



► Elected to serve on the NJAA Board of Directors are (seated, from left) **Jennifer Beck**, Carrboro, N.C., chairman; **Jamie King**, Tiffin, Ohio, vice chairman; **Cortney Collins**, Tanner, W.Va., communications director; **Trever Kuipers**, Onarga, Ill., Foundation director; **Amy Wolfrey**, Frederick, Md., leadership director; **Jamie Hower**, Bethlehem, Pa., membership director; (standing, from left) **Kyle Conley**, Clarksdale, Mo.; **Jarrett Martin**, Lavaca, Ark.; **Joanna Olson**, Hereford, Texas; **Jennifer Ourso**, Donaldsonville, La.; **Tyler Grissom**, Prague, Okla.; and **Jeana Sankey**, Council Grove, Kan.

# New Leadership

## NJAA members elect national leaders in Louisville.

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Junior Angus members throughout the United States gathered July 13-19 in Louisville, Ky., to attend the annual meeting of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). The meeting was conducted during the 2003 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS).

Voting delegates elected six new directors to the NJAA Board, and new officers were announced at the awards ceremony, Friday, July 18. Directors elected to officer positions are beginning the second year of their two-year term.

Jennifer Beck, Carrboro, N.C., will lead the organization as chairman. Jamie King, Tiffin, Ohio, will serve as vice chairman.

► Kyle Conley gets a good "squeeze" for congratulations when the new NJAA Board is announced.



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Cortney Collins, Tanner, W.Va., is the communications director, and Trever Kuipers, Onarga, Ill., was elected Foundation director.

Amy Wolfrey, Frederick, Md., was slated as leadership director, and Jamie Hower, Bethlehem, Pa., will serve as membership director.

Candidates from eight states ran for six open seats on the Board. Delegates cast their ballots after each candidate submitted an application, gave a presentation and completed roundtable interviews. A brief biography of the newly elected directors follows.

**Kyle Conley** hails from Clarksdale, Mo., and will be a junior at Oklahoma State University (OSU) in the fall, majoring in animal science with a business option. Kyle has been involved in Angus activities his entire life and has participated in shows, contests and leadership

conferences. He also judges livestock at the collegiate level. He is the 20-year-old son of Bill and Donna Conley.

**Tyler Grissom**, Prague, Okla., is following family tradition, as his father and sister served on the NJAA Board. Tyler, the 20-year-old son of Vic Grissom and Anita Callahan, will be a sophomore at OSU studying finance. He has been an active leader in the Oklahoma Junior Angus Association, currently serving as president. He also is involved in the Student Government Association at OSU.

**Jarrett Martin**, Lavaca, Ark., is the 18-year-old son of Mark and Sonja Martin. He will attend NASCAR Technical Institute in North Carolina in the fall and major in mechanical engineering. Jarrett has been actively involved in the Arkansas Junior Angus Association, serving as president, president-elect, secretary and director. He has also been involved in 4-H at the local, district and state levels.

**Joanna Olson**, Hereford, Texas, will be a sophomore at Texas A&M University majoring in animal science. The 19-year-old daughter of Steve and Ginger Olson, she has been active in junior Angus activities all of her life and is following in her older siblings' footsteps, both of whom served as NJAA directors. She is involved in Saddle & Siroloin Club and reigns as 2003 Miss American Angus.

**Jennifer Ourso**, Donaldsonville, La., is the 18-year-old daughter of Cliff and Melanie Ourso. She majors in biological science/premed at Louisiana State University (LSU) and will be a sophomore in the fall. Jennifer has been active in junior Angus activities for several years and is currently the Louisiana Junior Angus Association president. She also was named to the LSU Chancellor's List and is a member of Kappa Delta sorority.

**Jeana Sankey**, Council Grove, Kan., is a fifth-generation Angus producer and the 19-year-old daughter of Chris and Sharee Sankey. She will be a sophomore at Butler County Community College (BCCC) and majors in agricultural communications. Jeana is an active member of Ag Club and competes on the livestock judging team. She is a past president of the Kansas Junior Angus Association.

The NJAA Board of Directors develops and organizes leadership programs and activities for 11,500 members of the NJAA. For more information about the NJAA, logon to [www.njaa.info](http://www.njaa.info).

