# At the Backdrop

Juniors give it their all, competing in contests ranging from photography to selling to designing posters.

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he National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) provides a variety of educational contests and programs for members of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). Members grow in their skills and broaden their experiences by competing in contests and meeting other juniors from across the country.

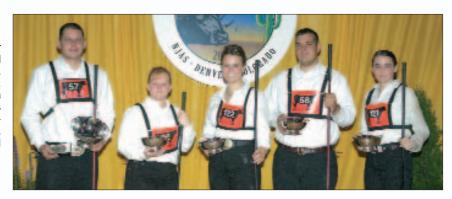
This year, more than 600 juniors from 37 states traveled to Denver, Colo., to participate in the 2005 NJAS. Those who excelled in the

various contests and who were otherwise recognized for their NJAA involvement and leadership are announced in this section.

For winners of the live animal shows, see pages 192-201. Carcass contest results are revealed on pages 202-203, and winners of the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off are presented on pages 214-231.

### **□** SHOWMANSHIP

►The top five contestants at the 2005 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest are (from left) Chad Hahn, Rocky Ridge, Md., first; Stephanie Arp, Walcott, Iowa, second; Kathryn Taylor, Front Royal, Va., third; Jacob Wolfrey, White Post, Va., fourth; and Chelsea Wieben, Waterford, Va., fifth. The American Angus Auxiliary presented each of the top five showmen a silver Revere bowl. As the overall showmanship winner, Hahn won the Jake White Memorial Belt Buckle and the Dean Hurlbut Award.

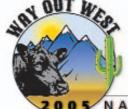


►The top 15 finalists in the showmanship contest are (front row, from left) Kade Cockrell, Joaquin, Texas; Stephanie Arp, Walcott, Iowa, second; Lacey Murray, Garrett, Pa.; Ashley Gillig, Aurora, Mo.; Kathryn Taylor, Front Royal, Va., third; Chelsea Wieben, Waterford, Va., fifth; Preston Pollard, Enid, Okla.; (back row, from left) Chad Hahn, Rocky Ridge, Md.,



first; Amanda Schnoor, Chowchilla, Calif.; Evan Boehmer, Olivet, Mich.; Drew Schroeder, Clarence, Iowa; Charles Tesch, Estelline, S.D.; Cody Bock, Hanna City, Ill.; Joshua Moritz, Piper City, Ill.; and Jacob Wolfrey, White Post, Va., fourth.





► Winning honorable mentions in the showmanship contest are (from left) Amanda Grilli, Erie, Colo.; Laura May, Hurricane Mills, Tenn.; Keela Retallick, Glen Haven, Wis.; Coye Crenshaw-Kleve, Manhattan, Kan.; Garrett Lampe, Scott City, Kan.; Jillian Warren, Lebanon, Ky.; Cliff Ourso Jr., Donaldsonville, La.; Ashley Berkram, Park City, Mont.; and Tawnia Misemer, Mount Vernon, Mo.

### **■ EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING**



► Capturing top honors in the junior division are (from left) **Curtis Doubet**, Parker, Colo., first; **Peter Lundgren**, Ottawa, Kan., second; and **Jacinda Dickinson**, Glasco, Kan., third.



▶ Juniors capturing top honors in the intermediate division/ages 14-15 are (from left) Erin Marvin, Fort Lupton, Colo., first; Allison Jones, Manhattan, Kan., second; and Klaire Jorgensen, Exeter, Neb., third. Auxiliary President Shirley Williams (far left) presents Marvin the Pat Grote Award.



► Fifty-five juniors representing 35 states competed in the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest that is sponsored in part by the Auxiliary, the Ham James Memorial and Andis Co.



▶ Juniors capturing top honors in the intermediate division/ages 16-17 are (from left) Jara Settles, Hoskins, Neb., first; Elizabeth Gavette, Everson, Wash., second; and Will Earhart, Verona, Va., third. Auxiliary President Shirley Williams (far left) presents Settles the Pat Grote Award.



▶ Juniors capturing top honors in the senior division are (from left) Chelsea Frost, Tallula, Ill., first; Joseph Epperly, Moneta, Va., second; and Coye Crenshaw-Kleve, Manhattan, Kan., third. Sheri Spader (far left) presents the Richard L. Spader Memorial Award to Frost in honor of former American Angus Association Executive Vice President Richard Spader.





