



Next Generation

► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

What will I do?

When I was younger I used to think, "What will I do when I get older? Where will I be? What career will I have?" And the uncertainty made me question many things about my future. Little did I know that every person I encounter, every experience I face and every leadership conference I attend, helps mold me into the person I am destined to become and will help me achieve my dreams. Today, I am still dreaming about all of those things.



Tyler Grissom

Lately, it has hit me like a ton of bricks! I have had to make a lot of decisions regarding my dream. One of the major decisions includes, "What am I to do with my life?" That question keeps popping in and out of my head. I think back to all the people I have encountered, all the experiences I have faced and every conference I have attended. The same thought keeps running through my head, "Do whatever makes you happy."

Taking this advice to heart, I have finally decided that I want to pursue a career in marketing, and that is all I really know for now. But I know this one decision is the first of many to come, and I hope things will start to fall into place.

I encourage each of you to absorb everything and everyone around you. Try to learn as much about yourself as you can while you are young because all of the experiences and the people you will encounter in your life will mold you into the person you are destined to become.

Growing up, I never even knew what marketing was, much less have a desire to do that for my career. The lessons you learn about yourself through your experiences will show you things about yourself that you never knew existed. Each and every one of us is unique and can accomplish anything on which we set our hearts. So dream big, live large and triumph over the world.

— Tyler Grissom, Oklahoma

► Kansas Classic Show, Hutchinson



► **Garrett Lampe** (left), Scott City, is awarded one of two scholarships given by the Kansas Junior Livestock Ass'n. The selection is based on leadership and activities within the livestock industry. **Brett Spader**, KJLA advisor, makes the presentation.

► 2004 Oklahoma Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet, Stillwater, April 30



► **Jordan Davis** (left), Foss, receives her Bronze and Silver awards from the National Junior Angus Ass'n. **Tyler Grissom**, NJAA director, presents the awards.



► **Layne Armbruster**, Burlington, is crowned the 2004 Oklahoma Angus Queen.



► **John Pfeiffer** (left), Mulhall, receives the Oklahoma Angus Ass'n junior scholarship. **Jamae Frey** presents the award.



► The Oklahoma Angus Ass'n presents **John Pfeiffer** (left), Mulhall, with the Outstanding Junior Member traveling trophy. **Alan Armbruster** presents the award.

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Wisconsin leadership conference

The Wisconsin Junior Angus Association (WJAA) hosted their first Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference on April 16-17 in Madison.

WJAA President Keela Retallick initiated the program after attending the national LEAD Conference last year in Texas. "It has been my intent since I attended last year's program to bring back a smaller version to the state," Retallick says. Other Wisconsin LEAD committee members included Casey Jentz, Bethany Kohl, Dana May and Jaci Zimmerman.

The program began on Friday afternoon, with junior participants from 8 to 21 years of age participating in an "ice breaker" followed by pizza and swimming. National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Board member Trever Kuipers addressed the group with a motivational message for all junior members. Kuipers told the group never to give up and to always work to do their best.

On Saturday, the juniors met for leadership training by former Wisconsin FFA Officer Peggy Dierickx. WJAA directors Jentz and May provided a showmanship workshop for both juniors and seniors.

Kuipers reviewed National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) rules and competitions, as well as award applications. He encouraged all WJAA members to apply for NJAA Bronze and Silver awards. Individuals receiving their Bronze and Silver awards prior to their last year of eligibility are eligible to apply for the Gold Award during their last year as an NJAA member.

Miss American Angus Wravenna Phipps discussed goal setting. She spoke about breaking through barriers to reach your goals.

Sue Finley of the *Midwest Herdsman* presented a seminar on photography.



The group then traveled to the Wisconsin Beef Council for a tour and presentation by Executive Director John Freitag and Director of Marketing Angela Horkan. Participants also sampled new beef dishes. Following the tour, the group went for a short sight-seeing trip next to the Wisconsin Capitol and walked back to the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus, where they enjoyed ice cream from the Babcock Hall Dairy Store.

