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► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

Relationships

The term relationship is defined as a connection, association or involvement with individuals. Throughout life, we develop a wide array of relationships. In fact, it can be said that we have some type of relationship with each person we interact with in our life. Many times the type of connection people have with one another is termed as professional or personal, and some encompass both aspects.

Cherish relationships

We begin developing relationships at a very young age with our family, and we use this type of connection to gauge other interactions. There are times throughout



Mallory Trospers

life when our involvement with others becomes difficult and we end whatever type of relationship we may have had. Some have their heart broken when they break up with their boyfriends or girlfriends. Others

struggle with losing friends because they grow apart or move away. High school is often challenging because of relationships.

The process of building and sometimes breaking relationships only makes an individual stronger. Ultimately, there is the definite end of a relationship when death

is involved. This can be the most difficult of all to deal with, but it is also a time when you rely on other connections to help you cope.

Through our involvement in the Angus associations, we develop these relationships with individuals all across the country. We have business partners, friends, family, fellow board members, and the list can go on. Without these relationships, these associations would not mean nearly as much as they do. Effective and successful associations are built on strong relationships. These happen between officers, juniors, advisors, adult association members, board members and directors. Plus, they can be formed in any combination. These connections open numerous doors and are often lifelong.

I hope you evaluate the relationships you are a part of, cherish them, and build upon them. You never know what is in store for you, and where your connections will lead!

Mallory Trospers, Missouri

Leadership tip of the month:

Use relationships with individuals from other states to gain ideas for improvement within your own association. Continue building relationships in your own state and implement new concepts.

K-State names February student of the month

Rebecca Tokach, senior in animal sciences and industry, Saint Anthony, N.D., has been named the February Agriculture Student of the Month by the Kansas



Rebecca Tokach

State University (K-State) College of Agriculture.

Tokach earned the award based on honors she has received, her activities, grade point average, résumé and a short essay. Students are nominated for the

award by a College of Agriculture club in which they are an active member. A panel of student leaders, college professors and advisors judge applications.

As part of the honor, Tokach will receive a \$100 cash award from the Kansas Farm Bureau.

Tokach is a member of the College of Agriculture Student Council, Agricultural Ambassadors, Block and Bridle, and Collegiate Farm Bureau. She also is a member of the K-State Meats Evaluation Team, College of Agriculture Academic Competition Teams Council, and the Animal Sciences and Industry Academic Quadrathlon.

Tokach said her most significant experience in college has been her involvement with the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). She has served on the

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NJAA Board of Directors and on several committees.

"I have been exposed to numerous types of agriculture and production practices while networking with top industry professionals," she said. "I have had the opportunity to make lifelong friendships, travel across the county, enhance my leadership and public-speaking skills and develop my teamworking abilities."

Ken Troutt Memorial Scholarship awarded

The 13th Annual Ken Troutt Memorial Scholarship winner was selected at the Annual Cowman's Classic All Breed Bull Sale Feb. 26 in Spokane, Wash. This year's recipient is **Jessica Jachetta** (left), Warden, Wash. Jessica's résumé included a high grade point average and many cattle and school activities. The presentation was made by Will Wolf, Cowman's Classic representative, on



behalf of the consignors, management and staff of the Cowman's Classic All Breed Bull Sale. These scholarships are awarded each year to an enrolling college freshman from a family that has consigned or purchased bulls at the sale. Ken Troutt was a renowned auctioneer who served the sale until his death. The scholarship money is generated by contributions and endowments.

► Louisiana Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Lecompte, March 7



►**Codi Greer** (left), Keithville; and **Katie Hymel**, Vacherie, each received a \$2,500 Landon Hays Memorial Scholarship.