►The NJAA Extemporaneous Speaking Contest is growing at a fast pace. Participants draw a topic and develop a 2- to 6-minute speech in 30 minutes to present to judges. Pictured are competitors **Tracee Veenstra** (left), Springfield, Minn., and **Coye Crenshaw-Kleve**, Manhattan, Kan.

# **□** PUBLIC SPEAKING



►Winning the junior division are (from left) Jacy Pannell, Alva, Wyo., third; Sarah Connolly, Rogers, Ark., second; and Jacy Alsup, Gravette, Ark., first.



►Winning the intermediate division/ages 14-15 are (from left) Mary Connolly, Rogers, Ark., first; Taylor McQueen, Gilmer, Texas, second; and Parker Rayl, Hutchinson, Kan., third.



► Winning the senior division are (from left) Wravenna Phipps, Kearney, Neb., first; Emily McCurry, Burrton, Kan., second; and John Pfeiffer, Mulhall, Okla., third.





▶ In an effort to better equip junior members with the communication skills necessary to succeed, the Public Speaking Contest allows members to prepare a speech to present at the NJAS. This year's 47 contestants, including **Will Harsh** (above), Radnor, Ohio, stepped up to the challenge and were evaluated on content and quality of presentation, as well as general knowledge of the subject area.



►Winning the intermediate division/ages 16-17 are (from left) Jara Settles, Hoskins, Neb., first; Christina Egner, Shelby, Ohio, second; and Rachel Bartholomew, Archie, Mo., third.

### **POSTER CONTEST**

# Breed/association promotion:



► Winning the junior division are **Tanner Rayl** (left), Hutchinson, Kan., second, and **Hannah McCabe**, Elk City, Kan., third. Not pictured is **Miles Pearson**, Scott City, Kan., first and overall junior poster.



► Winning the intermediate division are (from left) Jara Settles, Hoskins, Neb., first; David Lundgren Jr., Ottawa, Kan., second; and Haley Rieff, Bentonville, Ark., third.



► Winning the senior division are (from left) **Kathryn Jones**, West Point, Ga., first and overall senior poster; **Emily McCurry**, Burrton, Kan., second; and **Casey Rump**, Galva, Kan., third.

## Membership recruitment:



► Winning the junior division are (from left) **Bryanne Duckett**, New Liberty, Iowa, first; **Tanner Rayl**, Hutchinson, Kan., second; and **Peter Lundgren**, Ottawa, Kan., third.



►Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Gretchen Ettredge**, Pilot Point, Texas, first and overall intermediate poster; **Jara Settles**, Hoskins, Neb., second; and **Kyleigh Santee**, Langdon, Kan., third.



► Winning the senior division are (from left) **Kristen Lundgren**, Ottawa, Kan., first; **Emily McCurry**, Burrton, Kan., second; and **Tammy Ettedge**, Pilot Point, Texas, third.

### Herd advertisement:



► Winning the junior division are (from left) Bryanne Duckett, New Liberty, Iowa, first; Lauren Grimes, Hillsboro, Ohio, second; and Tanner Rayl, Hutchinson, Kan., third.



►Winning the intermediate division are (from left) Kyleigh Santee, Langdon, Kan., first; Courtney Rump, Galva, Kan., second; and Lindsey Grimes, Hillsboro, Ohio, third.



► Winning the senior division are Emily McCurry (left), Burrton, Kan., second, and Garrett Lampe, Scott City, Kan., third. Not pictured is Megin Santee, Langdon, Kan., first.

# **□** GRAPHIC DESIGN



► Winning the junior division are (from left) Katlyn Tunstill, Fayetteville, Ark., first; Allison Dubs, Billings, Mont., second; and Sarah Connolly, Rogers, Ark., third. Also pictured is Shirley Williams, Fair Oaks Farm, award sponsor.



►Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Britney Creamer**, Montrose, Colo., first; **Brandon Creamer**, Montrose, Colo., second; and **Haley Rieff**, Bentonville, Ark., third. Also pictured is Shirley Williams, award sponsor.



► Winning the senior division are (from left) Tammy Ettredge, Pilot Point, Texas, first; Emily McCurry, Burrton, Kan., second; and Garrett Lampe, Scott City, Kan., third. Also pictured is Shirley Williams, award sponsor.

