



# Next Generation

► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

## Resolution for life

Well, here we are at the beginning of another year, and it's hard to believe 2007 has already come and passed. Here in the Deep South we usher in the New Year with several special traditions. One of these traditions is our New Year's Day meal of black-eyed peas, which we eat for peace; turnip greens, which we eat for greenbacks; rice, which we eat to bring us riches; and hog jowl, which we eat for good luck in the New Year.



Trey Davis

At the end of the meal we generally sit around and tell each other about the New Year's resolutions we have decided to conquer this year. However, all too often these "resolutions" are forgotten by the time Martin Luther King Jr. Day rolls around.

This year I want to challenge each of you to set a resolution for your life. Let it be something that makes you a better person, something that makes you a role model for someone who is younger than you and something that inspires the lives of those around you.

For me, I have made the resolution of being the best friend I can be to my friends, the best son I can be to my parents, and the best role model and National Junior Angus

Association (NJAA) Board member I can possibly be to the thousands of juniors who are members of this association.

Although you may not be an NJAA Board member, you still have the responsibility of being a good person, teacher and role model for the people in your life. I'm a firm believer that if you make a difference in one person's life, then you have accomplished something great.

The following quote by Howard Thurman has stuck with me throughout the past few years, and it was on my cover letter as a candidate for the NJAA Board last summer: "Don't ask what the world needs, ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs are people who have come alive."

As you go throughout 2008 ask yourself this question: What makes you come alive? What makes you come alive is your passion, and through passion you can accomplish any feat, no matter the size.

Happy New Year!

— **Trey Davis, Georgia**

**Trey's Leadership Tip:** "Praise loudly, blame softly..." When in a leadership position, always remember this quote. To be an effective leader your followers need to like you and respect you. The quickest way to gain this respect is by praising them for their accomplishments. However, the quickest way to lose respect is by pointing

out someone's error in front of a group of their peers.

## Creative ideas sought by junior Angus enthusiasts

Junior Angus members from Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska have the unique opportunity to name the 2010 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). The Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska Angus and Junior Angus associations will co-host the NJAS July 11-17, 2010, in Denver, Colo., at the National Western Stock Show Complex.

Juniors who are currently members of the junior Angus association in their respective state of Colorado, Kansas or Nebraska or are junior members of the American Angus Association and reside in one of the host states are invited to submit a logo and slogan for the 2010 NJAS.

Entry rules are:

1. Only individuals may submit entries; one entry per person.
2. Entries may be computer generated or may be hand-drawn.
3. Entry must be submitted on paper no larger than 8½ inches × 11 inches.
4. Entry must contain both a logo and slogan.
5. Include name, complete mailing address, phone number and/or e-mail address, and date of birth on the back of the entry.
6. Entries must be postmarked by March 1, 2008.

The winner will be recognized in the 2010 NJAS program, be introduced at opening ceremonies and will receive a one-of-a-kind custom-made jacket with the logo and slogan. Questions may be directed to Anne Lampe at [kansasangus@wbsnet.org](mailto:kansasangus@wbsnet.org) or 620-872-3915. Mail entries to: National Junior Angus Association; Attn: 2010 NJAS Logo Contest; 3201 Frederick Ave.; Saint Joseph, MO 64506.

## Accelerate your college education through scholarships

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## Scholarships available for high school seniors

Accelerated Genetics awards four \$500 scholarships to high school seniors planning to major in agriculture at a short course, vocational technical college or four-year university degree program.

Any high school senior who has participated in high school agricultural education, 4-H or any agricultural organization is eligible to apply. The applicant or their parents must be currently purchasing semen or products from an authorized Accelerated Genetics representative.

To obtain an application form, individuals may download it from Accelerated Genetics' web site, [www.accelgen.com](http://www.accelgen.com), call 1-800-451-9275 or email [info@accelgen.com](mailto:info@accelgen.com). Scholarship applications are due postmarked by Feb. 15, 2008.

### College scholarships offered through The National FFA Organization

Accelerated Genetics also offers two \$1,000 scholarships to students currently enrolled in a short course, vocational technical college or a four-year university degree program.

The collegiate scholarship program is for individuals who have completed their freshman, sophomore or junior year and

## ▶ North Dakota Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Mandan, Nov. 16

▶ North Dakota royalty includes (from left) **Lynsey Frey**, Granville, queen; **Lindsay Valenta**, Jamestown, princess; **Cassandra Hanson**, Enderlin, princess; and **Jessica Jallo**, Fordville, 2007 queen.



are majoring in dairy, beef or an agriculture-related area. The applicant or their parents must be currently purchasing semen or products from an authorized Accelerated Genetics representative.

To obtain an application form, individuals can download it from the National FFA Foundation web site at [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org), by contacting the National FFA Foundation at 317-802-4419 or [scholarships@ffa.org](mailto:scholarships@ffa.org). Applications are due postmarked by Feb. 15, 2008, to National Scholarship Office; National FFA Center: PO Box 68960; Indianapolis, IN 46268.

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## NJAA member good deed

**Shelby Burrus** of Puyallup, Wash., recently turned 11 years old. Instead of gifts, she asked the kids who were invited to her party to bring gift cards to a local food store. She purchased turkeys for the local food bank and donated them to the All Saints Catholic Church Foodbank in Puyallup Tuesday, Nov. 13. She collected more than \$250 and is on track to donate more than 45 turkeys! Shelby is a member of the Western Washington Junior Angus Ass'n and the Pierce County 4-H.

## Junior Angus members raise the bar in Ohio

Members of the NJAA came together for Raising the Bar, Nov. 2-4, 2007, at Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB), Wooster, Ohio. The conference involved 29 attendees from five states, plus four NJAA directors.

Raising the Bar is a highly intensive officer training to build stronger teams within their junior associations and develop and utilize regional relationships. Raising the Bar is open to five state officers and two

state advisors from each state in that region and is made possible through financial support from the Angus Foundation.

The workshops at the Raising the Bar conference covered topics such as the secrets of the American Angus Association, fundraising and budgets, membership, public speaking, scholarships and awards, and parliamentary procedure. Some of the activities the attendees participated in were



▶ Raising the Bar participants gather for a picture at the CAB office in Wooster, Ohio.




▶ Attendees take time to reflect on how the ropes course can help them be better Angus leaders.

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team building, a devotional and a social. Along with the workshops and activities, the conference included a tour of the CAB office.

One other Raising the Bar Conference has been hosted in Saint Joseph, Mo. Two more are planned for spring 2008 in the West and South. 



► NJAA board chairman Justin Brosey helps state advisor Julie Ruggles across a beam during a trust activity.



► **Left to right:** Gabrielle Glenister, Hattie Gushee-Kimball and Mackenzie White climb rope ladders.