

At the Backdrop

NJAA members recognized for their accomplishments during the 2016 NJAS Awards Ceremony.

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SCRAPBOOK



► The **Kansas Jr. Angus Ass'n** won first place in the scrapbook contest. Not pictured are the **Iowa Jr. Angus Ass'n**, second; the **Maryland Jr. Angus Ass'n**, third; the **Nebraska Jr. Angus Ass'n**, fourth; and the **Indiana Jr. Angus Ass'n**, fifth.

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CRYSTAL AWARD



► Kathi Creamer (center) American Angus Auxiliary, presents Crystal Awards recognizing the top boy and top girl in contest performance to **Cooper Sadowsky** (left), Eagleville, Mo.; and **Chris Kahlenbeck**, Union, Mo.

► SWEEPSTAKES



► The Illinois Jr. Angus Ass'n won sweepstakes, 30 head or more.

► GRAPHIC DESIGN



► Winning the junior division are (from left) **Alexis Koelling**, Laddonia, Mo., second; and **Abbie Schwab**, Goddard, Kan., third. Not pictured is **Paighton Witt**, Leslie, Mo., first.



► Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Hailie Conley**, Plainfield, Ont., Canada, first; and **Mattie Harward**, Richfield, N.C., second. Not pictured is **Lily Gisclair**, Longville, La., third.



► Winning the senior division are (from left) **Cassandra Garcia**, Renton, Wash., second; and **Cooper Sadowsky**, Union, Mo., third. Not pictured is **Renae Tokach**, Saint Anthony, N.D., first.

To see the winning entries, see page D63 in this issue's digital supplement.

► POSTER CONTEST



► Winning the breed or association promotion category are (from left) **Samuel Jordan**, Saint Joseph, Mo., third; and **Elizabeth Rone**, Courtland, Miss., first. Not pictured is **Tate Laffin**, Olsburg, Kan., second.



► Winning the membership recruitment category are (from left) **Abbie Schwab**, Goddard, Kan., third; **Lani LeBeouf**, Deridder, La., second; and **Ella Jordan**, Saint Joseph, Mo., first.



► Left: Winning the herd advertisement category is **Elizabeth Rone**, Courtland, Miss., third. Not pictured are **Abbie Schwab**, Goddard, Kan., first; and **Hayden Weaver**, Ephrata, Pa., second. Abbie also won the overall poster contest.

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PHOTOGRAPHY

Angus Cattle:



►Winning the junior division are (from left) **Kelly Gaffney**, Barneveld, Wis., first; **Hannah Millikan**, Napoleon, Ohio, second; and **Suter Clark**, Gretna, Va., third. Kelly also won overall junior champion.



►Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Lauren Gilbert**, Oldfield, Mo., first; **Sydnee Shive**, Mount Hope, Kan., second; and **Kassidy Bremer**, Redfield, Iowa, third.



►Winning the senior division are (from left) **Victoria Hernandez**, Wellington, Fla., third; and **Taylor Clarke**, Rocky Ridge, Md., first. Not pictured is **JD Rosman**, Creston, Wash., second.

Around the Farm or Ranch:



►Winning the junior division are (from left) **Wyat James**, Bruce, S.D., third; **Sarah Millikan**, Napoleon, Ohio, second; and **Chayton Day**, Cerro Gordo, Ill, first.



►Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Baxter Knapp**, Bloomfield, Iowa, first; and **Mardee Sadowsky**, Eagleville, Mo., second. Not pictured is **Abigail Greiman**, Perry, Iowa, third. Baxter also won overall intermediate champion.



►Winning the senior division are (from left) **Chris Kahlenbeck**, Union, Mo., first; and **Leslie Craig**, Harrodsburg, Ky., second. Not pictured is **Kyle Livingston**, Dover, Pa., third.

Landscape:



►Left: Winning the junior division are (from left) **Adam McCauley**, Cythiana, Ky., first, and **Kelly Gaffney**, Barneveld, Wis., second. Not pictured is **Bridget Kucan**, Holton, Kan., third.

►Right: Winning in the intermediate division is **Sean Houston**, Savannah, Mo., third. Not pictured are **Trista Bates**, Manhattan, Mont., first; and **Cassidy Becker**, Diagonal, Iowa, second.



►Winning the senior division are (from left) **Brittany Eagleburger**, Buffalo, Mo., first; and **Taylor Clarke**, Rocky Ridge, Md., second. Not pictured is **JD Rosman**, Creston, Wash., third.

People:



►Left: Winning the junior division is **Alexis Koelling**, Ladonia, Mo., first. Not pictured are **Paighton Witt**, Union, Mo., second; and **Izabella Bear**, Aurora, Ind., third.



►Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Hailie Conley**, Plainfield, Ont., Canada, third; **Molly Cooksey**, Roggen, Colo., second; and **Kassidy Bremer**, Redfield, Iowa, first.



►Winning the senior division are (from left) **Aliesha Dethlefs**, North Platte, Neb., first; and **Olivia Wilson**, Ogden, Ill., second. Not pictured is **JD Rosman**, Creston, Wash., third. Aliesha also won overall senior champion, and she was overall photo champion.

To see the winning photos, see pages D24-D51 in this issue's digital supplement.

▣ CAREER DEVELOPMENT



► Winning the intermediate A interview division are (from left) **Eva Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, Kan., first; **Marcie Harward**, Richfield, N.C., second; and **Alexandria Cozzitorto**, Lawrence, Kan., third. Eva was the overall winner of the intermediate A division.



► Winning the intermediate A résumé division are (from left) **Eva Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, Kan., first; **Alexandria Cozzitorto**, Lawrence, Kan., second; and **Jace Stagemeyer**, Page, Neb., third.



► Placing in the same order in both the intermediate B interview and résumé divisions are (from left) **Cale Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, Kan., first; **Baxter Knapp**, Bloomfield, Iowa, second; and **Miles Stagemeyer**, Page, Neb., third. Cale was the overall winner of the intermediate B division.



► **Left:** Winning the senior interview division are (from left) **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove, Ark., first; **Jasi Borman**, Holland, Minn., tied for second; and **Tanner Hash**, Archer City, Texas, tied for second.

► **Right:** Winning the senior résumé division are (from left) **Keegan Cassady**, Bloomington, Ill., second, and **Jasi Borman**, Holland, Minn., first. Not pictured is **Kerrie Miller**, Wapakoneta, Ohio, third. Jasi was the overall winner in the senior division.



▣ TEAM MARKETING



► Winning first in the intermediate division, representing Missouri, are (from left) **Linsey Anderson**, Conway; **Lauren Parks**, Brookfield; **Callie Keaton**, Anderson; and **Mardee Sadowsky**, Eagleville.



► Winning first in the intermediate division, representing Kansas, are (from left) **Alexandria Cozzitorto**, Lawrence; **Grady Dickerson**, Paradise; **Cale Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland; and **Sarah Pelton**, Paradise.



► Winning third in the intermediate division, representing Pennsylvania, are (from left) **Halley Sweitzer**, Wellsville; **Daniel Rohrbaugh**, Seven Valleys; and **Madison Weaver**, Ephrata.



► Winning first in the senior division, representing Missouri II, are (from left) **Chris Kahlenbeck**, Union; **Sydney Thummel**, Sheridan; **Cooper Sadowsky**, Eagleville; and **Brittany Eagleburger**, Buffalo.



► Winning second in the senior division, representing Missouri I, are (from left) **Carrie Otte**, Saint Mary; **Anna Brightwell**, Carthage; **Hannah Moyer**, Lamar; and **Elizabeth Otte**, Saint Mary.



► Winning third in the senior division, representing Kansas, are (from left) **Claire Wingert**, Ottawa; **Sarah Loomis**, Council Grove; **Taylor Nikkel**, Maple Hill; and **Reid Shipman**, Manhattan.

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▣ LIVESTOCK JUDGING



► **Left:** Receiving top honors in the junior A division are (from left) **Eliza Rosenhagen**, Cheney, Kan., first; **Reed Naughton**, Atlanta, Ill., second; and **Brock Miller**, Deer Trail, Colo., third.



► **Right:** Receiving top honors in the Junior B division are (from left) **Ryan Borer**, Buchanan, Va., first; **Sydney Johnson**, Orlando, Okla., second; and **Jayce Dickerson**, Paradise, Kan., third.



► **Left:** Receiving top honors in the intermediate division are (from left) **Taylor Nikkel**, Maple Hill, Kan., first; and **Eric Schafer**, Owaneco, Ill., third. Not pictured is **Walker McDermott**, Prescott, Iowa, second.



► **Right:** Receiving top honors in the senior division are (from left) **Carter Ward**, Plattsburg, Mo, first; and **Cody Boden**, Clear Brook, Va., and **Zane Ward**, Russell Springs, Kan., tying for second.

▣ EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING

The National Junior Angus Association Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest is designed to develop the ability of contestants to express themselves on a given topic without having prepared a presentation in advance.

Winners of the intermediate A and intermediate B divisions each receive a Harvey Rattey bronze sculpture in memory of the late Pat

Grote, former American Angus Auxiliary president and a supporter of youth.

