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Make the most of your time

Don't blink. Before you know it, you'll be on the last page of a chapter in your life.

Whether it be high school, sports or even your National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) membership ending, the time will come faster than you think.

For me, there were two chapters that came to an end recently. The first, I graduated from Montana State University with a bachelor's in agricultural business in December. The second, I wrapped up my days as an NJAA member — the days of dragging heifers to shows and participating in contests is over. However, my NJAA membership gets an epilogue as I am privileged to serve on the National Junior Angus Board (NJAB) of Directors.

Your time in the various chapters of your life will fly by. I know the past 22 years in my life have. You've probably heard it before, and I'll say it again — make the most of your time. Get involved, push yourself and take advantage of the opportunities in front of you. While 12 years of NJAA membership may seem like a long time, this chapter will open and close before you know it.

Take a minute to reflect on your involvement in a club or organization such as the NJAA. Are you getting the most out of the organization as you can? The NJAA offers numerous opportunities for personal and career development, in addition

to leadership and scholarship opportunities. As I look back, I am thankful for the people I've met and the friendships I've developed through my involvement in NJAA events and activities.

In the coming months, I challenge you to be brave and try something new. Step out of your comfort zone and try a different contest, attend an educational clinic or leadership conference. I promise, you won't regret getting involved in this one-of-a-kind association. Make the most of your time as an NJAA member.

— Nicole Stevenson

Ohio Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet, Jan. 15, Washington Court House



Tori DeMeyer, West Union, was crowned Miss Ohio Angus.



Maggie Davis (right), Bidwell, received the Girls Bred-and-Owned Silver Award. Also pictured is Daniel Wells, Wells Livestock, award sponsor.



Logan Davis received the Boys Bred-and-Owned Silver Award. Pictured (from left) are Kelvin Egner, presenting; Logan Davis, recipient; and Christina and Shawn Howell, presenting. All presenters are sponsors of Egner Farms.

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Maggie Davis (right) received the Girls Silver Show Award. Also pictured is Kent Bauman, Turkey Run Angus, award sponsor.



Audrey Hoffman (center), Coshocton, received the Junior Silver Show Award. Also pictured are Tim Harsh (left) and Elizabeth Harsh (right), sponsors.



Logan Davis, Bidwell, received the Boys Silver Show Award.

Kentucky Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet, March 4, Louisville



Crowned Kentucky Angus royalty (from left) are Lucy Jeffries, Canmer, Kentucky Angus princess; and Bryanna Smith, Russell Springs, Miss Kentucky Angus.

Bronze and Silver Awards

Brooklyn Davis, Winchester, Va.; Hannah Davis, Winchester, Va.; Alexandra Duckworth, Afton, Tenn.; Payton Frank, Wentzville, Mo.; Gage Griffin, Olton, Texas; Aubrey Herbers, Lynchburg, Va.; Ella Jordan, Savannah, Mo.; Garrett Sanders, O'Donnell, Texas; Karis Waterman, Anderson, Ind.; and Kilye Winge, Cisco, Texas; have earned the NJAA's Bronze and Silver awards, according to Caitlyn Brandt, events and junior activities director of the American Angus Association in Saint Joseph, Mo. Crystal Springs, Miss.; earned

the NJAA's Bronze award.

The Bronze and Silver awards are the first two levels of the NJAA Recognition Program that began in 1972. Junior Angus breeders must apply for the awards, then meet point requirements in many areas of participation before receiving the honors. Applicants are evaluated in areas of junior Angus association activities and leadership; participation in showmanship, contests and shows; using performance testing to improve their herd; and their progress in producing and merchandising Angus cattle.

Hailing from Winchester, Va., **Brooklyn Davis** is Terry and Tina Davis's 17-year-old daughter. She is a member of the NJAA and Virginia Junior Angus Association (VJAA), where she has served as royalty.

In addition to having shown at the local, state and national level, Davis has attended the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). At this event, she has participated in the quiz bowl and Skill-a-thon contests and the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American Certified Angus Beef (CAB) Cook-off.

Davis has also participated in the mentoring program.

Hannah Davis is Brooklyn's 20-year-old sister. She attends

Oklahoma State University, where she is majoring in animal science. Hannah is a member of the NJAA and the VJAA, where she has served as director and royalty.

Hannah has shown at the state, regional and national level. She has participated in the mentoring program at the NJAS and attended the Raising the Bar conference.

Afton, Tenn., local, **Alexandra Duckworth**, is Lori Duckworth's daughter. The 18-year-old attends Greenville High School. She is a member of both the NJAA and the Tennessee Junior Angus Association. She has served her state in the past as royalty and is currently filling the role of secretary.

Duckworth was the recipient of this year's Tennessee scholarship. She has shown at the local, regional and state level, in addition to submitting weight data to the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®).

Payton Frank is from Wentzville, Mo. The 18-year-old is the son of Doug and Laree Frank. He currently attends Muriel Williams Battle High School and is a member of both the NJAA and the Missouri Junior Angus Association (MJAA).

Frank was the recipient of this year's Missouri scholarship, and he

has shown at the local, state and national level. He has also submitted weight data to the AHIR and consigned cattle to the FHCC Family Values sale.

Olton, Texas, native **Gage Griffin** attends H.P. Webb Elementary School. He is the son of Grady and Amy Griffin. In addition to being a member of the NJAA, Griffin has served the Texas Junior Angus Association (TJAA) as director.

He has shown at all levels, including the NJAS, where he participated in the photography contest. Griffin also participated in the mentoring program.

Lynchburg, Va., native, **Aubrey Herbers**, is the 13-year-old daughter of Wynn Dalton. She currently attends James River Day School. Herbers is a member of the NJAA and the Virginia Junior Angus Association, where she has served her state as royalty and secretary.

Herbers has shown at all levels, including the NJAS. She participated in the livestock judging, quiz bowl and extemporaneous public speaking contests; the mentoring program; and the Cook-off.

Ella Jordan is 18 years old and currently attends Savannah High School. She is the daughter of Matt and Monica Jordan.

Jordan is a member of both the NJAA and the MJAA. She has served her state as director, treasurer and royalty. She has shown at all levels and attended the NJAS. At the NJAS, she has participated in the career development and team sales contests and the Cook-off.

In addition to participating in the Raising the Bar and the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conferences, Jordan has also submitted weight data to the AHIR®

and consigned cattle to a private treaty sale.

O'Donnell, Texas, local, **Garrett Sanders**, is a member of the NJAA and the TJAA. He is the 14-year-old son of Kelly and DeLyn Sanders.


In addition to participating in shows at the local and state level, Sanders has attended the Raising the Bar conference.

Karis Waterman is from Anderson, Ind. She is the 14-year-old daughter of Brandon and Mary Ann Waterman.

In addition to attending Frankton Junior/Senior High School, she is also a member of the NJAA and the Indiana Junior Angus Association.

Waterman has shown at the state and national level.

NJAA and TJAA member, **Kilye Winge**, is 16 years old. Karl and Kerstin Winge's daughter has served her state association as both director and royalty.

She has participated in shows at the state and national level, including the NJAS. There she has participated in the quiz bowl, team sales, team fitting, livestock judging, poster and Skill-a-thon contests; the Cook-off; and the mentoring program. 



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