

# Leading By Example

Paige Wallace named 2012 outstanding leader at the National Junior Angus Show.

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**N**ational Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members grow up raising quality cattle and participating in friendly competition. This requires hard work and dedication, which are valuable life skills that help develop Angus youth into well-rounded leaders. Exemplifying these qualities is 2012 NJAA Outstanding Leadership Award recipient Paige Wallace of Stotts City, Mo. Wallace was recognized with the honor July 20 during closing ceremonies at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Louisville, Ky.

Each year, an NJAA member is recognized for contributions to Angus organizations, personal Angus accomplishments, and community involvement and achievements. The Outstanding Leadership Award was established in 1994 in memory of Barbara Smalstig and her support of the NJAA.

"Receiving this award is a great honor," Wallace says. "I consider myself lucky to have had so many opportunities to be involved in the NJAA and the Angus breed."

"Paige leads by example and applies her skills to bring out the best in fellow peers," say Steve and Sandy Trosper, Missouri Angus



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► Cattlemen and women throughout the country watch Paige Wallace as she delivers the week's industry news with co-anchor Bob Cervera on *The Angus Report*.

breeders. "That is certainly a reason why so many people, young and old, love Paige Wallace."

An active member of the Angus community, her leadership roles have included officer positions within the Missouri Junior Angus Association and serving as 2011 Miss American Angus. She is currently serving as the junior co-chair of the 2013 NJAS, and she has shown dedication and creativity in that role.

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Her industry knowledge coupled with strong presentation skills make Wallace an impactful spokesperson for the Angus breed. This summer, she completed a communications internship with the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) in Washington, D.C.

However, leadership is more than just earning positions in different organizations. Many young people see Wallace as a

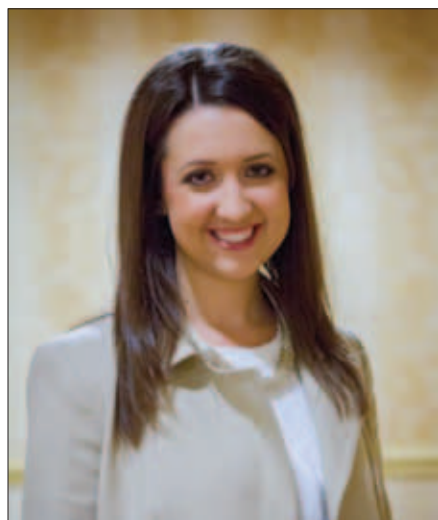
mentor, both in the NJAA and in her own community.

"Paige Wallace is the caliber of young person this award was designed to recognize," say the Trosper.

Outside of the Angus world, Wallace is active at school and in her hometown. She recently completed her associate's degree at Butler Community College. While there, she was a member of the livestock judging team and the Butler Ag Ambassadors Association. Wallace has also coordinated community blood drives and is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

In the fall, Wallace will be attending Oklahoma State University to pursue a degree in agricultural communications. She says she hopes to continue to be involved in the agriculture industry and, wherever she is, she will be an active, effective leader.

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