

# Brandt Interns with Events & Education

Brandt joins the team in Saint Joseph, Mo., assisting with Angus events nationwide.

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The American Angus Association recently welcomed Clear Lake, S.D., native Caitlyn Brandt to its team as the extended intern in the Events & Education Department. Brandt is a December 2015 graduate of South Dakota State University (SDSU) with bachelor's degrees in agriculture education and agricultural business, with a minor in animal science.

Brandt kicked off her role at the 2016 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo., and will continue her involvement in planning activities and events until mid-August. Brandt said she's looking forward to the entire experience.

During her eight-month internship with the organization, Brandt will assist with planning and preparation for Association-sponsored shows and National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) conferences, and attend several events throughout the country. She will also work with the *Green Coats: Coast to Coast* program, assist in updating the NJAA website, contribute to the *Directions* newsletter, and assist with the National Junior

Recognition Program, as well as other NJAA programs.

Brandt will assist in planning for the upcoming Raising the Bar conferences in Fayetteville, Ark., March 3-6, and Brookings, S.D., April 7-10. Visit [www.njaa.info](http://www.njaa.info) for complete details.

Brandt previously served as a summer programs assistant for Brookings County Extension in Brookings, S.D., a producer services intern for the National Pork Board in Des Moines, Iowa, and as a financial officer intern for Farm Credit Services of America in Watertown, S.D.

Brandt admits she's been more involved in the swine industry, though her family does raise cattle. Her experience in agricultural events and education will greatly benefit the Association and help achieve its goals.

"I'm looking forward to meeting producers and young people in the industry," Brandt said. "I'm truly excited to travel to events and to see places and do things I haven't yet experienced."

Jaclyn Clark, Association director of

events and education, said Brandt's focus and attention to detail will enhance the team's ability to improve its already industry-leading programs for youth and adult members.

"We're thrilled to have Caitlyn on board for the next eight months," Clark said. "Her experience with outreach and education will help further our efforts to get our members involved in Association events."

At SDSU, Brandt was involved in the SDSU Swine Club, serving as the organization's secretary from 2013-2014 and president from 2014-2015. Brandt was also a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, SDSU's Honor Society, and Agriculture Future of America (AFA).

In addition to the eight-month internship with the events and education department, the Association offers four summer internships that run from May to August. Additional positions are available in the events department, communications and the *Angus Journal*.

