



# Next Generation

► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

## Reach your goals

When I found out I had to write an article for February, all that came to my head was the romantic day called Valentine's Day. Thinking about all the Sweethearts® candies that will be handed out and the flowers that will be sent to loved ones, I did not think that would be very enjoyable to write or read about.



**Amanda Schnoor**

Then I thought about the past few months and all the crazy things that go on through the holidays — spending time with family and friends, the gifts that were received and given away. And, you can't forget the new toys that are now in the closet because they're not fun anymore.

It always seems that there is so much stress through the holidays, but it is supposed to be a happy time. When you look back at those months, you can laugh about the arguments you had with some of your family members, cherish the love that was shared and reflect on all the memories you made.

A year has ended, and a new one has begun. It is amazing how things come and go. New Year's resolutions and goals were set for 2006. The question is, how many people really stick to those and try to reach them? I challenge you to try to reach your goals this next year, no matter how long it takes you to get there.

The years come and go, and time will fly this year like it did in 2005. When you get stressed or overwhelmed, look back at those crazy holidays and remember the laughs you shared with your friends and family, and that they will always be there for you. Spend every day trying to reach the goals you set. Also, set them high so you always allow yourself a challenge. Here are some words of advice: No matter how mad you may get at teachers and tests, or even your performance in the showing, remember, there is always another day and a new year.

— Amanda Schnoor, California

## International internship

The U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) provides graduate students an opportunity to work in the international marketplace. Each year, USMEF provides two meat science graduate students the chance to work internationally, gaining experience through exposure to opportunities and challenges the U.S. meat industry faces when marketing product abroad.

The 2005 interns gathered information from Asia and Central and South America regarding allowable meat product additives, allowable levels of additives, and maximum residue limits for substances such as antibiotics and pesticides that are commonly used in the U.S. meat industry.

They compiled their data for U.S. producers, processors and exporters to ensure products do not exceed maximum residue limits when exporting to international markets.

This is the second year of the USMEF internship program, developed in cooperation with the American Meat Science Association (AMSA) and jointly funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS) and by producers through their beef and pork checkoff funds. The internship is offered yearly, with AMSA coordinating the application process and USMEF finalizing and placing candidates in international offices.

## Beef industry scholarship

Twenty outstanding students pursuing careers in the beef industry have each been awarded a \$1,500 scholarship provided by the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. (CME) and the National Cattlemen's Foundation (NCF). The CME has sponsored this scholarship program for 16 years.

Each scholarship winner wrote a 750-word essay identifying key issues confronting the beef industry and suggesting possible ways of dealing with those issues.

The overall scholarship winner, Steven Yardley of Beaver, Utah, attending Southern Utah University, was awarded an all-expense-paid trip to the 2006 Cattle

Industry Annual Convention and Trade Show Feb. 1-4 in Denver, Colo. He will present a portion of his essay during the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Awards Program Lunch on Feb. 4.

The other 19 scholarship recipients include Cassie Bacon, Prairie Grove, Ark., Oklahoma State University; Ashley Baker, Clayton, Idaho, Challis High School; Rachel Bartholomew, Archie, Mo., Archie High School; Stacia Berry, Cheyenne, Wyo., University of Wyoming; Sarah Bradbury, Huntsville, Texas, Trinity University; Will Cabe, Carnesville, Ga., Northeastern Oklahoma A&M; Justin Dodsworth, Vernon, Colo., Colorado State University (CSU); Brenna Ellison, Dumas, Texas, Abilene Christian University; Christine Gabel, Eaton, Colo., Kansas State University (K-State); Roxane Gebhart, Claremore, Okla., Claremore High School; Chelsea Good, Parker, Colo., Butler Community College; Whitney Haux, Kindred, N.D., Kindred High School; Traci McCall, Reardan, Wash., Spokane Falls Community College; Toby Pollock, Berthoud, Colo., CSU; Amie Taylor, Alachua, Fla., University of Florida; Renee Thelen, Saline, Mich., Michigan State University; Rebecca Tokach, Saint Anthony, N.D., K-State; Sydney Wilkinson, Model, Colo., Hoehne High School; and Russ Zboril, Louise, Texas, Louise High School.

