



► Elected to the 2005-2006 NJAA Board of Directors are (seated, from left) **Jake Tiedeman**, North Platte, Neb., chairman; **Casey Jentz**, Fennimore, Wis., vice chairman; **Alicia Kramer**, Farina, Ill., communications director; **Curtis Bryant**, Monkton, Md., Foundation director; **Renee Thelen**, Saline, Mich., leadership director; **Heath McPherson**, Snow Camp, N.C., membership director; (standing, from left) **Zebadiah Gray**, Toledo, Iowa; **Tracee Veenstra**, Springfield, Minn.; **Kindra Wood**, Holly Pond, Ala.; **Kristen Oaks**, Calhoun, La.; **Amanda Schnoor**, Chowchilla, Calif.; and **Alex Tolbert**, Nicholson, Ga.

daughter of Brad and Mindy Schnoor. She'll attend Oregon State University this fall where she will continue to judge livestock. She has completed an associate's degree in animal science from Modesto Junior College. Amanda has served in numerous leadership positions within the California Junior Angus Association, including president and vice president, and has exhibited cattle nationally.

Alex Tolbert, Nicholson, Ga., is the 20-year-old son of Ed and Delia Tolbert. He is a recent graduate of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, and will attend Oklahoma State University this fall to major in ag economics. Alex is a past president of the Georgia Junior Angus Association and the Georgia FFA program, serving as state FFA vice president in 2002-2003.

Tracee Veenstra is the 21-year-old daughter of Gary and Diana Veenstra of Springfield, Minn. She attends Minnesota State University and will be a senior with a double major in speech communication and management. She has been active in various aspects of the beef industry, including serving as Minnesota's Beef Ambassador and placing sixth in the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Beef Ambassador Program.

Kindra Wood, Holly Pond, Ala., is the 19-year-old daughter of Keith and June Wood. As a sophomore at Auburn University, she majors in animal science and is active in Block & Bridle and other organizations. Kindra has been active in junior Angus programs and has had numerous leadership positions in the Alabama Junior Angus Association, as well as competed in numerous educational contests at the NJAS.

The NJAA Board of Directors develops and organizes leadership programs for more than 10,000 members of the NJAA. For more information about junior Angus programs, go to www.njaa.info.



National Junior Angus Leadership Elected

Six NJAA members take officer positions, while six more begin their director roles.

Story & photo by **Shelia Stannard**

Junior Angus members from coast to coast and all parts in between gathered July 19 in Denver, Colo., to attend the annual meeting of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). The meeting is hosted in conjunction with the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) each year.

Voting delegates elected six new directors to the NJAA Board, and new officers, beginning the second year of their two-year terms, were announced at the awards function, Friday, July 22.

Jake Tiedeman, North Platte, Neb., was elected to serve as the chairman of the Board. Casey Jentz, Fennimore, Wis., was elected to the vice chairman position.

Alicia Kramer, Farina, Ill., was elected to serve as the communications director, and Curtis Bryant, Monkton, Md., was elected Foundation director.

Renee Thelen, Saline, Mich., was chosen to fill the leadership director position. Heath McPherson, Snow Camp,

N.C., was elected membership director.

Candidates from 13 states ran for the six open positions on the Board.

Delegates cast their ballots after reviewing applications submitted by the candidates, listening to the applicants' presentations and participating in roundtable interviews. Brief biographies of the newly elected directors follow.

Newly elected

Zebadiah Gray is the 20-year-old son of Terry and Julie Gray of Toledo, Iowa. He attends Iowa State University and majors in animal science. At school, he is a member of the meat judging team and involved in Block & Bridle and the Beef Team. He has been active in the Iowa Junior Angus Association, where he serves as a director.

Kristen Oaks, Calhoun, La., is the 19-year-old daughter of Emerson IV "Butch" and Rebekah Oaks. Kristen will be a sophomore at Louisiana State University, where she double-majors in ag business and mass communications. She has been active in Angus programs, participating in numerous Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conferences and competing in various contests and showing her cattle at the state and national levels.

Amanda Schnoor hails from Chowchilla, Calif., and is the 19-year-old