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► Michigan Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Jackson, March 9



►Officers and directors of the Michigan Jr. Angus Ass'n are (seated, from left) **Erika Boehmer**, Charlotte, vice president; **Patricia Vaassen**, secretary, and **Rachael Vaassen**, treasurer, both of Ann Arbor; **Kendra Merriman** and **Dee Anne Merriman**, co-reporters/historians, both of Lowell; (standing, from left) **Justin Ruggles**, Kingston; **Justin Kennedy**, Nashville, junior livestock society representative; **Chelsea Ruggles**, Kingston, director of awards; **Rachel Reid**, Eaton Rapids; **Mitchell** and **Benjamin Goheen**, both of Deckerville; **Julie Thelen**, Saline; and **Katie Reid**, Eaton Rapids. Not pictured are **Danielle Foster**, Niles, president; and **Hope Bordner**, Sturgis.



►Left: Michigan royalty include **Chelsea Ruggles** (right), Kingston, 2008 Miss Michigan Angus and 2007 Miss Michigan Angus **Patricia Vaassen**.

►Right: Outstanding junior members are (from left) **Justin Ruggles**, Kingston, junior winner; and **Patricia Vaassen**, Ann Arbor, senior winner.



►Left: Premier Exhibitor award winners are (seated, from left) **Julie Thelen**, Saline, second; **Rachael Vaassen**, Ann Arbor, third; **Justin Kennedy**, Nashville, fourth; **Kendra Merriman**, Lowell, fifth; (standing, from left) honorable mention winners **Hayley Albrecht**, Kingston; **Dylan Kennedy**, Nashville; **Justin Ruggles**, Kingston; **Patricia Vaassen**, Ann Arbor; **Dee Anne Merriman**, Lowell; and **Tabitha Grochowalski**, Ada. Not pictured is **Danielle Foster**, Niles, first.



►Premier Breeder award winners are (seated, from left) **Julie Thelen**, Saline, second; **Rachael Vaassen**, Ann Arbor, fourth; **Justin Kennedy**, Nashville, fifth; (standing, from left) honorable mention winners **Dylan Kennedy**, Nashville; **Patricia Vaassen**, Ann Arbor; and **Kendra Merriman**, Lowell. Not pictured are **Danielle Foster**, Niles, first; **Wren Schroeder**, Deckerville, third; and **Randy McNees**, North Branch, honorable mention.



►**Patricia Vaassen** (left), Ann Arbor, receives Bronze and Silver awards from **Jerry Cassidy**, Association regional manager.

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▶ Missouri Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Columbia, Feb. 23



▶ Missouri Jr. Angus Ass'n members receiving Bronze and Silver awards from James Fisher (far right), Association director of junior activities, are (from left) **Mallory Trospier**, National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Board of Directors; **Jacob Heimsoth**, Lathrop; **Madison Gooden**, Iberia; **Jera Pipkin**, Republic; **Emelia Heimsoth**, Lathrop; **Sydney Thummel**, Sheridan; and **Gregory Connell**, Eugene.



▶ From left, Curtis Long of Briarwood Farms presents premium checks to Missouri State Fair junior carcass show exhibitors **Brooke Grooms**, Kidder; **Hannah Bartholomew**, Archie; **Cammie Ward**, Browning; **Matt Loesing**, New Franklin; **Dakota Gerloff**, Bland; and **Audrianna Drechsel** and **Tanner Drechsel**, both of Boonville.



▶ Long (center) presents Missouri Angus scholarships awarded by the Angus Foundation to (from left) **Cody Smith**, West Plains; **Holly Bellis**, Orrick; **Danny Ulmanis**, Koshkonong; **Austin Sayre**, Stotts City; and **Jessica Weigand**, Warrensburg.



▶ Missouri Jr. Angus Ass'n officers are (from left) **Rachel Bartholomew**, Archie, president; **Cody Smith**, West Plains, vice president; **Paige Wallace**, Stotts City, secretary; and **Emelia Heimsoth**, Lathrop, treasurer.

