

# Juniors Elect New NJAA Board

Delegates elect six new members to the NJAA Board of Directors.  
Board names officers for the coming year.

by Crystal Albers

The 2010-2011 National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Board of Directors was announced Friday evening, July 16, during closing ceremonies at the 2010 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Denver, Colo.

NJAA voting delegates elected six new directors, including Austin Brandt, Corning, Iowa; Shane Clary, Brodnax, Va.; Lindsey Grimes, Hillsboro, Ohio; Garrett Knebel, Winamac, Ind.; Alisha Nord, Wolverton, Minn.; and Clay Williams, Bishop, Ga.

Brandt was the 2008 Iowa Junior Angus Association president and has participated in multiple contests at the national level. He is the son of Kirk and Lynn Brandt and is pursuing a career in agriculture by farming and working with his family's cattle operation.

Clary is the son of Randy and Susan Clary. He serves as president of his state junior Angus association and credits his leadership and communications skills to his involvement in the NJAA. Clary is enrolled at Christopher Newport University where he is majoring in biology with plans to become a veterinarian.

Grimes has served as vice president of her state association and has represented Ohio as its Angus queen, in addition to serving on numerous committees. She is the daughter of John and Joan Grimes and is a sophomore at Ohio State University where she is pursuing a major in animal science and a minor in agribusiness.

Knebel is the son of Dan and Jenny Knebel. He has served as president of the Indiana Junior Angus Association for two years and has participated in countless contests at the NJAS. Knebel will be a junior at Oklahoma State University, where he is working toward degrees in animal science and agricultural business.

Nord has served as vice president of the Minnesota Junior Angus Association and as 2006 Minnesota Angus Queen. The daughter of Robert and Amber Nord is a junior at North Dakota State University where she is pursuing a degree in agricultural communications with a minor in animal science and Extension education.

Williams is the son of David and Connie Williams. He served as president of the Georgia Junior Angus Association last year

and played an integral role in hosting the 2009 NJAS. Williams will be a freshman this fall at the University of Georgia, where he plans to major in agribusiness.

## The officers

Board members entering their second year were elected to officer positions. Britney Creamer, Montrose, Colo., was named chairperson; Cody Smith, West Plains, Mo., was named vice chairman; Clinton Laflin, Olsburg, Kan., communications director; Jennifer Ann Smith, Elysian Fields, Texas, Foundation director; Danielle Foster, Niles, Mich., leadership director; and Jaclyn Upperman, Chambersburg, Pa., membership director.

Board members ending their terms on the junior Board included:

Kirbe Schnoor, Chowchilla, Calif.; Christopher Cassidy, Ancona, Ill.; Lindsay Waugh, Goodhue, Minn.; Robert Myers, Yamhill, Ore.; Andrew Rogen, Brandon, S.D.; and Ashlyn Carter, Noblesville, Ind.

"The National Junior Angus Association Board has had such a rich history of youth leadership," says Robin Ruff, American Angus Association director of junior activities. "I'm proud of the work the outgoing six junior directors have done during their time on the Board, and I'm looking forward to beginning another year with an eager group of well-rounded young leaders."

NJAS closing ceremonies also included the announcement of several awards and placings, including all winners of NJAS contests; Gold Awards; the Crystal Award; and Auxiliary, CAB/NJAA and Angus Foundation scholarships.

Visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) as information becomes available following the show, or visit the NJAA Facebook fan page. Show results from the weeklong event are available at [www.njas.info](http://www.njas.info). Backdrop and candid photos are available at [www.angus.digitaleventsonline.com/gallery/](http://www.angus.digitaleventsonline.com/gallery/), and videos are available at [www.angus.org/pub/videos.aspx](http://www.angus.org/pub/videos.aspx).

**Editor's Note:** Crystal Albers is assistant director of communications and web editor for the American Angus Association.



► Selected to serve as officers and directors of the NJAA Board are (seated, from left) **Britney Creamer**, Colorado, chairperson; **Cody Smith**, Missouri, vice chairman; **Jennifer Ann Smith**, Texas, Foundation director; **Clinton Laflin**, Kansas, communications director; **Danielle Foster**, Michigan, leadership director; **Jaclyn Upperman**, Pennsylvania, membership director; (standing, from left) **Austin Brandt**, Iowa; **Lindsey Grimes**, Ohio; **Alisha Nord**, Minnesota; **Garrett Knebel**, Indiana; **Shane Clary**, Virginia; and **Clay Williams**, Georgia.