## NMSU endowed scholarship

A \$250,000 gift from Farm Credit of New Mexico will fund a new scholarship for Farm Credit members' children and grandchildren who attend New Mexico State University (NMSU).

The Farm Credit of New Mexico endowment will provide a \$2,000 annual scholarship for one or more NMSU undergraduate students majoring in any subject who are children or grandchildren of a Farm Credit member. Applicants must be full-time sophomores, juniors or seniors with a 2.5 minimum grade point average (GPA). The first scholarship will be awarded for the fall 2006 semester.

## Judging results

National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Board member Amanda Schnoor,

Chowchilla, Calif., was high individual at the 2005 Express Ranches Senior College Judging Contest. Schnoor is a member of the Oregon State University Livestock Judging Team, which won the contest.

### ISEF Travel Fellowship

Students from across the globe have been named winners of the Vivian L. Smith Foundation International Stockmen's Educational Foundation (ISEF) Travel Fellowship to the 2006 International Livestock Congress (ILC) in Houston, Texas, March 1-2. The travel fellowship was awarded to 25 students from seven countries and 23 universities.

The 2006 ILC will focus on the political and industry response to the threat of disease and will feature a host of international speakers. Following their experiences, students are required to write a professional paper of not more than 12 pages to be submitted to the ISEF board and to their respective school's department heads. Papers are also published in the event proceedings and on the ILC Web site at [www.livestockcongress.com](http://www.livestockcongress.com). The author of the student paper evaluated as outstanding will also receive registration, airfare and

accommodations from the ISEF to Beef Australia, which is May 1-7 in Rockhampton, Queensland.

A list of U.S. student winners follows: Christy Bratcher, Columbia, Mo., University of Missouri-Columbia; Alaina Burt, Jacobson, Minn., South Dakota State University; Katie Cook, Reed City, Mich., Michigan State University; Keeton Ehrig, Gonzales, Texas, Texas Tech University; Sharon Glaenger, Waterloo, Ill., K-State; Travis Hoffman, Fort Collins, Colo., CSU; Dean Jousan, Joaquin, Texas, University of Florida-Gainesville; Fran Korthaus, Smithfield, Ky., Western Kentucky University; Jennifer Leupp, Pittsford, Mich., North Dakota State University; Joshua Shook, Athens, Ga., University of Georgia (UGA); Matthew Spangler, Athens, Ga., UGA; Jessika Uden, Juniata, Neb., University of Nebraska; and Lindsey Wallace, Ellensburg, Wash., Montana State University.

### Ken Troutt scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for the eleventh annual Ken Troutt Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship fund has been established in memory of Ken Troutt,

renowned auctioneer for the Northwest and Cowman's Classic All-Breed Bull Sale. Scholarships of \$500 will be announced at the Feb. 28 Cowman's Classic in Spokane, Wash.

Last year's recipient was Kellie Grant of Rathdrum, Idaho. To be eligible, applicants must be an incoming freshman, enrolled in a college or technical school, and be an individual or son/daughter of an individual who has consigned or purchased bulls in the Cowman's Classic within the last three years' sales.

Applications are due prior to Feb. 15 and can be requested by contacting Kendall Cattle Sales at 1040 Kendall Rd., Potlatch, ID 83855, or at (208) 858-2163.



### 2005 North Dakota Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Mandan, Nov. 18



► North Dakota Angus royalty include (from left) **Rebecca Tokach**, Saint Anthony, 2005 queen; **Barbra Herdegen-Gullickson**, Halliday, 2006 queen; **Lynsey Frey**, Granville, 2006 princess; and **Jessica Jallo**, Fordville, 2006 princess.

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