▶ Illinois Angus Futurity Show & Sale, Bloomington, March 2



▶ Illinois Angus royalty are (from left) **Taylor Adcock**, Moweaqua, princess; **Caitlin McClure**, Saint Francisville, princess; **Heather Kiner**, Mendota, ebonnette; **Kallie Tracy**, Odgen, ebonnette; **Jennifer Ewing**, Rushville, ebonnette; **Andrea Hosto**, Alhambra, ebonnette; and **Gretchen Frost**, Tallula, queen.



▶ **Gretchen Frost** (right), Tallula, receives the Illinois Jr. Angus Ass'n Outstanding Junior Award from Justin Adcock.



▶ **Christopher Cassady** (left), Ancona, receives Bronze and Silver awards from Jerry Cassady, Association regional manager.



▶ **Rebecca Hurst** (left), Dorsey, receives Bronze and Silver awards from Cassady.



▶ **Gretchen Frost** (left), Tallula, receives Bronze and Silver awards from Cassady.



▶ **Sierra Day** (left), Cerro Gordo, receives the Bronze Award from Cassady.

► **Kentucky Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet**, Louisville, Feb. 29

► Kentucky Jr. Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (seated, from left) **Joshua Wheatley**, Springfield, treasurer; **Jillian Warren**, Lebanon, past president; **Lauren Moss**, Lancaster, president; **Ericka Waggener**, Harrodsburg, vice president; **Nikki Bugg**, Burgin, secretary; (standing, from left) **Colby Myers**, Harrodsburg; **Blake Boyd**, Mays Lick; **Logan Goggin**, Danville; **Nicole Wheatley**, Springfield; **Megan Cole**, Lancaster, reporter; **Brendan Sadler**, Carlisle, reporter; **Ramsey Johnson**, Winchester, reporter; and **Ca- leb Sadler**, Carlisle.



► **Left: Jillian Warren**, Lebanon, receives the Kentucky Angus Ass'n Outstanding Junior Award. Pictured are (from left) Pam Bugg, advisor; Warren; and Glenn Bugg, advisor.



► **Left: Kentucky Angus royalty for 2008 are (from left) Maggie Jasper**, Midway, princess; and **Nikki Bugg**, Burgin, queen.

► **Minnesota Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet**, Rochester, March 18



► Receiving \$500 scholarships from the Minnesota Angus Ass'n are **Kara Walser** (left), Minnesota Lake, and **Alisha Nord** (right), Wolverton. **Aaron Waugh** (center), Goodhue, was selected to submit his scholarship along with Nord's for consideration for a National Auxiliary Scholarship.



► Minnesota Angus royalty for 2008 are **Alissa Stai** (left), New London, and **Betsy Hansen** (right), Marshal, both Miss Minnesota Angus 2008; Hansen and **Chelsey Drysdale** (center), Wabasha, are both Miss Minnesota Angus 2007.



► **Kara Walser**, Minnesota Lake, receives the Show Steer of the Year Award sponsored by Minnesota Farm Guide. **Matt Purfeerst**, Faribault, receives the Show Heifer of the Year Award sponsored by Cannon Valley Ranch of Cannon Falls.



► Officers and directors of the Minnesota Jr. Angus Ass'n are (from left) **Taylor Waugh**, Goodhue, membership director; **Alisha Nord**, Wolverton, communication director; **Chelsey Drysdale**, Wabasha, vice president; **Aaron Waugh**, Goodhue, treasurer; **Alissa Stai**, New London, secretary; and **Lindsay Waugh**, Goodhue, president.

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NJAA/Angus Journal Photo Contest

National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members interested in participating in the 2008 NJAA/Angus Journal Photography Contest need to have their entries **postmarked by June 1**.

NJAA members can enter one photo in each of the four categories: Angus cattle, landscape, people and around the farm or ranch. There will be junior, intermediate and senior divisions based on age.

Judging will be based 60% on creativity, communication power and composition of the photograph. The other 40% will be judged on the technical quality of the photo.

