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► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

Making progress

For the past 17 years of my education, it has often been required that I set goals and then work to achieve them.

Homework assignments, tests and papers all have due dates attached, and the goal is to successfully complete the task by the assigned date.

Teachers and professors are always stressing the importance of meeting the deadline, and they certainly do not appreciate tardiness. Goal-setting, however, stretches far beyond the classroom. Goals can be set at any stage of life and for any purpose.

I recently came across a small card on which I had written a list of three goals. The card was from a National FFA Organization conference I attended in October 1999, my sophomore year of high school. I had been asked to write a short-term goal (to be completed within a couple months), an intermediate goal (to be completed within a year), and a long-term goal (to be completed within two to 10 years).

At the time, my long-term goal was to graduate from the University of Illinois with a degree in agribusiness farm and financial management. In just two months, I will complete the final goal on that card. But, that does not mean I am done. Since then, some of my plans have changed and, consequently, my goals have needed adjustments. There are many times in life when we will be held accountable for meeting our goals, but there are too few instances when we are asked to check the progress of our goals.

Now it is your turn. I know that you all have set goals for yourselves, but the key is to write them down, and then check back on your list periodically. You may look at your goals and decide that you need to make adjustments, that you are right on track or that you have already completed them. Once one set of goals is met, there will be others to take their place. Best of luck on achieving all of your goals!

— Alicia Kramer, Illinois



Alicia Kramer

National Western awards 61 scholarships

The National Western Scholarship Trust awarded 61 scholarships for the 2005-2006 school year. The grants range from \$1,500 to \$4,500, and are presented to students who study agriculture and practice medicine in rural areas at colleges and universities in Colorado and Wyoming.

New recipients for 2005-2006 include:

Casper College. Sarah Butler, Bliss, Idaho; Leigh Anne Dausman, Pierceton, Ind.; and Megan Mavencamp, Hagerman, Idaho.

Colorado State University. Benjamin Call, Blackfoot, Idaho; Brandon Carlson, Byers, Colo.; Cheyenne Dixon, Des Moines, N.M.; Nicholas Elliott, Boulder, Colo.; Lauren Gee, Littleton, Colo.; Megan Grieve, Fort Collins, Colo.; Alyece Norgren, Byers, Colo.; Jillian Polyard, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Brad Schneider, Iliff, Colo.; Micah Seyler, Kersey, Colo.; John Snyder, Elizabethtown, Penn.; Christopher Stillahn, Cheyenne, Wyo.; and John Wood, Paauilo, Hawaii.

Lamar Community College. Bailey Fischer, Sharon Springs, Colo.; Heath Reinert, Holly, Colo.; and Ryan Simons, Bennett, Colo.

Laramie County Community College. Reese Irvine, Lander, Wyo.

Northeastern Junior College. Andrew Fritzer, Merino, Colo., and Noelle Sonnenberg, Sterling, Colo.

University of Colorado Medical School. Sandra Christensen, Green River, Wyo., and Korrey Klein, Yuma, Colo.

University of Northern Colorado. Denra Hinton, Rock Springs, Wyo., and Sarah Rewerts, Berthoud, Colo.

University of Wyoming. Jessie Berry, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Allison Boomgaarden, Burns, Wyo.; Sarah Hanlon, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Ryan McConnaughey, Riverton, Wyo.; Corri Rekow, Lakeview, Ore.; and Rena Stohrer, Buffalo, Wyo.

Scholarship to honor beef industry leader

A student pursuing the fields of agriculture, animal science or environmental sciences will be the recipient of a new scholarship created by the National Cattlemen's Foundation (NCF) in honor of longtime beef industry leader and innovator W.D. Farr.

For more information contact the National Cattlemen's Foundation, 9110 E. Nichols Ave., Suite 300, Centennial, CO 80112; or call (303) 694-0305.

Regional leadership conference planned

The North Dakota Junior Angus Association (NDJAA) is planning a regional Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference for March 31-April 2 in Fargo, N.D. The event is designed for junior Angus members who want to enhance their leadership skills and beef industry

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For more information about the regional LEAD, contact NDJAA advisors Kathy and Richard Tokach at (701) 445-7390.

Junior deadlines for Atlantic National

The ownership and entry deadline for the Atlantic National Junior Angus Show is April 15. Even though the event is a regional preview show for junior members, the Atlantic National show management handles the entry process. For information or to request entry forms, contact Bobbi McMullen at (717) 786-8060 or

bobbi@epix.net

May 1 junior deadlines

Juniors should remember May 1 as the deadline for several application forms:

- ▶ Gold Award applications due
- ▶ Outstanding Leadership Award applications due
- ▶ Ownership and entry deadline for the Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show
- ▶ Ownership and entry deadline for the Northwest Regional Preview Show

- ▶ Ownership and entry deadline for the North Central Regional Preview Show
- ▶ Angus Foundation scholarship applications due
- ▶ Certified Angus Beef LLC/National Junior Angus Association (CAB/NJAA) scholarship applications due

For more information contact the Junior Activities Department at (816) 383-5100 or

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go to www.njas.info.

