

Meet NJAA Intern Bryanne Duckett

Duckett, New Liberty, Iowa, joins the Angus team for an eight-month internship.

The American Angus Association welcomes Bryanne Duckett, New Liberty, Iowa, as an intern in the junior activities department. Based in the Association headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo., Duckett will play a significant role in coordinating events for members of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA).

“Bryanne is going to be a great asset to the junior activities department this spring and summer,” says Robin Ruff, Association director of junior activities. “She has a strong background in the beef industry and a true passion for the Angus breed.”

Duckett attends Northwest Missouri State University where she is pursuing a degree in animal science with a minor in commercial agriculture. The daughter of Todd and Bonnie Duckett, she is a member of the Laudmere Angus Farm crew, where she assists with selecting sires for artificial insemination (AI), supervises cattle during calving season and provides daily care.

“I am excited to meet new people and learn what goes on behind the scenes at the Association,” says

Duckett, who is a member of the Iowa Junior Angus Association and the Eastern Iowa Angus Association, where she has served several leadership roles, including president and Angus royalty.

In her internship, Duckett will assist with daily in-office tasks; preparation for NJAA-sponsored shows and conferences, including Raising the Bar; organizing the Green Coats: Coast to Coast program

and much more. She will also assist with the NJAA website, *Directions* newsletter, National Junior Recognition Program (NJRP) and other programs available to the NJAA membership.

“The eight-month time period I am at the Association will allow me to carry out all my projects and bring a fresh perspective to the NJAA program and my education,” Duckett says.

Through the NJAA, Duckett has earned her Gold Award, and has participated in the showing and contests at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). She is also active in her local 4-H, FFA and church. In the future, Duckett hopes to continue her career in the agriculture industry, through the Association, NJAA or the Iowa Angus Association.



Application deadline extended for YCC participant sponsorship

Every year, the Angus Foundation sponsors one individual to attend the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC). The application deadline for this sponsorship has been extended to Friday, Feb. 8, 2013. The application can be found at www.angusfoundation.org.

The Foundation's sponsorship covers flight costs and registration fees. The applicant must be between the ages of 25 to 50 and must also be a member of the NCBA.

Attendees participate in a nationwide tour of the beef production chain from ranch to feedlot to packing plant, through marketing and regulatory affairs and finally ending at consumer foodservice.

For more information on YCC, the Angus Foundation, or a list of previous Angus YCC representatives, visit www.angusfoundation.org.