



Next Generation

► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

Learn from your best efforts

We are quickly approaching my favorite time of year — summer — and the summer show season. I can clearly remember the anticipation and excitement I felt, when I was younger, at the prospect of freedom from schoolwork, extra time to spend working with my cattle and weekends spent at Angus shows with my friends from across the country. Truthfully, not much about that has changed since I was 13.

As we enter this time of year it is important to remember to strive for excellence — to put our best effort into everything that we do, whether it be leading a heifer in the showing, giving a speech or something as simple as washing the dishes. We owe ourselves, as well as the people who have helped us along the way, nothing short of our personal best. Granted, putting your best effort into everything is not always easy. Personally, I have a lot of



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trouble dedicating myself to any class I am not particularly interested in, such as physics. All the equations and relationships have never “clicked” in my mind, and it all gives me quite a bit of trouble, so I don’t want to deal with it. Doing the homework and reading for the class is always a chore I struggle to make myself complete. On the other hand, I have no trouble studying for classes that come naturally to me and that I enjoy. But I have to give them all equal attention or my grades will slip, and what I fail to do in the short term ends up adversely affecting me in the long term.

Doing your best does not necessarily mean that at the end of the day you will walk away with a purple banner; but, if you know you did everything you could to propel yourself as high as possible, there is no shame in the outcome. Making the best

effort possible is what is truly important.

As I was growing up, my parents always encouraged me to do my best. If my report card came back with grades a little lower than expected or if I walked out of the ring with a fifth-place ribbon rather than the blue, it was OK as long as I had tried as hard I could.

Even now, no matter what my grades look like at the end of the semester, if I know I did everything I was able to and those grades are the best I could have had, I have no reason not to be pleased with myself. Looking back, I can now see that I learned more from the times I failed than from the times I breezed through easily, and there was almost always a second chance available. So jump in there, try something new, and remember that what really matters is that you did the best you were able to do.

—Amy Wolfrey, Maryland

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► The Texas A&M University livestock judging team is the 2003 Houston Livestock Judging Contest champions. Team members are (seated, from left) Jake Franke, College Station; **Jen Biser**, Keymar, Md.; **Tracy Tomascik**, Buckholts; **Shatona Hicks**, Rockdale; Michael Lilley, Shepherd; **Rebecca Sayre**, Port Costa, Calif.; (standing, from left) Coach Ryan Rathmann; Rachel Myers, Liberty; Craig Melton, Brookshire; Justin Taylor, Somerset; Tammy Gottschalk, Greencastle, Ind.; Garrett Wilkerson, Medford, Ore.; Garrett Parsons, Conroe; C.W. Corson-Clostio, Sweeny; Jeffery Thayne, Marion; Bobby Bingham, Aspermont; Tobin Pennington, Raymondville; Gerald Johnson, Lampasas; and Kelton Mason, Plains. Also pictured are David Groetscke and Jason Lackey, who assisted the team. In the alternate’s contest, Hicks was second overall and Sayre was 12th overall; both are NJAA members.

Junior Angus leaders to discover their worth at 2003 LEAD

Junior Angus members are already planning for the 2003 Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference July 31-Aug. 3 in Fort Worth, Texas. The conference, "Discover Your Worth in Fort Worth," will include speakers from the beef industry, tours of the Fort Worth area, and workshops presented by directors of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA).

"LEAD is designed for the older junior members who take leadership roles in their state associations," says Lacey Robinson, NJAA leadership director. "Our goal is to teach them skills that they can take back to the state level to further enhance their associations."

Speakers at this year's event will focus on agriculture in Texas, the role of the commercial producer in the beef industry, the beef consumer, marketing cattle in the South and

being a leader. In addition, the NJAA Board will present workshops on communications, the beef industry, presenting icebreakers and working with state junior associations. A day of

tours will allow the participants to tour the Cowgirl Hall of Fame, the Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Museum, Sullivan's Show Supply, and Camp Cooley Ranch near Franklin.

Space is limited to the first 150 participants. Juniors can preregister for LEAD by June 15 for \$175; the early registration fee for advisors is \$150. After the June 15 deadline, cost increases to \$200 for juniors and \$175 for advisors.

LEAD is a program of the Angus Foundation, which supports youth, education and research. For more information or to register online, contact the Junior Activities Department at (816) 383-5100 or go to www.njaa.info.



