

Pattersons Named Advisors of the Year

John and Pam are role models for Montana Angus youth.

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The Montana Junior Angus Association (MJAA) has experienced great success in the past few years due to the leadership of their advisors, John and Pam Patterson, Columbus, Mont. For the past eight years, the Pattersons have helped Montana juniors both with their association and on a personal level.

"They have so much dedication to the juniors and their futures," says Katrina Dubs, MJAA president. "They encourage us through MJAA, as well as all of our school, 4-H and FFA activities."

For their commitment and dedication to the MJAA, John and Pam were recognized as the 2005 National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Advisors of the Year July 22 during the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Denver, Colo.

Recently, the Pattersons helped the MJAA raise more than \$37,000 (see "Amazing Fund-Raising," pages 76-77, December 2004 *Angus Journal*). Dubs says it was the

Pattersons' motivation and ideas that led to this successful MJAA event.

"John came up with this great idea to have a heifer raffle auction with a twist, which involved past MJAA presidents," Dubs says. "Our goal was \$10,000, but it was the Pattersons' incredible idea, their hard work, planning, dedication, love of the juniors and the Angus breed that made this fund-raiser work."

The Pattersons' Angus support and pride run deep. Along with being MJAA advisor, John also serves as the president of the Montana Angus Association, and their son Tom is a former chairman of the National Junior Angus Board.

"Tom accomplished this feat with family support, and John and Pam provided it all the way," says Bob Cook, Vermilion Ranch, Billings, Mont. "They are caring people who set the seed and taught responsibility at an early age to Tom and the juniors they advise."



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The NJAA and MJAA were organizations the Pattersons raised their family in, and through their role as advisors they have continued their devotion to Angus youth.

"They are incredible leaders, role models and friends," Dubs says. "They always seem to have solutions and know what to do."

The Pattersons' sons, Mark and Tom, and many of the Montana juniors were in attendance as John and Pam were recognized by the NJAA during the cattle show Friday.

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► Members of the Montana Junior Angus Association share in recognizing the Pattersons as Advisors of the Year during the 2005 NJAS.