daughter says she's proud to be a part of the industry.

"Even as a baby, my grandfather would take me to the barn with him to feed our herd," she says. "Our barn has always been a second home to me for this reason."

Working with cattle her family raised was always a highlight of her life, but by exhibiting those cattle at local and then national shows, Dahlquist was able to find another passion in helping others

and building relationships and friendships with folks from all reaches of the United States.

"I had never realized I could meet so many people I would consider to be part of my family," she says. "I remember the joy I felt the first time I got to show in Freedom Hall at the North American International Livestock Exposition, and the first time I won a class with one of my bred-and-owned heifers," she says.

Dahlquist plans to get a bachelor's degree and pursue a career as a nurse anesthetist. She plans to settle down on a farm with her family and give her kids the same opportunities she had in raising livestock.

She looks forward to the days of caring for people and the mornings, nights and days off she can spend with her cattle.

Dylan Denny



Dylan Denny, Lubbock, Texas, expressed utmost gratitude for the time spent, skills ascertained and

memories made as a member of the NJAA. Without these experiences, Denny, the son of Don and Wendy Denny, says he wouldn't be the same young man he is now.

"This association has afforded me so many opportunities to meet new lifelong friends, network, connect with industry leaders across the country and allowed me to give back in the way of serving on the National Junior Angus Board (NJAB) to the thing that gave so much to me," Denny says. "Having always

looked up to the green jackets, I am so glad I had the chance to maybe be that inspiration to a young Angus member like I once was."

In spring 2022, Denny will graduate from OSU with a bachelor's degree in agribusiness and minors in business management and finance. This summer, he is working for Koch Industries. One thing is certain — Denny will continue to make a difference in the lives of youth and will continue to raise Angus cattle.

"My future has so much to do with joining the NJAA," he says. "There's not much I am certain about in this life, but one thing is for sure, the future of this breed is in good hands."

Taylor Glover



Taylor Glover, Pikeville, N.C., is thankful for the memories, experiences and skill set garnered

through her time with the NJAA.

Growing up, Brian and Joy Glover's daughter was involved with the North Carolina Junior Association, where she served as secretary, treasurer, queen and delegate at the national level. She attended LEAD and participated in NJAA contests such as livestock judging, the skill-a-thon and the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB) Cook-Off. Glover has made numerous lasting friendships as a result of her time in the NJAA from all throughout the United States.

Glover graduated with associate degrees in applied animal science and swine management. She currently

attends the University of Mount Olive (UMO), studying agriculture production systems. While at UMO, she is also participating in the Partnership Teach program at East Carolina University, where she is studying special education.

Mentoring and giving back to the next generation of agriculturalists and livestock enthusiasts is one of Glover's passions. With her experience in exhibiting and raising cattle and hogs, she hopes to use her skill set to teach and mentor youth.

"Through my hard work and persistence, I have learned that dedication and determination will help me succeed in the show ring, as well as in my future goals," Glover says. "Showing livestock brings out the best in people, and it has been a great influence in my life. The same determination and dedication I have for showing livestock will allow me to accomplish my future goals."

Jenna Hamilton



Jenna Hamilton, Buena Vista, Va., says her time in the NJAA taught her to dream big and never question the goals she set for herself.

Dreaming big enabled the junior to achieve numerous successes at the NJAS. Since 2011, Hamilton has entered the photography contest every year, winning twice and having a successful campaign each year. In 2020, one of her photos was selected as reserve champion overall, and she received three first places in their respective categories.

Hamilton, the daughter of Patty Hamilton, currently studies agriculture at Virginia Western in Roanoke, Va. After obtaining her associate degree, she plans to further her studies in meat science before beginning her own business, marketing Angus cattle and raising fed cattle to harvest and distribute in her own farm-to-fork, vertically integrated production system.

"I worked in a butcher shop and retail store that are owned by the same family," she says, "and I fell in love with seeing the product as it comes in, goes through the process and finally seeing how happy the customers were."

Hamilton will continue raising Angus cattle and plans to remain involved with the Virginia Angus Association, helping out on the state levels, working with juniors and giving back to the organization.