Angus junior on TV

NJAA member Lindsay Smith appeared on Animal Planet Wednesday, Feb. 1. Lindsay was on Animal Planet's new reality show, "Horse Power," for her participation during the Maclay National Championship, the biggest junior equestrian competition of the

year. The show features America's top teenage show jumpers.

Smith hails from West Friendship, Md., where she lives on a farm that has been in her family for five generations. She jumped on her first pony when she was 4 years old and has never jumped off.

Smith also competes at the national level

in 4-H, showing hogs and heifers with the Howard County 4-H Beef Club. During 2005, she was one of four members on Maryland's state livestock judging team when they traveled to Louisville, Ky., for the National 4-H Livestock Competition and came in third.

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▶ Indiana Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting,

Indianapolis, Dec. 30, 2005



▶ **Cody Ley**, Avilla, won the grand champion steer award earlier in the year at the Indiana State Fair.



▶ **Kelsey Cox**, Argos, won the reserve grand champion steer award earlier in the year at the Indiana State Fair.



▶ **Tyler Gabehart**, Franklin, won the senior essay award.



▶ **Lauren Jernas**, Knox, won the junior essay award.



▶ **Jacob Frasa** (right), Winamac, and **Lucas Neumayr**, New Richmond, won showmanship awards earlier in the year at the Indiana State Fair.



▶ Officers of the 2006 Indiana junior board include (seated, from left) **Adam Leeper**, Argos, president; **Jenna Langley**, Walton, second vice president; **Kara Wilson**, Orleans, third vice president; **Jill Cunningham**, Sheridan, secretary; **April Harris**, Ridgeville, treasurer; (standing, from left) **Lauren Jernas**, Knox, assistant reporter; **Brent Lamb**, Milford, director; **Jake Cunningham**, Sheridan, director; and **Katelyn Wilson**, Orleans, communications director.



▶ **Kara Wilson** (right), Orleans, receives her Bronze and Silver awards. Presenting the awards is Jerry Cassady, American Angus Association.



▶ **Kara Wilson** (right), Orleans, receives the Hoosier Excellence Scholarship Award from Julie Rieker.



▶ Indiana Angus royalty for 2006 include **Jenna Langley** (left), Walton, queen, and **Caitlin Davis**, Michigantown, princess.



▶ **Brian Jeffries**, Rockville, received an Indiana Angus Association Scholarship Award.

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To learn more about “Horse Power” and Smith, visit

http://animal.discovery.com/convergence/horsesense/horse_power/bios/lindsay.html.

▶ 2006 Arkansas Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Fort Smith, Jan. 7



▶ Receiving certificates of achievement are (from left) **Haley Rieff**, Bentonville; **Paige Tribble**, Pocahontas; and **Katlyn Tunstill**, Fayetteville.



▶ **Paige Tribble** (left) receives her Silver Award, and **Haley Rieff** receives her Bronze and Silver awards.



▶ Arkansas Angus royalty include **Haley Rieff** (left), 2005 Miss Arkansas Angus, and **Claire Taylor**, Lavaca, 2006 Miss Arkansas Angus.



▶ **Haley Rieff** receives the Arkansas Diamond Award and Razorback Award.



Beef Ambassadors chosen

Amanda Nolz, Mitchell, S.D., won the title of National Beef Ambassador for 2006 at the National Beef Ambassador Competition Nov. 3-5, 2005, in Austin, Texas. Twenty-four contestants from throughout the country vied for the national title. The National Beef Ambassador Program was conceived in 1988 by the American National CattleWomen Inc. (ANCW).

Nolz received \$2,500 cash and a \$1,000 college scholarship. Second place went to Melissa Green, Arbuckle, Calif., who received \$1,200 and a \$750 scholarship. Third-place winner Peter Scharpe, Arlington, Minn., received \$800 and a \$500 scholarship. Paul Moya, New Mexico, and Amy Berry, Wyoming, received honorable mention awards.

Scharpe is a member of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA), and says growing up with Angus cattle helped him earn a spot in the top five. “My family has raised Angus cattle for a number of years,” he says. “I’ve got five older brothers and sisters who have all shown cattle, so I was just kind of born into it. I’ve been showing for a number of years and have another show season coming up.”

Competing at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), especially in the speech contests and the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American Certified Angus Beef® (CAB®) Cook-Off, helped prepare Scharpe for the National Beef Ambassador speech contest. “The contest at

the National Junior Angus Show is very large; there’s a lot of competition; and it’s very tough,” he says. “That really helps get you prepared to compete at this contest (the National Beef Ambassador Competition) because it helps you refine your skills.

“My speech talked about beef’s triple advantage: how beef supports our economy, sustains our environment and supplies our nutrition,” he says. Scharpe found that studying information for the NJAS contests helped him during the ambassador competition with interviews and impromptu questions.

In his role as a beef ambassador, Scharpe will travel across the U.S. to represent the beef industry. “We talk directly to consumers and answer their questions and try to alleviate some of their concerns,” he says. “Every time we go to one of these shows, we meet new people from all around and learn about different issues they have in their state.”

A Collegiate FFA and Saddle & Sirloin club member at North Dakota State University, Scharpe is studying animal science and hopes to go to veterinary school. Eventually, he hopes to ranch with his family. “I hope to continue raising cattle,” he says.

—by Brooke Byrd