The winner of the senior division is awarded a custom-engraved Artisan belt buckle in memory of the late Richard L. "Dick" Spader, former executive vice president of the American Angus Association.



► Winning the junior A division are (from left) **Carson Woodworth**, Enterprise, Kan., first; **Jacob Wickard**, Greenfield, Ind., second; and **Brenten Humpert**, Windthorst, Texas, third.



► Winning the junior B division are (from left) **Ethan Blevins**, Greenup, Ky., first; **Cooper Free**, Salado, Texas, second; and **Jordyn Wickard**, Greenfield, Ind., third.



► Winning the intermediate A division are (from left) **Mardee Sadowsky**, Eagleville, Mo., first; **Lauren Parks**, Brookfield, Mo., second; and **Eva Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, Kan., third. Sadowsky received the Harvey Rattey bronze sculpture in the name of the late Pat Grote for her win.



► Winning the intermediate B division are (from left) **Cale Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, Kan., first; **Hannah Rose**, New Palestine, Ind., second; and **Gabrielle Simpson**, Tupelo, Miss., third. Cale Hinrichsen received the Harvey Rattey bronze sculpture in the name of the late Pat Grote for his win.



► Winning the senior division are (from left) **Cooper Sadowsky**, Eagleville, Mo., first; **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove, Ark., second; and **Sydney Gerken**, Cashion, Okla., third.



► For her first-place win in the senior division, **Cooper Sadowsky** (right) received the custom-engraved Artisan belt buckle in the name of the late Richard L. "Dick" Spader, presented by Sheri Spader.

CREATIVE WRITING



►Winning the junior division are (from left) **Ella Jordan**, Saint Joseph, Mo., third; **Blake Pillars**, Martin, Mich., second; and **Alexis Knapp**, Bloomfield, Iowa, first.



►Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Nicholas Pohlman**, Prairie Grove, Ark., first; **Madison Weaver**, Ephrata, Pa., and **Lindsey Decker**, Philo, Ill., tied for third; and **Mattie Harward**, Richfield, N.C., second.



►Winning the senior division are (from left) **Chris Kahlenbeck**, Union, Mo., first; and **Cooper Sadowsky**, Eagleville, Mo., second. Not pictured is **Rena Tokach**, Saint Anthony, N.D., third.

TEAM FITTING



►Placing first, representing Illinois, are (from left) **Adam Miller**, Gridley; **Brandon Hickey**, Mount Pulaski; **Austin Mussman**, Grant Park; and **Eric Schafer**, Owanece.



►Placing second, representing Virginia, are (from left) **Ryan Borer**, Buchanan; **Zach McCall**, Greenville; **Cody Boden**, Clear Brook; and **John Knight**, Montpelier Station.



►Placing third, representing Kansas, are (from left) **Taylor Nikkel**, Maple Hill; **Chance Stout**, Olpe; **Jayce Dickerson**, Paradise; and **Zane Ward**, Russell Springs.

GOLD AWARDS



►Earning the Gold Award in their final year of the National Junior Angus Association activities are (front row, from left) **Reed McCormick**, Pleasantville, Iowa; **Hannah Moyer**, Lamar, Mo.; **Brooke Haas**, Downs, Ill.; **Taylor Clarke**, Rocky Ridge, Md.; **Michaela Clowser**, Milford, Neb.; **Audra Montgomery**, Carrington, N.D.; **Destiny McCauley**, Cynthiana, Ky.; **Victoria Hernandez**, Wellington, Fla.; **Haley Throne**, Lexington, Ga.; **Olivia Wilson**, Ogden, Ill.; (second row, from left) **Aliesha Dethlefs**, North Platte, Neb.; **Kylee Geppert**, Mitchell, S.D.; **Christina Mogck**, Olivet, S.D.; **Ashley McEwen**, Bushnell, Ill.; **Maddi Butler**, Vincennes, Ind.; **Brittany Eagleburger**, Buffalo, Mo.; **Kaitlin Fouts**, London, Ky.; **Katlyn Tunstill**, Fayetteville, Ark.; **Karisa Pfeiffer**, Orlando, Okla.; **Eric Shoop**, Dalmatia, Pa.; (back row, from left) **Morgan Alexander**, Berryville, Va.; **Connor Orrock**, Woodford, Va.; **Alexis Cash**, York, Pa.; **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove, Ark.; **Tanner Hash**, Archer City, Texas; **Andrew Livingston**, Nokomis, Ill.; **Jaden Carlson**, Pipestone, Minn.; **Chris Kahlenbeck**, Union, Mo.; **Braden Henricks**, Anadarko, Okla.; **Alex Rogan**, Brandon, S.D.; **William Harsh**, Radnor, Ohio; and **Clay McGuire**, Waverly, Ala. Not pictured are: **Jordan Barker**, Monticello, Iowa; **Nancy Bickham**, Saint Francisville, La.; **Jozell Fulbright**, Vale, N.C.; **Catherine Harward**, Richfield, N.C.; **Shane Heizer**, Hagerstown, Md.; **Kerrie Miller**, Wapakoneta, Ohio; **Matthew Mitchell**, Reinholds, Pa.; **JD Rosman**, Creston, Wash.; **Rena Tokach**, Saint Anthony, N.D.; and **Carly Watt**, Iva, S.C.