Garrett Handsaker



"For as long as I can remember, my life has revolved around Angus cattle," says Garrett Handsaker, Pearl City, Ill. "As my junior career comes to a close, it is very humbling to look back over the years and look at the countless Angus events that helped shape me into who I am today."

Handsaker grew up showing cattle with his sister, and their family always had a small herd of registered Angus they'd use to raise show heifers. The countless nights in the show barn taught Paul and Dianne Handsaker's son more life lessons

and provided more opportunities than he thought were possible. Through showing, he learned how to have responsibility, a strong work ethic and a passion for Angus cattle.

This fall, Handsaker will attend Iowa State University to obtain a bachelor's degree in agricultural studies. He aims to pursue an agricultural career while growing his herd of Angus cattle. He also plans to raise high-caliber Angus bulls that can be utilized by commercial cattlemen. Along with marketing show cattle and functional bulls throughout the country, Handsaker plans to mentor Angus juniors and push them to be successful.

"In and out of the show ring, the Angus Association has provided me with countless opportunities I'm forever grateful for," he says.

Olivia Johnson



Ten years of dedication to the Angus breed has allowed Olivia Johnson, Prole, Iowa, to obtain such a prestigious recognition as the Gold award. By attending countless shows, numerous LEAD and Raising the Bar conferences, Johnson gained a wealth of knowledge she is excited to apply throughout the rest of her life.

"The educational experiences I gained from attending conferences are only outweighed by the number of friendships I was able to form with people from all over the United States," Johnson says. "I do not think there was a show or a conference

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where I did not meet someone new.”

Johnson is currently a junior at Colorado State University, and plans to graduate May 2022 with a degree in animal science and minor in agribusiness. Her goal is to graduate in the top 10% of her class.

Following graduation, Johnson, the daughter of Eric and Kelly Johnson, plans to return to the Midwest to be close to her family’s farm, with hopes to obtain a job in the animal health industry or work on behalf of a breed association. She also hopes to work with youth and others outside of the agriculture industry.

“It is often talked about how great of an industry we come from, but it is not often that those on the outside get to experience it,” she says. “I want to change that; I want to be the reason someone falls in love with this industry the way I have.”

Morgan Knapp



“From exhibiting sassy show heifers and competing in new contests to gaining new family members and

meeting new people at different Angus events, it is safe to say I have made the most of my experience in the NJAA,” says Morgan Knapp, Bloomfield, Iowa. “I would not be half the person I am today without all of those I have met along my many adventures provided by the NJAA.”

Brain and Karla Knapp’s daughter fondly looks back at her time attending Angus events. She is thankful the NJAA has enabled her

and her family to make so many connections and relationships, whether through talking to producers, playing card games at junior shows and meeting folks from across the country.

She even competed for Miss American Angus, a gratifying experience where she was able to meet some of her most supportive cheerleaders garnered through her time in the NJAA.

Knapp’s time in the NJAA and the connections made ultimately led to the discovery of her career plan. Through a relationship built around a common foundation of showing cattle and friendship, Knapp learned of a career venture that will enable her to become a real estate appraiser.

Still, she is adamant she will continue to raise Angus cattle and give back to youth interested in the cattle industry.

Holly Marsh



Holly Marsh, Earlville, Ill., says her first memory exhibiting Angus cattle feels like a lifetime ago.

Through her years of being involved in the NJAA, she says her life has been changed for the better because of the Angus family. With time spent showing cattle, competing in contests such as the CAB Cook-Off, getting involved in her state’s royalty program and serving as her state association’s president this year, Marsh has transformed from a shy young girl into an intelligent, driven young woman in the Angus breed.

“As I look ahead, I feel so much more ready for my future because of these truly memorable years involved in raising cattle,” she says. “I am more confident in my abilities and not afraid to step outside my comfort zone to go after what I want in life.”

Marsh, the daughter of Jim and Julie Marsh, has one year left in college, and she plans to pursue a career in graphic design and digital marketing following graduation. She hopes to work on behalf of an agricultural company, and her versatility in graphic design and cattle sense would enable her to be an appropriate candidate to do so.

