

Virginian Named Advisor of the Year

Veterinarian, compassionate role model receives national honor at the 2016 NJAS.

by Sarah Hill, projects editor

Serving as a model of leadership is the reason Sarah McCall was nominated for the Advisor of the Year award through the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). McCall was recognized for her leadership, professionalism and compassion at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Grand Island, Neb.

“For over three years, Dr. Sarah McCall has served the Virginia Junior Angus Association (VJAA) with exceptional dedication,” says William Fiske, former National Junior Angus Board (NJAB)

member from Virginia. “Mrs. McCall and her family have embraced the activities and opportunities of the NJAA to not only encourage new members in their community, but across the entire state of Virginia.”

Even while shouldering many responsibilities, McCall is noted to greet each junior and parent with a smile. Her calm, problem-solving presence and humor can diffuse the most difficult of situations, according to a nomination letter. McCall’s desire to reach out and make herself available to members and families has truly set her apart as a mentor in Virginia, Fiske adds.

“It was a priority of Sarah’s to ensure that each junior was able to work toward goals they

desired and communicated to her,” says Gina Hope, American Angus Auxiliary Region 6 director. “I watched her work with two senior members in running for the National Junior Board, and one achieved that goal. Although she is no longer an advisor, she enthusiastically offered to help this year’s candidate, as well.”

Under McCall’s guidance, the VJAA progressed as an ambitious yet unified group, and her service instilled a positive energy leadership style amongst the members.

McCall was also responsible for setting a high standard of providing frequent communication with Virginia junior members about upcoming state, regional and national events. McCall also opened her home several times to the VJAA officers and board members for meetings.

The NJAA Advisor of the Year Award was introduced in 1980 to recognize the tremendous contributions of junior Angus association advisors. Any junior Angus association advisor is eligible for the award by sending in a letter of nomination.



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► Sarah McCall (right) receives the Advisor of the Year award from Lauren Grimes, retiring NJAB leadership director.

Past Advisor of the Year winners

- 1981 — Bob Herriott, Illinois
- 1982 — Paul & Vicki St. Blanc, Louisiana
- 1983 — Mida Peterson, West Virginia
- 1984 — Evelyn Edmunds, South Carolina
- 1985 — J.V. & Helen Heyser, Texas
- 1986 — Gordon & Norma Conner, Kentucky
- 1987 — Gerald Crossland, Arkansas
- 1988 — Dan & Karen Coonrad, Northwest Region
- 1989 — Jerry & Kay Williams, Texas
- 1990 — Ted & Windy Bartee, South Carolina
- 1991 — Stan & Barbara Shaw, Wisconsin
- 1992 — Dave & Sue McGiveron, Wisconsin
- 1993 — Melvin & Donna Porter, Georgia
- 1994 — Glen & Pat Grote, Texas
- 1995 — Tom Nichols, Iowa
- 1996 — Charles “Bud” and Pam Smith, Kentucky
- 1997 — Pete & Barb Sweeney, Michigan
- 1998 — Don & Pam Snepp, Indiana
- 1999 — William & Lucille Leatherman, North Carolina
- 2000 — Mike & Kerri Gleason, Texas
- 2001 — Jane & Teddy Morelock, Arkansas
- 2002 — Connie Robbins and Cary Childs, Mississippi
- 2003 — Frank & Julie Feeser, Maryland
- 2004 — Carla Vaught, Arkansas
- 2005 — John & Pam Patterson, Montana
- 2006 — Doug & Glenda Schroeder, Iowa
- 2007 — Anne Lampe, Kansas
- 2008 — Michelle Rieff, Arkansas
- 2009 — Mike & Barbara Ettredge, Texas
- 2010 — Carolyn Gazda, Georgia
- 2011 — Rachel Frost, Illinois
- 2012 — Eddie & Patti Hymel, Louisiana
- 2013 — Tom & Merridee Wells, Texas
- 2014 — Kevin & Keri Retallick, Wisconsin
- 2015 — Sherry Adcock, Illinois