

# Foundation Selects YCC Representative

Cortney Hill-Dukehart Cates will serve as the Angus Foundation representative at the annual conference.

by *Katie Allen, Angus Foundation*

The Angus Foundation's Board of Directors has chosen Cortney Hill-Dukehart Cates of Modoc, Ind., to represent the American Angus Association and Angus Foundation at the 2013 National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC). The Angus Foundation will sponsor Cates' registration and travel expenses. This is the 11th year the Angus



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Foundation has funded an Association member to attend YCC, which will take place May 29-June 7.

YCC allows young leaders the chance to see firsthand and further understand all aspects of the beef industry. Attendees participate in a nationwide tour of

the beef production chain from ranch to feedlot to packing plant, through marketing and regulatory affairs, and finally ending at consumer foodservice. To qualify for participation, a man or woman must be nominated by one of NCBA's affiliate members, be between the ages of 25 and 50, and be an NCBA member.

"Investing in the education of our members about the Angus breed and multi-faceted beef cattle industry has been a longtime priority and focus of the Angus Foundation's mission," says Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president. "YCC is playing a crucial role in helping to prepare tomorrow's leaders and advocates for our beef cattle industry."

A native of Maryland, Cates was very active in the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) and served in a number of leadership roles. A former Miss American Angus, she has had the opportunity to promote the Angus breed in a variety of ways and to meet many people from across the country involved in cattle production. Cates and her husband, Tyler, raise Angus and Shorthorn cattle and row crops in Indiana. They are active members of the American

Angus Association and currently serve as the adult advisors of the Indiana Junior Angus Association. Cates is the current president of the American Angus Auxiliary.

"I am extremely honored to be chosen as the recipient of the Angus Foundation YCC sponsorship," Cates says. "I am looking forward to meeting fellow producers, increasing my knowledge of the beef industry, and sharing that knowledge on the local, state and national level."

According to the NCBA, the tour will begin in Denver with a comprehensive overview of the industry. Participants will take an in-depth look at many of the issues affecting the beef industry and what NCBA is doing to address these issues on behalf of its members, and they will receive a comprehensive view of market information from CattleFax. The group will then travel to

JBS Five Rivers' Kuner Feedyard, one of the nation's largest cattle-feeding operations, then tour the JBS Greeley facility, one of the nation's largest beef-packing and processing plants. Participants will travel to the Chicago Board of Trade and OSI Inc., one of the

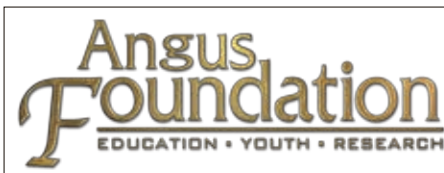
nation's premiere beef-patty manufacturers. From there, the next stop will be the nation's Capitol, where participants will get a

chance to meet with their respective congressmen and senators and many regulatory agencies that make decisions affecting agriculture.

For more information about YCC, the Angus Foundation, or a list of previous Angus YCC representatives, visit [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org).



**Editor's Note:** Katie Allen is director of marketing and public relations for the Angus Foundation.



## Printer commits \$25K

NPG Printing Co., a multi-faceted company located in Saint Joseph, Mo., has generously committed an unrestricted \$25,000 donation to the Angus Foundation to help support its education, youth and research programs. The company's commitment includes a \$5,000 cash donation to the Foundation for each of the next five years.

The Angus Foundation prints many materials with NPG Printing Co., such as newsletters, brochures and programs for events. Additionally, the company is also the source for printing breeder sale books and other marketing materials that serve Angus members in a variety of ways.

Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president, says on behalf of the Angus Foundation, he is very appreciative of David Bradley, chairman and CEO of NPG Printing Co., and all at the company for their work and commitment to support Angus members.

"It's a pleasure for the Angus Foundation to receive this wonderful commitment from Mr. Bradley and NPG Printing Co.," Jenkins says. "Our Angus breeders across the country are always humbled and appreciative when allied industry corporations involved in our business network financially invest and give something back to the Angus breed in a meaningful manner. We will always owe Mr. Bradley a debt of gratitude for his support."

In 2007, Bradley provided an unrestricted gift commitment of \$25,000 to the *Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus*. This contribution helped the Angus Foundation raise in excess of \$7.6 million in outright cash gifts, pledges and planned giving commitments in the campaign that concluded in 2011.

"We are pleased to be associated with the American Angus Association and its Foundation," Bradley says. "Agribusiness like Angus is the most important industry in our area, and we are committed to helping that business succeed."

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