To read more about our Gold Award winners, see pages D64-D74 in the digital supplement to this issue.

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■ PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING

The National Junior Angus Association Prepared Public Speaking Contest is designed to equip members with the abilities of communication required to succeed in the beef industry and in life. In this contest, juniors prepare a speech in advance and are judged on both the content of the speech and their delivery.

The *Angus Journal* sponsors the senior division and awards monetary prizes to the winners. For their topic, senior division contestants were asked to address how beef producers would be affected if the proposed *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* are implemented.

To read the winning speeches, see pages D54-D59 in this issue's digital supplement.



►Winning the junior A division are (from left) **Carson Woodworth**, Enterprise, Kan., first, and **Lauren Wolter**, Aviston, Ill., second. Not pictured is **Bennett Gordon**, Whitewood, S.D., third.



►Winning the junior B division are (from left) **Kelsey Theis**, Leavenworth, Kan., first; and **Clay Pelton**, Paradise, Kan., second. Not pictured is **Matea Gordon**, Whitewood, S.D., third.



►Winning the intermediate A division are (from left) **Jace Stagemeyer**, Page, Neb., first; **Alexandria Cozzitorto**, Lawrence, Kan., second; and **Mardee Sadowsky**, Eagleville, Mo., third.



►Winning the intermediate B division are (from left) **Morgan Woodbury**, Quenemo, Kan., second; and **Darcey Hilburn**, Welch, Okla., first.



►Winning the senior division are (from left) **Sydni Lienemann**, Princeton, Neb., third; **Keegan Casady**, Bloomington, Ill., second; and **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove, Ark., first.

Arkansas Angus Junior Receives Leadership Award

Will Pohlman named 2016 Outstanding Leader at the National Junior Angus Show.

by *Emily Velisek*

The National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) recognizes one of its young leaders each year by presenting him or her the Jim Baldrige Outstanding Leadership Award at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). Awarded during the NJAS closing ceremonies July 8 in Grand Island, Neb., this year's recipient is Will Pohlman of Prairie Grove, Ark.

"Leadership to me is knowing who you are, serving and keeping others in mind when you're making decisions," Pohlman says. "Whether that's the juniors in the association or if that's your community at home or on campus, it's just knowing that in this position, this is who I need to keep in mind when making decisions."

Entering his senior year at the University of Arkansas, Pohlman is studying pre-med and animal science. He also finished his show career at this year's NJAS. As part of the award, Pohlman will be awarded a \$2,500 scholarship.

Each year the outstanding NJAA member is recognized for contributions to Angus organizations, personal Angus accomplishments, and community involvement and achievements. In 2014 the award was titled the Jim Baldrige Outstanding Leadership Award in memory of a lifetime of service to the Angus breed.

"Our many thanks to Bill and Betty Werner for their generous gift of \$50,000, which in 2013 established a permanent endowment in memory of Jim Baldrige," says Milford Jenkins,

Angus Foundation president. "His legacy will be carried in perpetuity in the Angus breed through this prestigious award and scholarship."

As an active member in the Angus community, Pohlman has served in many leadership roles, not only in his state but also nationally. He was the 2015-2016 Angus Ambassador, a 2014-2015 National Beef Ambassador and was elected to the incoming National Junior Angus Board (NJAB).

"Growing up, board members were always people I looked up to," Pohlman says. "At my second junior nationals, my animal got away three times and I was asked to leave the ring, but a board member came and talked to me, and I still left with a smile on my face."

Pohlman has been involved with the NJAA for many years, making this the 11th junior national show he has attended. He has competed in many

contests at the NJAS, such as the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® Cook-Off, public speaking, team sales and many others.

"As I wrap up my time in the NJAA, I know that the Association has given me a wealth of skills and experience that I will carry with me for the rest of my life and as I pursue a career in medicine," Pohlman says. "I'm extremely grateful for being selected for this award."

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►**Will Pohlman** (left) receives the Jim Baldrige Outstanding Leadership Award from **Jake Tiedeman**.