### **□** HERDSMANSHIP



►The **Missouri Junior Angus Ass'n** captured first place in herdsmanship for 46 head of cattle or more. Missouri juniors also submitted the first-place scrapbook.



► The **Arkansas Junior Angus Ass'n** won first place in herdsmanship with 31-45 head of cattle.



►The Maryland Junior Angus Ass'n won first place in herdsmanship with 16-30 head of cattle. Maryland juniors also submitted the second-place scrapbook.



►The Michigan Junior Angus Ass'n won first place in herdsmanship with 15 or fewer head.





► The poster contest focused on three different subject areas: breed or association promotion, membership recruitment, and herd advertisement. Contestants are judged within their respective age divisions.



▶ Judges evaluated the graphic design contest entries prior to the NJAS. This year, contestants were asked to design a brochure to promote the Angus Foundation Golf Tournament. Thirty-three juniors accepted this challenge.



▶ The herdsmanship award recognizes those states that go the extra mile to manage the size of their "herd" at the show, while at the same time keeping their area clean, promoting their state and working to maintain a positive atmosphere.



► From left, Austin Reitzenstein, Kersey, Colo.; Chase Anderson, Chrisman, Ill.; Lucas Wall, Bloomington, Ill.; and Logan Johnson, Kings, Ill., keep an alley clean and neat.

# **■** NJAA/ANGUS JOURNAL PHOTO CONTEST

# Angus cattle:



►Winning the junior division are (from left) **Kyla Olson**, Saint Ignatius, Mont., first and overall winner in the Angus cattle category; **Adam Murray**, Leesburg, Va., second; and **Weston Geppert**, Mitchell, S.D., third.



►Winning the intermediate division are **Callie Smith** (left), Lebanon, Tenn., first, and **Britney Creamer**, Montrose, Colo., third. Not pictured is **Emelia Heimsoth**, Lathrop, Mo., second.



► Winning the senior division are (from left) Garrett Lampe, Scott City, Kan., first; Ashley Gillig, Aurora, Mo., second; and Jennifer Hower, Bethlehem, Pa., third.

### Landscape:



► Winning the junior division are (from left) Adam Murray, Leesburg, Va., first and overall winner in the landscape category; Kyla Olson, Saint Ignatius, Mont., second; and Baron Rieker, Columbus, Ind., third.



►Winning the intermediate division are **Logan Deitrick** (left), Zanesville, Ohio, second, and **David Lundgren Jr.**, Ottawa, Kan., third. Not pictured is **Ashley Kuehn**, Durant, Iowa, first.



► Winning the senior division are (from left) Jennifer Hower, Bethlehem, Pa., first; Patrick Smith, Purcellville, Va., second; and Hope Herd, Fair Grove, Mo., third.

# People:



► Winning the junior division are (from left)
Meghan Blythe, White City, Kan., first; Allison
Blythe, White City, Kan., second; and Sierra
Meyers, Madera, Calif., third.



►Winning the intermediate division are Allyson McGuire (left), Fort Smith, Ark., first, and Emily Murray, Leesburg, Va., third. Not pictured is Emelia Heimsoth, Lathrop, Mo., second.



► Winning the senior division are **Kelly Penner** (left), Mill Creek, Okla., second, and **Clayton Lampe**, Scott City, Kan., third. Not pictured is **Ricka Boehmer**, Williamston, Mich., first, overall winner in the people category and overall winner of all categories.

### Around the farm or ranch:



► Winning the junior division are Allison Blythe (left), White City, Kan., second, and Jentry Jaggers, Sulphur Bluff, Texas, third. Not pictured is Joy Powers, Moneta, Va., first and overall winner in the around the farm or ranch category.



►Winning the intermediate division are Jara Settles (left), Hoskins, Neb., first, and Megan Fink, Manhattan, Kan., second. Not pictured is Ashley Kuehn, Durant, Iowa, third.



► Winning the senior division are **Clayton Lampe** (left), Scott City, Kan., second, and **Hope Herd**, Fair Grove, Mo., third. Not pictured is **Ricka Boehmer**, Williamston, Mich., first.

### **QUIZ BOWL**



► Winning first in the junior division, representing the Kansas Junior Angus Ass'n, are (from left) team members **Ransom, Cole** and **Grant Gardiner**, all of Ashland; and **Cody Theis**, Leavenworth.