All photos will be displayed at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Des Moines, Iowa. If space allows, winning photos will be printed in the *Angus Journal* NJAS coverage.

For more information and additional information, see page 138 of this issue, page 61 of the March *Angus Journal*, or the NJAA web site at www.njaa.org.

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▶ Iowa Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Des Moines, Feb. 13



▶ **Katelyn Holmes** (left), Benton, receives the Iowa Jr. Angus Ass'n Bred-and-Owned Show Heifer of the Year award from Bridget Driscoll, National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) director. The heifer was HCC Eileen 996.



▶ **Holmes** (left), Benton, receives the Iowa Jr. Angus Ass'n Show Bull of the Year award from Driscoll. The bull was HCC Frontier 666.



▶ **Holmes** (left) receives the Iowa Jr. Angus Ass'n Show Cow-Calf Pair of the Year award from Driscoll (center). Russell Holmes, Benton, is also pictured. The cow was RAF Ma Bell 555.



▶ **Left: Evan Dietz** (left), Walcott, receives the Iowa Jr. Angus Ass'n Show Heifer of the Year award from Driscoll. The heifer was CFA Brandi 6107.

▶ **Right: Wesley Ruby** (left), Greene, receives the Iowa Jr. Angus Ass'n Show Steer of the Year award from Driscoll.



▶ **Left: Evan Dietz**, Walcott, won the Iowa Angus Heifer of the Year award. The heifer was CFA Brandi 6107.

▶ Ohio Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Hebron, Feb. 2



▶ **Lindsey Grimes**, Hillsboro, was crowned 2008 Miss Ohio Angus.



▶ **Vince Untied** (right), Granville, receives the 2007 Boys Silver Show Award from Ohio Angus Ass'n Executive Secretary Allen Gahler.



▶ **Lauren Grimes** (right), Hillsboro, receives the 2007 Girls Silver Show Award from Kent Bachman, sponsor.



▶ **Justin Bachman** (center), Lancaster, receives the 2007 Boys Bred-and-Owned Show Award. Egner Farms sponsored the award. Pictured with Bachman are (from left) Kelvin and Jackie Egner, Bachman, Christina Egner and Shawn Howell.



▶ **Lindsey Grimes**, Hillsboro, receives the 2007 Girls Bred-and-Owned Show Award. Pictured are (from left) John King, sponsor; Grimes; and Mary Lou King, sponsor.



▶ From left, **William Harsh**, Radnor, receives the 2007 Junior Silver Show Award from Sharon, Caroline and Christina Winter, sponsors.



▶ Ohio Jr. Angus Ass'n Board of Directors are (from left) **Krystin Bachman**, Lancaster, president; **Lindsey Grimes**, Hillsboro, vice president; **Bailey Harsh**, Radnor, secretary; **Bethaney Enos**, Cambridge, treasurer; **Justin Bachman**, Lancaster, assistant treasurer; **Shyla Kreager**, Newark, reporter; and **Camilla Hutchinson**, Hebron, assistant reporter.

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▶ **Mid-Atlantic Jr. Angus Classic (MAJAC) Regional Preview Show**, Harrisonburg, Va., March 8-9



▶ **Jaclyn Upperman** (left), Chambersburg, Pa., receives Bronze and Silver awards from **Dana May** (right), NJAA director. **Lindsay Upperman** (center) receives the Bronze award.

▶ **South Carolina Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet**, March 14, Clemson



▶ **Sally Yon** (left), Ridge Spring, and **Samuel Hall** (right), York, were both presented \$1,000 scholarships by the South Carolina Angus Ass'n in memory of Daniel Jarrard. Presenting the scholarships are Emily and Jim Jarrard, Daniel's parents.



▶ From left, Ann Blumer, NJAA director, presents Bronze and Silver awards to **Teddi Steadman** and **Breann Steadman**, both of Greenwood.