▶ 2003 Louisiana Junior Angus Ass'n awards banquet, Feb. 6, Baton Rouge



▶ Louisiana Angus royalty are (from left) **Katie Hymel**, Vacherie, 2002 princess; **Dusti Greer**, Keithville, 2003 princess; **Kristen Oaks**, Calhoun, 2003 queen; and **Brooke Kieffer**, Winnfield, 2002 queen.



▶ **Brooke Kieffer** (left), Winnfield, receives a scholarship from the Louisiana Angus Auxiliary. **Melanie Orso** presents the scholarship.



▶ The Louisiana Junior Angus Ass'n named **Rene Roussel** (left), Gramercy, Rookie of the Year. **Brian Kennedy**, LJAA advisor, presents the award.



▶ **Jennifer Ourso** (left), Donaldsonville, received her Bronze and Silver Awards from the Nat'l Junior Angus Ass'n. **Lana Myers**, NJAA vice chairperson, Jennings, presents the awards.



▶ Officers and directors of the Louisiana Junior Angus Ass'n for 2003 are (seated, from left) **Jennifer Ourso**, Donaldsonville, president; **Megan Gravois**, Vacherie, first vice president; **Allison Gravois**, Vacherie, second vice president; **Katie Hymel**, Vacherie, secretary; **Jess Roussel**, Gramercy, historian; **Stephen Bleakley**, Gramercy, shadow historian; (standing, from left) **Ashley** and **Rebecca Gremillion**, both of Plattenville; **Codi** and **Dusti Greer**, both of Keithville; **Zachary Kieffer**, Winnfield; **Candace Purvis**, Columbia; and **Kristen Oaks**, Calhoun.

2003 Texas Junior Angus Ass'n annual meeting and banquet, Jan. 18, Fort Worth



► 2003 TJAA directors are (front row, from left) **Charlie Rochester**, Gonzales; **Brazos Williams**, Lockney; **Callie Donaldson**, Grandview; **Tylee Williams**, Lockney; and **Wade Wells**, Hamilton; (middle row, from left) **Gretchen Ettredge**, Pilot Point; **Kelsey Mosley**, Santo; **Jordan Hammons**, Grandview; **Kendra Mosley**, Santo; **Taylor McQueen**, Gilmer; **Ashley Francis**, Perrin; (back row, from left) **C.A. Jones**, Sunray; **Kyle Kemp**, Decatur; **Austin John**, Schertz; **Whitney Richter**, Waco; and **Megan Ahearn**, Wills Point.



► Mark Gleason (left), outgoing TJAA president, presents the Rookie of the Year award to **Megan Ahearn**, Wills Point.



► These young Angus enthusiasts recently earned awards from the Nat'l Junior Angus Ass'n. Pictured are (from left) **Kyle Kemp**, Decatur, Bronze Award; **Kevin Gleason**, Midlothian, Silver Award; **Jaci Jagers**, Sulphur Bluff, Bronze and Silver awards; **Gretchen Ettredge**, Pilot Point, Silver Award; and **Katy Kemp**, Decatur, Bronze Award.



► Left: 2003 TJAA officers are (kneeling, from left) **Kevin Gleason**, Midlothian, second vice president; **Logan Lastovica**, Fredericksburg, reporter; **Zachary Wells**, Hamilton, treasurer; (standing, from left) **Jill Jagers**, Sulphur Bluff, first vice president; **Jaci Jagers**, Sulphur Bluff, president; and **Inabeth Donaldson**, Grandview, secretary.



► **Jaci Jagers** (left), Sulphur Bluff, the 2002 Miss Texas Angus, passes her title to **Katy Kemp** (center), Decatur. **Joanna Olson**, Hereford, 2003 Miss American Angus, is also pictured.



► From left, Helen and J.V. Heyser, Cisco, present **Mike and Kerri Gleason**, Midlothian, with the 2003 Heyser Award, which recognizes individuals for their outstanding contributions to the Texas Junior Angus Ass'n.

2003 Virginia Angus Ass'n annual banquet, Feb. 7, Staunton



► **Chelsea Wieben** (center), Leesburg, receives the William S. "Tom" Stokes Award and is named premier senior exhibitor. Virginia junior Angus advisors Susan Epperly (left) and Robin DeHaven present the awards.



► **Will Epperly** (left), Moneta, was named the Virginia Junior Angus Ass'n Outstanding Junior Member. Robin DeHaven, VJAA advisor, presents the award.