►Not pictured are the second-place winners in the junior division. Representing the California Junior Angus Ass'n were team members Rachel LaFranchi, Calistoga; AustiPerry, Prather; Ashley Judge, San Luis Obispo; and Sierra Meyers, Madera.



►Winning first in the intermediate division, representing the Nebraska Junior Angus Ass'n, are (from left) team members Klaire Jorgensen, Exeter; Jara Settles, Hoskins; Jessica Clowser, Milford; and Andrew Uden, Elwood.



►Winning second in the intermediate division, representing the Colorado Junior Angus Ass'n, are (from left) team members Kathryn German and Cashley Ahlberg, both of Longmont; Daniel Howell, Trinidad; and Jeffrey Sterkel, Erie.



►Winning first in the senior division, representing the Kansas Junior Angus Ass'n, are (from left) team members Garrett Lampe, Scott City; Flinton McCabe, Elk City; Kristen Lundgren, Ottawa; and Coye Crenshaw-Kleve, Manhattan.



►Winning second in the senior division, representing the Minnesota Junior Angus Ass'n, are (from left) team members Angela Kaehler, Saint Charles; Ryan Mitteness, Ada; Peter Scharpe, Arlington; and Clay Walser, Minnesota Lake.

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▶ One hundred seventy-five junior members captured the moment in 433 photographs depicting varying locations and Angus events around the country. Photos were entered in four categories: Angus cattle, people, landscape, and around the farm or ranch. Evaluated prior to the NJAS, entries were on display throughout the week. To view the winning photographs, see pages 258-271.



► Seventy-seven teams competed in the Quiz Bowl Contest. In the first round individuals took written tests. The top eight teams in each division then advanced to a single-elimination oral round.

### **□** TEAM SALES COMPETITION



►Winning first in the junior division, representing the Kansas Junior Angus Ass'n, are (from left) Grant, Cole and Ransom Gardiner, all of Ashland.



►Winning second in the junior division, representing the Texas Junior Angus Ass'n, are (from left) Mollie Lastovica, Fredericksburg; Tyler Jones, Bleiblerville; and Jacie Gibson, Cooper.



► Winning third in the junior division, representing the Missouri Junior Angus Ass'n, are (from left) Paige Wallace, Stotts City; Austin Thummel, Sheridan; and Lauren Akin, Iberia.



►Winning first in the intermediate division, representing the Kansas Junior Angus Ass'n, are (from left) Courtenay DeHoff, Tonganoxie; Chelsea Dickinson, Glasco; and Parker Rayl, Hutchinson.



►Winning second in the intermediate division, representing the Texas Junior Angus Ass'n, are (from left) Logan Lastovica, Fredericksburg; Taylor McQueen, Gilmer; and Kevin Gleason, Midlothian.



► Winning third in the intermediate division, representing the North Dakota Junior Angus Ass'n, are (from left) Chris Heins, Wing; Benjamin Tokach, Saint Anthony; and Logan Hoffmann, Wheatland.



►Winning first in the senior division, representing the Nebraska Junior Angus Ass'n, are (from left) Jara Settles, Hoskins; Wravenna Phipps, Kearney; and Kellen Jorgensen, Exeter.



►Winning second in the senior division, representing the Minnesota Junior Angus Ass'n, are (from left) **Peter Scharpe**, Arlington; **Lyndsay Waugh**, Goodhue; and **Tracee Veenstra**, Springfold



► Winning third in the senior division, representing the Virginia Junior Angus Ass'n, are (from left) **Kati Hereford**, Hamilton; **Bethany Johnson**, Nokesville; and **Joseph Epperly**, Moneta.

### OTHER AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS



▶The Kansas Junior Angus Ass'n captured the Sweepstakes Award for the ninth time. Kansas juniors also submitted the third-place scrapbook.



▶ Representing the American Angus Auxiliary, Cathy Watkins (center) presents the Janet Castle Crystal Award to Jara Settles (left), Hoskins, Neb., and Garrett Lampe, Scott City, Kan. The Auxiliary presents a Crystal Award to the young man and the young woman who accumulate the most points in educational contests at the NJAS.



► Wravenna Phipps (right), Kearney, Neb., receives the Barbara Smalstig Outstanding Leadership Award from Tyler Grissom, retiring NJAA leadership director.