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Junior Angus leadership conference set in 'Big Sky Country'

Developing personal leadership skills is one of the most valuable benefits of being a member of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). One event that allows members to develop their leadership skills while building friendships to last a lifetime is the annual NJAA Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference. This year's LEAD is set for Aug. 1-4 in Billings, Mont.

All juniors 14 to 21 years old are encouraged to attend this year's conference, themed "Take it to the Top." Juniors will have the opportunity to make new Angus friends, learn about current beef industry issues and tour agricultural and historical sites in "Big Sky Country." In addition, the NJAA Board will present interactive workshops that explore the beef industry as well as personal development topics. Tour stops will include prominent auction yards, bull studs, ranches and a rafting trip.



Conference space is limited to 200 participants, so reserve your spot soon. Early registration for juniors, advisors and parents is \$175 and due June 15. 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 and on the NJAA web site.

For more information about LEAD, visit www.njaa.info or contact the Junior Activities Department at 816-383-5100. LEAD is just

one of many programs provided to nearly 11,000 youth members of the American Angus Association across the United States. LEAD is funded in part through the Angus Foundation, which supports education, youth and research.

A tentative schedule follows:

2008 Leaders Engaged in Angus Development Conference

"Take It to the Top!"

All events take place at Holiday Inn, Billings, Mont., unless otherwise specified.

Friday, August 1

1:30 p.m.	All flights should arrive at airport prior to 3 p.m.
2 p.m.	Registration, NJAA Board
4 p.m.	Icebreakers, NJAA Board, General Session Room (GSR)
5 p.m.	Welcome – GSR
5:15 p.m.	Montana Agriculture — Andy Rest, GSR
5:30 p.m.	Speaker, GSR
6:30 p.m.	Dinner
7:30 p.m.	Retiring thoughts, GSR
7:45 p.m.	Speaker, GSR
9 p.m.	Retiring thoughts, GSR
9:15 p.m.	NJAA Board — roundtable discussions
10 p.m.	NJAA Board skit, GSR
11:30 p.m.	In-room curfew

Saturday, August 2

7 a.m.	Breakfast
7:45 a.m.	Load buses for tours (off property all day)

TOUR DAY – Tentative Schedule

8 a.m.	PAYS Livestock Auction Market
9:15 a.m.	Arrive at Genex Hawkeye West Bull Stud
11:30 a.m.	Arrive at Midland Bull Test (Lunch, tour and discussion of feed efficiency)
2:30 p.m.	Arrive at rafting company
Evening	Dinner at Monson Angus Vespers — NJAA Board
11 p.m.	Arrive at Holiday Inn
Midnight	In-room curfew

Sunday, August 3

7 a.m.	Breakfast
7:30 a.m.	Retiring thoughts, GSR
7:45 a.m.–11:05 a.m.	NJAA Board Workshops, Breakout Rooms 1, 2, 3 & 4
7:45 a.m.	NJAA Board Workshop — Session 1
8:35 a.m.	NJAA Board Workshop — Session 2
9:25 a.m.	NJAA Board Workshop — Session 3
10:15 a.m.	NJAA Board Workshop — Session 4
11:05 a.m.	Break
11:30 a.m.	Load buses
12 p.m.	Arrive at ORigen Genetics
2:15 p.m.	Arrive at Little Big Horn Battlefield
5:30 p.m.	Arrive at Vermilion Ranch
	Group and state photos; view cattle
	Devotional
	Retiring thoughts
7 p.m.	Dinner, dance to follow dinner
10:30 p.m.	Depart for Holiday Inn
Midnight	In-room curfew

Monday, August 4

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8 a.m.–8:15 a.m.	Retiring thoughts, GSR
8:15 a.m.–9:15 a.m.	Speaker, GSR
9:15 a.m.	Retiring thoughts, GSR
9:30 a.m.	Wrap-up, GSR
Departure	No flights prior to noon