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► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

Cherish the friendships

As I sat down to write my last director postcard as a National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Board Member, I drew a blank. I could not think of what to write about. So, as I sat there at my desk, I looked back on how the junior Board, and also this junior association, has affected me and played a big role in my life. It came to me that I will not be a junior after junior nationals in July.

As all the memories and past experiences in this organization collected in my thoughts, I was amazed at how fast my term on the junior Board flew by. While trying to come up with one or two



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memories to write about, I could not come to a selection of just one or two. Being a part of this association and being on this Board have provided the most memories and the best moments of my life. Most important are the friendships and the relationships I have built over the last couple of years.

If there is one thing I could get across to you before going off of the Board, it is to take advantage of and cherish the friendships you make within this association. The reason I say that is because the people I have met over the last few years who are involved within this association are some of my best friends. They're the ones with whom you can carry on a long conversation about the cattle, the show, and the Angus female that sticks out in your mind, and they are the ones who seem to enjoy and find the same importance in that conversation as you do. The friendships and memories I have built are special because they are with people who live all over the country, but still come from similar backgrounds and have the same goals and interests as I do.

The friendships I have built over the years I will have for the rest of my life. They are the special kind of friends who you can call — no matter what time of day it is — to tell them how stressed you are about school and other things, and they are the ones who calm

you down and sometimes just relate to you. They're the ones you can call and talk about showing cattle, and they understand what you are talking about. And at the end of the day, they're the friendships that will last a lifetime. They are the ones that you can look at and be able to call them a "good friend," the ones who touched your life and made a difference. Those are the memories and moments worth holding on to. Those are the things that this industry will forever bring, and the things that mean the most in life.

— Amanda Schnoor, California

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► 2007 Pennsylvania Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Grantville, Jan. 7



► **Jaymi McMichael** (left), Pequea, receives the NJAA Bronze and Silver awards from **Dave Mullins**, American Angus Ass'n regional manager.

► 2007 Wisconsin Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Poynette, Jan. 27



► **Dana May** (left), Mineral Point, and **Keela Retallick**, Glen Haven, receive the Wisconsin Jr. Angus Ass'n Retiring Junior Member of the Year award.

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▣ 2007 Wisconsin Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Poynette, Jan. 27



► Members of the Wisconsin Jr. Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, from left) **Kelsi Retallick**, Glen Haven, president; **Kayla Downing**, Waukesha, vice president; **Kelli Retallick**, Glen Haven, secretary; (standing, from left) **Calli Bayer**, Ringle, historian; **Bailey Quam**, Lodi, membership chairman; **Jake Konkol**, Menomonee Falls, fundraising chairman; **Thomas Kegley**, Burlington, director; **Ty Bayer**, Ringle, vice show chairman; **Kaley Bockhop**, Belmont, public relations; and **Courtney Jentz**, Fennimore, show chairman.



► **Courtney Jentz** (left), Fennimore, receives the Breeder and Exhibitor of the Year awards from James Ward.



► Wisconsin Angus royalty are (from left) **Bailey Quam**, Lodi, queen; and **Kaley Bockhop**, Belmont, ambassador.



► **Kelsi Retallick**, Glen Haven, receives the Show Cow-Calf Pair of the Year award from Ward.

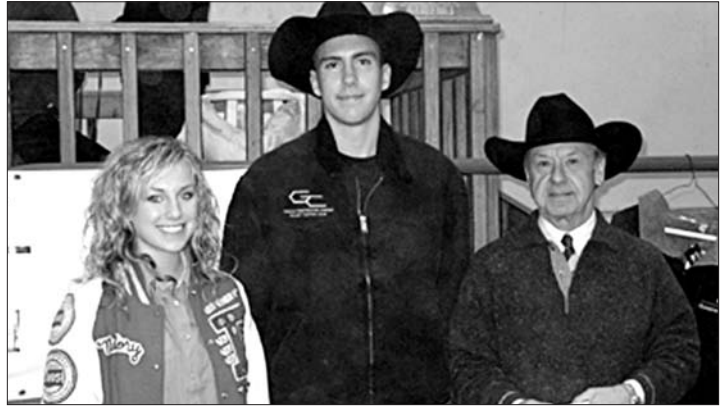


► **Dana May**, Mineral Point, receives the Wisconsin Jr. Angus Ass'n Junior of the Year award.



► **Kaley Bockhop**, Belmont, received the Show Bull and Show Heifer of the Year awards. Pictured are (from left) Kevin and **Kaley Bockhop**, and Ward.

■ **Annual Cowman's Classic All-Breed Bull Sale**, Spokane, Wash., Feb. 27



► Jerry York, *Western Livestock Journal* field representative, presented \$250 and \$500 scholarships to **Mallory Mielke** (left) of Davenport, Wash., and **Jacob Jeske** (center) of Royal City, Wash., respectively, on behalf of the consignors, management and staff of the Cowman's Classic All-Breed Bull Sale. The Ken Troutt Memorial Scholarship is awarded each year to an enrolling college freshman from a family who has consigned or purchased bulls at this sale. Ken Troutt was a renowned auctioneer who had served this sale until his death. The scholarship money is generated by contributions and endowments.

2007 LEAD Conference

Juniors, make plans now to attend the 2007 Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference Aug. 2-5 in Athens, Ga. Open to members of the NJAA who are 14 to 21 years old, the annual leadership conference includes activities such as industry tours, guest speakers and workshops conducted by the NJAA Board of Directors.

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At the conference, themed “Life’s a peach, so eat it up,” attendees will be challenged to seize life’s opportunities and prepare themselves to be the next leaders of the agriculture industry. Conference tours and recreational activities will offer an inside look at exciting Georgia attractions and allow time for fun and friendship. Beef industry leaders will provide invaluable insight about the business of agriculture, while motivational speakers will energize attendees. New board members elected at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Tulsa, Okla., will also start their leadership responsibilities at LEAD.

Speakers and activities will focus on Georgia agriculture. On Friday, the

conference takes to the road for a tour of notable Georgia attractions and the local agriculture industry. The day concludes with a tour of Three Trees Ranch in Sharpsburg, Ga., and dinner hosted at the ranch.

On Saturday, NJAA directors will lead conference attendees in various workshops focused on industry knowledge and personal development. Shoulderbone Plantation of White Plains, Ga., will end the day by opening its gates for an exclusive tour of its operation, followed by a dinner and dance at the ranch.

Check the NJAA web site later this spring for more details about the conference.

The NJAA is able to offer youth this dynamic and motivational conference

because of the financial support it receives from the Angus Foundation. Charitable gifts from Angus breeders, allied industry interests and friends of the Angus breed support the Angus Foundation’s investment in youth activities like LEAD.

Conference space is limited to 200 participants, so reserve your spot soon. Due June 15, early registration for juniors, advisors and parents is \$175. After this deadline, the rate increases to \$200, if space is still available.

Registration and release forms are available in the green NJAA information packets that were mailed to all junior members earlier this year. You can also register online at www.njaa.info. For more information contact the Junior Activities Department at (816) 383-5100, or visit the NJAA web site.