Kristen Massingill



Kristen Massingill, Hamilton, Texas, fell in love with showing livestock in the third grade. Coming from a

cattle background, Scott and Faith Massingill’s daughter has always held a fondness in her heart for the stock. Building a foundation from her first heifer, Giget, she has allowed the NJAA to take her to the next level in the cattle industry.

“I have learned so much from my show cattle, such as responsibility, leadership, being caring, trustworthiness, economics, feed, meats and so much more,” Massingill says. “I will miss being a junior, but it is time for me to move on in life.”

Massingill was a part of a successful livestock judging team at Connors State in Warner, Okla., that campaigned numerous successful national championship titles.

Massingill was even named the first All-American for junior college livestock judging. In the fall, she will be returning to her roots in Texas while attending Texas A&M.

Regardless of her time spent in the livestock evaluation competition realm, Massingill still plays a key role in her family's cattle operation and breeding schemes. She expresses utmost respect for her family and their local artificial insemination (AI) assistant, Tom Wells, and his wife, Merridee Wells.

Natalie Phillips



Natalie Phillips, Masontown, W.Va., says her time in the NJAA has been nothing short of memorable. Her

membership has taught her numerous life lessons and pushed her to be humble, responsible and diligent.

No matter the outcome from inside the show ring, Phillips walks out of the gate with her head held high because something new was learned; and she's eager to put those characteristics to use in the future. Her junior years pushed her out of her comfort zone, shaping her into the young woman she is today.

"I hope to find a career in the agricultural industry that will allow me to advocate for our way of life," Phillips says. "I plan to continue to raise Angus cattle on our family farm and market those genetics throughout the country."

Phillips, the daughter of TJ and Bridget Phillips, plans to obtain a

bachelor's degree in agricultural education and give back to the next generation. She is excited to apply the skills ascertained throughout her Angus career in the educational field while also making a difference in the lives of others.

"Through the connections I have made through the NJAA, I will better be equipped for the future," she says. "The future is unknown, but I will use the things learned throughout the NJAA and other organizations to help me succeed."

Nicholas Pohlman



Nicholas Pohlman, Prairie Grove, Ark., is no stranger to the Angus breed. While wearing the green

jacket, he has made it his mission to accomplish his personal goals, push himself and help others to be the best they can be.

"I decided it was time to give back to all the juniors and ensure they have every opportunity to be the best they can be," he says. "To me, that's the best part of this long, crazy journey — simply helping others."

Pohlman's Angus journey began in his youth, where he attended multiple junior nationals and participated in every contest he could. Fred and Tami Pohlman's son says this ultimately led him to breaking out of his shell, and he dedicated himself to learning.

Pohlman's desire to positively influence the lives of others will be carried out in his future career goals. He plans to complete his undergraduate years at the University

of Arkansas before enrolling in medical school, with the hopes of one day becoming a doctor in the dermatology field, as an orthopedic surgeon or general physician.

"I would love to use this path as a springboard to begin my own cattle operation and raise children up within the livestock and agricultural industries," he says. "Of course, there will be a future involvement in the Angus industry by my family and in the NJAA by my kids."

Hailey Roye



The value of family and its meaning to Angus breeders rings especially true to Hailey Roye, Fayetteville, Ark.

"I lost my grandfather right before I started showing when I was 7, and I knew after I lost him, I needed something to help me stay connected to him," she says. "One of our favorite things was going to junior Angus shows. Showing has been my way to reconnect with him. Seeing his friends from other states at shows and hearing stories about him make going every year worth it."

As an attendee of almost every NJAS since her mother, Leslie Roye, was pregnant with her, Roye has facilitated a strong love for the NJAA and all it has to offer. By participating in numerous competitions, showing cattle, making lasting friendships and cultivating lifelong skills, Roye says she has been influenced more than she could have ever perceived at the beginning of her journey.

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Looking forward, Roye plans to continue the family farm's tradition of raising cattle strong. Following her undergraduate career, she plans to attend graduate school to study agricultural engineering. She aims to one day work on behalf of an agricultural company specializing in agricultural structures.

