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A time to give thanks

The National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) holds numerous events, from Angus shows to leadership conferences, dotted across the country. None of these opportunities would be possible without the Angus Foundation.

The Foundation not only helps with these kind of events, but it also offers thousands of dollars in scholarships for its juniors.

These funds come from the Foundation through generous donations by members and by other fundraising events. One of those is the sale of the Angus Foundation Heifer Package on The Hill at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver.

The Foundation also hosts an annual golf tournament at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) on an elite golf course. The 51st NJAS, and the Foundation golf tournament, will be in Louisville, Ky., this next July.

None of what the NJAA accomplishes every year would be possible without the Angus Foundation and all those who support it. In this season of giving, be sure you send a special thanks to Milford Jenkins, who is the key to the success of the Angus Foundation.

— **Dawson Dal Porto, California**
Foundation Director

Bronze and Silver Awards

Cooper Free, Salado, Texas; Kaitlyn Kindt, Somerville, Texas; and Wyatt Smith, Osceola, Neb., have earned the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Bronze and Silver Awards according to Jaclyn Clark, education and events director of the

American Angus Association.

Cooper Free, the 16-year-old son of J. and Tana Free attends Salado High School. He is a member of the NJAA and the Texas Junior Angus Association where he has served as director and now serves as historian.

He has participated in local, state and national shows. At the NJAS, Cooper participated in the extemporaneous speaking, photography, livestock judging, and quiz bowl contests and the All-American Certified Angus Beef® Cook-Off. He also participated in the mentoring program in 2013, 2015 and 2016. From 2016 through 2018 he attended the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conferences.

Cooper has submitted weight data to the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®).

Kaitlyn Kindt, the 17-year-old daughter of Shayna Kindt attends Snook High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Texas Junior Angus Association.

She has participated in local, state and national shows. At the NJAS, Kaitlyn participated in the team fitting contest.

Wyatt Smith, the 10-year-old son of Allen and Heather Smith is a member of the NJAA and the Nebraska Junior Angus Association.

He has participated in local and national shows. At the NJAS, Wyatt

participated in the photography, poster, skill-a-thon, quiz bowl, and graphic design contests and the All-American Certified Angus Beef® Cook-Off. He also participated in the mentoring program in 2017 and 2018.

He has submitted weight data to the AHIR® program and consigned cattle at the Hay County Bull Sale.

2019 National Ag Day Essay Contest

In preparation for National Ag Day 2019 on March 19, the Agriculture Council of America (ACA) is hosting an essay contest. The theme for this year is Agriculture: Food for Life. How Does Our Nation Lead the Way?

This essay contest is divided into two categories of competition: written essay and video essay. Both are national competitions.

The contest is open to students currently enrolled in grades 9 through 12. Contestants must be a U.S. citizen and attending school in the U.S. Contestants must meet all requirements to compete.

The National Video Essay Winner will receive \$1,000. The National Written Essay Winner will receive \$1,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C., to be recognized at the Press Club Event on March 19, 2019. The deadline for submitting entries in the essay contest is Jan. 31, 2019.

For more information, visit agday.org.

Florida Junior Angus Association Field Day, Sept. 29, Brushnell



Alexa Grau, High Springs, center, received her Bronze and Silver Awards. Presented by Jera Pipkin, National Junior Angus Board (NJAB) membership director, left; and Madison Sundsbak, NJAB vice chairman, right.



Winning junior showmanship are (from left) Aubrie Persing, Webster, second; Lily Larson, Okeechobee, first; Laykin Williamson, Dade City, third; and Jerry Mullins, judge, presenting.



Winning intermediate showmanship are (from left) Nicole Grau, High Springs, third; Blair Buchanon, Lakeland, first; Cassidy Eramo, Brandon, second; and Mullins, presenting.



Winning senior showmanship are (from left) Mullins, presenting; Alexa Grau, High Springs, third; Case Birge, Graceville, second; and Jeffrey Mitchell, Zephyrhills, first.

Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE) Roll of Victory Angus Show, Oct. 5, Harrisburg, Pa.



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Katie Berkheimer, Dillsburg, Pa., won premier exhibitor.

Oregon State Fair Junior Angus Show, Aug. 24, Salem



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Winning top honors in showmanship are (from left) Fallon Gohr, Madras, reserve junior champion; Sydney Dodge, Pendleton, junior champion; Kylee Rusher, Wilsonville, reserve intermediate champion; Tyler Gifford, Eagle Point, intermediate champion; Corrie Falleur, Gearhart, reserve senior champion; and Mariam Horton, Christmas Valley, senior champion.

Washington State Fair Junior Angus Show, Sept. 8, Pullman



Winning top honors in showmanship are (from left) Rowdy Berry, Port Orchard, junior champion; Matt Rosman, Creston, intermediate champion; Garrett Greene, Powell Butte, Ore., reserve intermediate champion; Zach Wilson, Stanwood, senior champion; and Jake Smith, Sequim, reserve senior champion.