► **Joseph Epperly** (center), Moneta, was named the VJAA Outstanding Senior Member. VJAA advisors Susan Epperly (left) and Robin DeHaven present the award.

Western States



► **Michelle Russell** (left), Hagerman, Idaho, is the 2002-2003 Western States Angus Queen. **Tessa Crawford** (center), Powell Butte, Ore., was the 2001-2002 Oregon Angus Queen. **Megan Owings**, Powell Butte, Ore., is the 2002-2003 Oregon Angus Queen.

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NJAA Members Earn Bronze and Silver Awards

The Bronze and Silver awards are the first two levels of the National Junior Recognition Program (NJRP), which the American Angus Association began in 1972. To receive these honors, junior Angus members must apply for the awards and meet point requirements in many areas of participation.



Applicants are evaluated in the areas of junior Angus association activities, participation in showmanship and leadership events, use of performance testing to improve their herds, and progress in producing and merchandising Angus cattle.

While the Bronze and Silver awards are presented to members throughout the year, Angus Productions Inc. (API) publishes summaries of the award winners in the May and September youth-focused issues of the *Angus Journal*. James Fisher, director of activities and junior activities for the American Angus Association, announced the following award winners since publication of the September 2002 issue.

Bronze and Silver awards

- Ashley Gillig**, 17, Aurora, Mo. She is the daughter of Ken and Elizabeth Gillig.
- Brittany Gillig**, 17, Aurora, Mo. She is the daughter of Ken and Elizabeth Gillig.
- Zach Kinne**, 16, Eagleville, Mo. He is the son of Keith and Shelly Kinne.
- Kathryn McDonald**, 13, Seneca, Mo. She is the daughter of Larry and Cathy McDonald.
- Landi McFarland**, 19, Ellston, Iowa. She is the daughter of David and Joy McFarland.
- Angela Miller**, 20, Luckey, Ohio. She is the daughter of Daniel and Catherine Miller.
- Jennifer Ourso**, 18, Donaldsonville, La. She is the daughter of Cliff and Melanie Ourso.
- Whitney Simmons**, 19, Franklin, W.Va. She is the daughter of Thomas and Nancy Simmons.
- Jessica Weigand**, 17, Warrensburg, Mo. She is the daughter of Dan and Brenda Weigand.

Silver Awards

- Christina Egner**, 15, Shelby, Ohio. She is the daughter of Kelvin and Jackie Egner.
- Gretchen Ettredge**, 14, Pilot Point, Texas. She is the daughter of Mike and Barbara Ettredge.
- Kevin Gleason**, 14, Midlothian, Texas. He is the son of Mike and Kerri Gleason.
- Laura May**, 16, Hurricane Mills, Tenn. She is the daughter of Steve and Vivian May.

Bronze Awards

- Katy Kemp**, 17, Decatur, Texas. She is the daughter of Thomas and Evie Kemp.
- Kyle Kemp**, 15, Decatur, Texas. He is the son of Thomas and Evie Kemp.
- Sadie Kinne**, 10, Eagleville, Mo. She is the daughter of Keith and Shelly Kinne.
- Shane Kinne**, 14, Eagleville, Mo. He is the son of Keith and Shelly Kinne.
- Josh May**, 12, Hurricane Mills, Tenn. He is the son of Steve and Vivian May.
- Austin Thummel**, 10, Sheridan, Mo. He is the son of Jeff and Deb Thummel.
- Philip Warfield**, 12, Andersonville, Tenn. He is the son of Philip and Darla Warfield.

▶ Georgia



▶ 2003 Georgia Junior Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (seated, from left) **Kristy Ansley**, Cornelia; **Laura Bramblett**, Jefferson; **Whitney Chitty**, Moultrie; **Alex Tolbert**, Nicholson; (standing, from left) **Shelly Ansley**, Cornelia; **Katie Gazda**, Athens; **Seth Chitty**, Moultrie; **Jeremy Britt**, Loganville; **Austin Atkinson**, Lawrenceville; and **Taylor Gazda**, Athens.