Shelley Rowlett



"As my time in the NJAA comes to an end, it is easy to reflect on the memories and opportunities that this association has given me," says Shelley Rowlett, Martin, Tenn. "My memories within the NJAA began long before my eligibility, and I am positive will continue after my junior years are over."

Growing up in the Angus breed, Rowlett is proud to have met people from all reaches of the United States involved in the Angus breed. These folks in the cattle industry as a whole, she says, are the most influential in her life. She is thankful for the NJAA, American Angus Association, American Angus Auxiliary, and CAB for the indescribable influence they offered through life-changing events.

"It is bittersweet to know that my days in the junior association are quickly coming to an end, but those days created lessons, memories and lifelong friendships that I know will last forever," she says. "I will continue to involve myself in the American Angus Association so I can continue to expand my knowledge and connections and improve my herd

for future generations."

Rowlett, the daughter of Charles and Sandra Rowlett, plans to one day have a family, and when the time comes, she will involve them with the NJAA and her state association, she says, so they can have the same incredible opportunities she had.

Kyle Schulze



Traveling to different parts of the United States and meeting so many folks are some of Kyle Schulze's favorite aspects of the NJAA.

The Woodbine, Md., native and son of Bret and Melissa Schulze says from attending local and state shows to traveling to larger NJAA events such as the Eastern Regional Angus Show, NJAS and the Raising the Bar conferences, he was able to travel to places such as Alabama, Kansas, Pennsylvania and Nebraska.

Throughout his twelve-year involvement in the Angus breed, he has formed numerous friendships that continue to strengthen outside of Angus activities. Schulze says his time in the NJAA will certainly help him in his future career endeavors.

For two years, Schulze has worked at his local meat processing plant. He believes this agricultural system plays a vital role in the agricultural economy. As a result, he plans to pursue this avenue of agricultural production professionally.

"My goals for the future are to continue my education and career around the cattle industry," Schulze says. "I plant to continue on the

feedlot-to-freezer path in my future career."

Schulze is eager to continue to further his education and career as he learns more about the meat fabrication industry.

Reagan Skow



Reagan Skow, Palisade, Neb., attended her first Angus junior nationals in 2010, exhibiting cattle and competing in several contests.

Since then, Skow has not missed a single NJAS. At her first event, she even attended the mentoring program where she met Garrett Blanchard, who was coincidentally mentored by her stepfather. Skow says Blanchard, like so many other folks from the breed, is still a mentor to her to this day.

"I could write a book about everything that I'm so blessed and thankful for that the NJAA gifted me, and how it saddens me that my time has come to a close," Skow says. "Being on the NJAB has been an opportunity I wish I never had to leave."

Skow, the daughter of Brian and Tiffany Skow, attests her time in the NJAA and on the board has made her into the person she is today. Meeting and mentoring juniors, working on behalf of the association, and forming relationships has allowed her to build connections for the rest of her life.

Skow plans to go into agricultural marketing. She is excited to aid fellow beef producers in running

successful business ventures. She will continue her journey in the Angus breed as an adult member in the American Angus Association.

Thomas Smith



“I joined the NJAA when I was 12 years old, not realizing the impact the Association would have on me,” says

Thomas Smith, Pleasant Garden, N.C. “Each summer, the NJAS became our vacation, and even though we didn’t sleep in or go sightseeing, we made great memories and had a lot of fun.”

Craig and Elaine Smith’s son is thankful for the ability to network with people while traveling to new places as a member of the NJAA. He says the one of the most important things he learned while being involved in the NJAA is how to set goals for himself that can be accomplished through hard work and determination.

“Competing in contests was another way of challenging myself, and I didn’t realize it at the time, but I was learning valuable life skills that help me to this day,” he says. “Even though there were many hard days and disappointments, I can say that I wouldn’t trade it and am grateful for all the opportunities I had through the NJAA.”

Smith campaigned numerous successful cattle throughout his showing career and became an exceptional showman. One of his favorite NJAA memories is when his

team won the Black Kettle Award in the CAB Cook-Off.

