

■ 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."



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

**Editor's Note:** *Emily Velisek is a student at Kansas State University and was a freelance writer and photographer for Angus Media at NJAS.*