Important dates for juniors

MAY 2003

- 15 CAB/NJAA scholarship applications due
- 15 Angus Foundation scholarship applications due
- 15 Ownership deadline for National Junior Angus Show
- 15 Ownership deadline for All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity Regional Preview Junior Angus Show
- 15 Entry deadline for Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show
- 15 Entry deadline for Northwest Regional Preview Junior Angus Show
- 15 Entry deadline for North Central Regional Preview Junior Angus Show
- 23-25 Atlantic National Regional Preview Junior Angus Show, Timonium, Md.

JUNE 2003

- 1 Entry deadline for NJAS
- 1 Entry deadline for NJAA writing, NJAA/AJ photography, and NJAA graphic design contests
- 1 Entry and recipe deadline for All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® Cook-Off
- 1 Outstanding Leadership Award applications due
- 15 Deadline for submitting names of state candidates and delegates for NJAA elections
- 15 LEAD registrations due (early registration deadline)
- 15 Deadline for submitting contestants for the national showmanship contest
- 19-22 Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show, Lewisburg, W.Va.
- 19-22 North Central Regional Preview Junior Angus Show, Lincoln, Neb.
- 20 Ownership deadline for All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity Regional Preview Junior Angus Show
- 22-25 Northwest Regional Preview Junior Angus Show, Filer, Idaho
- 25 Deadline for NJAA public speaking contest speech outlines

JULY 2003

- 10-12 All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity Regional Preview Junior Angus Show, Louisville, Ky.
- 13-19 NJAS, Louisville, Ky.
- 31-8/3 LEAD Conference, Fort Worth, Texas

AUGUST 2003

- 1 Ownership deadline (issue date) for NAILE Junior Show and American Royal Junior Show

SEPTEMBER 2003

- TBA NJAA Board Meeting, Saint Joseph, Mo.
- 20 Entry deadline for American Royal Junior Heifer Show

OCTOBER 2003

- 1 Entry deadline for NAILE Junior Heifer Show
- 26 American Royal Junior Show, Kansas City, Mo.
- 27 American Royal Open Show, Kansas City, Mo.

NOVEMBER 2003

- 1 Ownership deadline (issue date) for National Western Stock Show – Junior Competition
- 15 Entry deadline for NWSS
- 15-18 NAILE, Louisville, Ky.

Note: American Royal, NAILE and NWSS ownership deadlines are ISSUE DATES.

All other deadlines are POSTMARK DATES.

2004 Dates and Sites

July 12-17 NJAS, Kansas City, Mo.

2005 Dates and Sites

July 10-16 NJAS, Denver, Colo.

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▣ 2003 Wisconsin Angus Ass'n annual meeting, Wisconsin Dells



► 2003 WJAA officers and directors are (front row) **Keela Retallick**, Glen Haven, president; **Casey Jentz**, Fennimore, vice president; **Kayla Downing**, Waukesha, secretary; **Brady Quam**, Lodi, show chairman; (back row)

Emily Johnson, Sun Prairie; **Lindsey Weber**, Dousman; **Bethany Kohl**, Waterloo; **Jackie Zimmerman**, Platteville; **Stephen Kohl**, Waterloo, publicity director; **Kelsi Retallick**, Glen Haven, historian; and **Dana May**, Mineral Point, vice show chairman.



► **Left:** Wisconsin Angus Ass'n and Auxiliary ambassadors are **Dana May** (seated), Mineral Point, Miss Wisconsin Angus; (standing, from left) **Kori Konkol**, Menomonee Falls; **Bethany Kohl**, Waterloo; **Lindsey Weber**, Dousman; and **Courtney Jentz**, Fennimore.

► **Dustin Henningfeld**, Burlington, is the retiring Wisconsin Junior Angus Ass'n president.



► Tom Peters, Eagle, president of the Wisconsin Angus Ass'n, presents **Courtney Jentz**, Fennimore, the plaque for exhibiting the Champion Excel Steer, Diamond K Willie 1935.

▣ Nebraska



► **Emily Pohlman** (right), Norfolk, receives the Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic Scholarship from Jennifer Svoboda, Nebraska Angus Ass'n secretary/treasurer.

▣ 2003 Ohio Angus Ass'n annual meeting and banquet, Feb. 1, Plain City



► These young ladies have qualified for Nat'l Junior Angus Ass'n (NJAA) awards. Pictured are (from left) **Angela Miller**, Luckey, Bronze and Silver awards; and **Christina Egner**, Shelby, Bronze Award.



► **Stephanie Mullett** (right), Coshocton, passes the Ohio Angus Queen title to **Jody Gahler**, Graytown.

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