In addition to farming, Smith is completing his welding certification and does custom welding on the side. He is eager to see where the future leads him as he continues to help on the family farm.

Allyson Stanek



The 2021 NJAS in Grand Island, Neb., was the 12th junior nationals Allyson Stanek, has attended.

Since she was 10 years old, the Albert Lea, Minn., native has not missed a single junior nationals.

Stanek, the daughter of Laurie Stanek, set numerous goals for herself throughout her showing career, and she has accomplished many of those aspirations.

She thoroughly enjoys the competitions at the NJAS. In particular, the photography contest holds a special place in her heart, as it has been her favorite and most successful endeavor. She advises all photography enthusiasts to have their camera ready at any time, as opportunities to capture great shots happen when you least expect them.

“I appreciate the ribbon achievement I received from the NJAA,” Stanek says. “The people I have met, the mentors I have gained and the memories made that I will take with me are the most treasured.”

Stanek continues to advance her herd of Angus cattle and breeding program through selective pressure

on phenotype and improving expected progeny differences (EPDs).

As she continues to build her herd, she has begun consigning cattle to consignment sales and building relationships with the ranchers that like her genetics.

Nicole Stevenson



When setting goals for herself, Nicole Stevenson, Joliet, Mont., likes to classify them as long-term or

short-term goals, and then decide how she can accomplish them.

“As I am graduating from Montana State University in the fall, the lingering question of my goals and future plans is becoming more relevant and realistic,” she says. “Whether talking five years or 20 years down the road, I plan to remain involved with the Angus breed.”

The cattle industry has always been a staple in the life of Douglas and Sharon Stevenson’s daughter and even landed her numerous accolades while in FFA. She has been recognized as Montana FFA’s Star Farmer in 2018, the 2019 Montana FFA Beef Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award winner, and was a finalist in the Beef Entrepreneurship Proficiency at the National FFA Convention.

Stevenson grew up in the Angus breed, but it wasn’t until 2015 when she became more involved with the NJAA. She believes the organization truly helps to grow the future leaders of the Angus breed.

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She plans to one day return to her family's operation, Basin Angus Ranch, but hopes to work on behalf of an agricultural company's marketing sector, such as ORlgen.

Giving back to the association that built her is a priority for Stevenson. She plans to help the state of Montana grow their junior association through developing and revamping youth programs and spurring member engagement.

Hannah Tremaine



"Being a part of the NJAA and Wisconsin Junior Angus Association [has] given me a lot more than just an

opportunity to exhibit Angus cattle," says Hannah Tremaine, Oconomowoc, Wis. "I have met a lot of great people, learned many valuable lessons and have lots of great memories to take with me."

Through showing cattle and participating in NJAA contests, Tremaine has thrived in learning in and out of the show ring. In particular, she is most proud of the NJAA fostering her love for photography, participating as a voting delegate twice and helping to host the 2018 NJAS in Madison, Wis. Regardless of whether her family took cattle to junior nationals, every year it was one of the highlights of the year for Mark and Karen Termaine's daughter.

Tremaine is a junior at UW-Madison where she is studying to become a speech-language pathologist. She is involved in UMW-

Madison's Saddle and Sirloin club, Collegiate 4-H and the Association of Women in Agriculture.

Aside from collegiate activities, she is also active in the Wisconsin Junior Angus Association, Wisconsin Junior Simmental Association and her local 4-H club as a livestock project leader.

Upon graduation with her bachelor's and master's degrees, Tremaine aims to become a speech-language pathologist in the local school system. She is eager to move back closer to her family's roots, so she can continue the family's legacy in raising Angus and Simmental cattle.

Kelsey Vejraska



Kelsey Vejraska, Omak, Wash., accredits much of who she is today to the NJAA. Through twelve years of

consistently stepping out of her comfort zone, Vejraska is proud of the NJAA's instrumental influence in her life.

She says for her final junior nationals, she is excited to go out on a high note as she looks forward to her future endeavors.

At Vejraska's first junior nationals in Perry, Ga., she was paired with the Miss American Angus at the time, who told her to "Set goals and achieve them, but never lose sight of everything else."