Participants included Calli Bayer, Ty Bayer, Kayla Downing, Brooke Hein, Samantha Jackson, Casey Jentz, Courtney Jentz, Mikayla Kind, Stephen Kohl, Jake Konkol, Kelsey Konkol, Kori Konkol, Dana May, Bailey Quam, Jared Radcliffe, Jessica Radcliffe, Keela Retallick, Kelsi Retallick, Kelli Retallick, Tyler Tonkin and Jaci Zimmerman. Sponsors of the event included 2K Cattle Enterprises, the American Angus Auxiliary, the NJAA, Genex Cooperative Inc. and the WJAA.

▶ Minnesota Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Rochester, March 24



▶ **Ryan Mitteness** (right), Ada, receives a \$500 scholarship from the Minnesota Angus Ass'n presented by Kathy Carlson, Thief River Falls, representing the Minnesota Angus Auxiliary. **Peter Scharpe** (not pictured), Arlington, also received a \$500 scholarship.



▶ **Matt Nelson** (center), Mabel, is presented with a jacket in recognition of his heifer, KA Eileenmere Lass K205, being named Show Heifer of the Year by the Minnesota Angus Ass'n. Bruce (left) and Leanne Waugh, Cannon Valley Ranch, Goodhue, sponsored the jacket.



▶ **Kara Walser** (left), Minnesota Lake, and **Alison Johnston** (far right), Houston, are chosen to represent the Minnesota Angus Ass'n for 2004. Other candidates who vied for Miss Minnesota Angus include **Kari Stai** (second from left), New London, and **Amanda Hoffman** (second from right), Theilman. 2003 Miss Minnesota Angus **MacKenzie Johnson** (center), Alden, is also pictured.



▶ **Lindsay Waugh** (left), Goodhue, receives an embroidered jacket in recognition of her steer, CVR Arlo 234, being named Show Steer of the Year by the Minnesota Angus Ass'n. Terry Robinson, *Minnesota Farm and Ranch Guide*, Bismarck, N.D., sponsored the jacket.

▶ 2004 Western Regional Junior Angus Show, Reno, Nev., April 24

▶ **Shannon Crabtree** (center), Kingston, Wash., is presented the John Ascauga Scholarship given through the Western States Angus Auxiliary. Also pictured are Elsie Covey (left), Western States Angus Auxiliary treasurer, and Carla Malson, Western States Angus Auxiliary president.



▶ **Rachel Herbst** (right), Salmon, Idaho, is crowned the 2004 Western States Angus Queen. Also pictured is 2003 Western States Angus Queen Shannon Crabtree of Kingston, Wash.

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▶ 2004 Florida Junior Angus Ass'n Field Day, Campbellton, May 8



▶ The 2004 Florida Junior Angus Ass'n officers are (from left) Treasurer **Brittany Peacock**, Marianna; Vice President **Richelle Miller**, Brandon; Chaplain **Josh Cribbs**, Plant City; President **Roy Petteway**, Zolfo Springs; and Secretary **Danielle Brewer**, Arcadia.



▶ **Amanda Hines** (right), High Springs, is the Florida Angus Auxiliary scholarship winner. Lois Duncan, Florida Angus Auxiliary, presents the \$500 scholarship check.



▶ **Amanda Cone** (left), Greenville, and **Melissa Miller**, Brandon, are crowned the 2004 Florida Angus princess and queen, respectively.



▶ **Roy Petteway** (left), Zolfo Springs, receives his Bronze and Silver awards, and **Brittany Peacock** (center), Marianna, receives her Bronze Award from Craig Guffey, Florida Junior Angus Ass'n advisor and Florida Angus Ass'n president.

▶ 2004 Mississippi Angus Ass'n Banquet, Raymond, April 30



▶ **Melanie Kiani** (left), Mississippi Angus Auxiliary president, presents scholarships to **Andrew Thornton** (continuing from left), Courtland, boy scholarship winner, and **Leanna Daughdrill**, New Hebron, girl winner. Marsha Magee, Auxiliary scholarship chairwoman, is also pictured.



▶ The Mississippi Angus Auxiliary presents **Karen Woods** (left), Benton, with a certificate of achievement. Cheri Franks, Auxiliary vice president, is pictured making the presentation.