



# Next Generation

► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

## Give it your all

Looking back on my years as a member of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA), I can't believe how fast it has all gone. One thing that I do know from all these years is how grateful I am for all the help and support I have received from my family, as well as my friends and all the people I have met along the way. I know that I could not have been very successful at all without their experience and guidance.

When I was younger I never thought much about meeting so many different people, but now it is all coming together — in the ways you can help others, and how they can help you. The time spent as a member and participating in the NJAA was worth every minute.

If I can offer one bit of advice to you as junior Angus members, it is to give it your all. You can never get too much out of an organization like the NJAA.

I hope all goes well for those who participate in the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Denver, Colo. For those who don't get the opportunity this year, mark your calendar for next year in Indiana.



**Kyle Conley**

— Kyle Conley, Missouri

University and major in elementary education.

## Raise funds for your junior association

Hilltop Angus, Mount Gilead, N.C., is offering 100 straws of GAR New Market 7892 semen to junior Angus associations around the country to be used as a fund-raising opportunity. The first 10 state junior Angus associations to request these donations will receive 10 semen straws to be sold at their next fund-raiser. The receiving junior association is responsible for paying the shipping of the semen and will keep all proceeds. The only request in return for the donation is buyer information, including name, hometown and price paid for the semen.

This program was a great success at the North Carolina Angus Association Spring Fever Sale. The North Carolina Junior Association sold the 10 donated semen straws for \$300, providing the inspiration to make this a national program.

If your organization is interested in this program or has any questions, please send an e-mail to [jrassocdonation@hilltopangus.net](mailto:jrassocdonation@hilltopangus.net).

## Apply for beef industry scholarships

Applications are now being accepted for the 2006 Beef Industry Scholarship program, sponsored by the National Cattlemen's Foundation (NCF) and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME). All entries must be postmarked by Sept. 30.

Twenty scholarships of \$1,500 will be

## Minnesota Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, Rochester, March 22



► Alison Johnston (right), Houston, receives her NJAA bronze and silver awards from Vern Frey, American Angus Ass'n regional manager.

## Texas Angus Auxiliary scholarship presented

Jill Jagers, Sulphur Bluff, Texas, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Texas Angus Auxiliary. She is the 18-year-old daughter of Terry and Tina Jagers.

Jill is an active member of the Texas Junior Angus Association (TJAA) and the NJAA. She has served as president of the TJAA and has participated in the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference, the NJAS Public Speaking Contest and the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off.

Jill plans to attend Sam Houston State

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awarded to youth pursuing careers in the beef industry. The program identifies and encourages talented and thoughtful students who have demonstrated a commitment to a career in the beef industry, either through classes, internships or life experiences. Graduating high school seniors or full-time undergraduate students enrolled at a two-year or four-year college for the 2006-2007 school year are encouraged to apply.

Applications must include a 750-word essay that identifies a key issue confronting the beef industry and suggests a solution. Applicants must also submit a letter of intent and two letters of recommendation. A full description of the scholarship program and submission requirements can be found at the NCF Web site, at [www.nationalcattlemensfoundation.org](http://www.nationalcattlemensfoundation.org), or by calling (303) 850-3347.

In addition to a scholarship, the first-place winner will receive airfare and lodging to attend the 2006 Cattle Industry Annual Convention & Trade Show in Denver, Colo., Feb. 1-4.

#### ▣ Oklahoma Angus Ass'n Banquet, Stillwater, April 29



► **Layne Armbruster** (from left), Burlington; **Kassandra Pfeiffer**, Orlando; and **Jordan Davis**, Foss, are honored for their achievements in the showing.



► **Emily Switzer**, Leedey, is crowned the 2005 Oklahoma Angus queen.



► **Jordan Davis** (center), Foss, and **Layne Armbruster** (right), Burlington, receive scholarships from the Oklahoma Angus Auxiliary. **Jamae Frey** presents the awards.