This message stuck with Vejraska, and over time, she has adapted it to "Stay focused." Those two words have pushed her to the heights of her junior Angus career. From contests

and shows to leadership events, she's enjoyed every aspect of the ride and looks forward to the challenges and opportunities of what is to come.

"My first goal is to love where I am," she says. "I want to work for an organization focused on enriching junior members in the livestock industry, while also being able to bridge the gap of communication between producers and consumers."

Vejraska, the daughter of Todd and Katlenia Vejraska, is also a talented communicator. Through an internship with Oklahoma Youth Expo and running her own business, Kelsey Ann Kreative, she has found a passion for the creative aspect of the communications realm.

Alex Vieselmeyer



For Alex Vieselmeyer, Amherst, Colo., the NJAA and Colorado Junior Angus Association have

played key roles in shaping him into the young man he is today.

Through his past 10 years of involvement in junior associations and the cattle industry, Brent and Tina Vieselmeyer's son has developed numerous lifelong friendships, learned many life lessons and been equipped with a skill set enabling him to be a passionate service leader and advocate for agriculture — specifically in the cattle industry.

"In light of recent negative movements and initiatives attacking agriculture, such as the PAUSE initiative in Colorado, the agriculture industry is in need of people to

advocate for it at local, state and national levels,” Vieselmeyer says.

In response to actions such as the one mentioned above, Vieselmeyer has developed the career ambition of working in agricultural policy by getting involved in lobbying.

He plans to advocate for the agricultural industry, protecting it from misinformed decisions or legislative action. By focusing his passions on agricultural policy, he hopes to defend the agriculturalists who tirelessly work to feed the world.

“By utilizing my network of connections through 4-H, FFA, CJAA, NJAA and collegiate activities, he says, “I can launch my career into agricultural policy and work to support and better our beef industry.”

Wilhelmina E. Voight



Wilhelmina E. Voight, Fredericksburg, Pa., is no stranger to the Angus tradition.

As a third-generation Angus breeder, the daughter of Delbert and Wilhelmina Voight is proud to continue the legacy her grandparents and mother formed in the cattle industry.

As a member of the Pennsylvania Junior Angus Association and the NJAA, Voight has had the opportunity to be a part of and lead committees; help host regional and national shows; attend LEAD; and serve in leadership positions such as secretary, vice president, president and co-chairperson of the 2020 NJAS. She says her time doing so has

facilitated her responsibility, a strong work ethic, and communications and leadership skills.

After graduating from Pennsylvania State University, Voight aims to secure a job in the educational field and start a family. She plans to raise her family on a farm where she can offer her children the opportunity to be involved in agriculture and the NJAA.

“I am thankful to my family and the many people who supported my interest in Angus cattle,” Voight says. “No doubt, the experiences I’ve had and the skills I’ve acquired have helped to shape me into the person I am today, and for that, I am grateful.”

Madison Weaver



“I started out as an incredibly young, shy junior Angus member, hoping to muster enough courage to enter the showing by myself,” says Madison Weaver, Ephrata, Pa. “Slowly, I gained the courage to step out of the shadows and blaze my own trail.”

While involved in the NJAA, Weaver gained experience in the show ring and excelled in public speaking, marketing competitions and writing. She attended LEAD every summer from 2013 to 2019.

The most meaningful memory for Fred and Tammy Weaver’s daughter, however, is being crowned as the 2019 Miss American Angus.

“The NJAA has provided me so many opportunities,” she says. “Now, as a member of the American Angus Association, I can help to provide

opportunities for others. To the Angus breed, I am forever thankful.”

In 2022, Weaver plans to graduate from Pennsylvania State University with a degree in animal science and minors in agricultural business and mass media communications. She is also interested in ruminant nutrition, and she is hopeful her upcoming internship with Cargill Animal Nutrition will help determine if she will focus on nutrition or sales.

Regardless, Weaver will continue being a positive voice for the future of the industry.

“I also enjoy being an advocate for agriculture,” she says. “Whether personally or professionally, I will continue to tell the agriculture story.” 