▶ From left, Auxiliary Scholarship Chairwoman Sharee Sankey presents American Angus Auxiliary scholarships to **Clayton Lampe**, Scott City, Kan., first; **Andrew Foster**, Niles, Mich., second; **Brett Naylor**, Buffalo, Mo., third; and **Brandon Creamer**, Montrose, Colo., fourth. Not pictured is **Benjamin Greene**, Covington, La., fifth. To read more about the Auxiliary scholarship recipients, refer to page 234.



► From left, Auxiliary Scholarship Chairwoman Sharee Sankey presents American Angus Auxiliary scholarships to Julie Thelen, Saline, Mich., first; Mallory Trosper, Hamilton, Mo., second; Samantha Harl, Hastings, Neb., third; Katrina Dubs, Billings, Mont., fourth; and Bridget Driscoll, Williamsburg, Iowa, fifth. Also pictured are (continuing from left) Emily and Mary McCurry, Miss American Angus coordinators. All five female scholarship recipients will compete for the title of Miss American Angus this fall in Louisville, Ky.



▶ Like the Public Speaking Contest, team sales has progressed into a popular and competitive contest at the NJAS. Ten junior teams, 11 intermediate teams and 10 senior teams competed within their respective age divisions. The key to this contest is to market an animal to a panel of judges. Senior division competitors receive their scenarios two days prior to the contest.



► States, rather than individuals, compete in the scrapbook contest. Providing another opportunity to participate for members unable to travel to the show to compete, the contest encourages recordkeeping.

# **OTHER AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS** (continued)

► Wravenna Phipps, Kearney, Neb., receives the Certified Angus Beef (CAB) LLC/NJAA Scholarship.





►The California Junior Angus Ass'n submitted the first-place project of the year. Receiving the award are (from left) Garrett Blanchard, Mendota; Ryan Nelson, Wilton; and Rachel LaFranchi, Calistoga.



► Receiving \$3,500 scholarships, given in memory of Richard L. Spader by the Angus Foundation, are **Jennifer Ourso** (left), Donaldsonville, La., and **Garrett Lampe** (right), Scott City, Kan. Sheri Spader presents the scholarships.



▶ Receiving \$1,000 scholarships from the Angus Foundation are (front row, from left) Mallory Trosper, Hamilton, Mo.; Kindra Wood, Holly Pond, Ala.; Kristen Oaks, Calhoun, La.; Dana May, Mineral Point, Wis.; Bridget Driscoll, Williamsburg, Iowa; Ashley Gillig, Aurora, Mo.; Hope Herd, Fair Grove, Mo.; Chelsey Warfield, Andersonville, Tenn.; (back row, from left) Rebecca Tokach, Saint Anthony, N.D.; Katrina Dubs, Billings, Mont.; Laura May, Hurricane Mills, Tenn.; Clayton Lampe, Scott City, Kan.; Casey Jentz, Fennimore, Wis.; Brett Naylor, Buffalo, Mo.; Tammy Ettredge, Pilot Point, Texas; Roy Petteway, Zolfo Springs, Fla.; Julie Thelen, Saline, Mich.; Brandon Creamer, Montrose, Colo.; Samantha Harl, Hastings, Neb.; Amanda Wical, Grundy Center, Iowa; and Cody Washam, Pierce City, Mo. Presenting the awards is Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation director of development. Not pictured are Zane Gray, Toledo, Iowa, and Abby Janssen, Bloomfield, Iowa.



► Gold Award recipients recognized at the NJAS are (front row, from left) Kati Hereford, Hamilton, Va.; Coye Crenshaw-Kleve, Manhattan, Kan.; Rachel Herbst, Salmon, Idaho; Tammy Ettredge, Pilot Point, Texas; Emily Pohlman, Norfolk, Neb.; Renee Thelen, Saline, Mich.; Emily McCurry, Burrton, Kan.; Deanna Hartzell, Mineral Point, Wis.; Hope Herd, Fair Grove, Mo.; (back row, from left) Patrick Smith, Purcellville, Va.; Casey Rump, Galva, Kan.; Katelyn Scharpe, Arlington, Minn.; Krista Stai, New London, Minn.; Eric King, Tiffin, Ohio; Kelly Penner, Mill Creek, Okla.; Lisa Stream, Chariton, Iowa; Chelsea Frost, Tallula, Ill.; and Joanna Olson, Hereford, Texas. Not pictured are Jarrett Martin, Lavaca, Ark.; Megin Santee, Langdon, Kan.; and Stephen Kohl, Waterloo, Wis.