

Angus Royalty

Young ladies from across the nation donned their banners and crowns and lent a helping hand at the National Junior Angus Show.

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Being named an Angus queen sounds fun and glamorous, but these young ladies know what it takes to get dirty. Angus royalty played an important role during the 2008 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) as award presenters.

Standing in the showing in dresses and heels while wearing banners and crowns may not sound like the most fun thing to do while at NJAS, but these ladies wouldn't have missed it for the world. Angus royalty serve the Angus community as ambassadors, providing knowledge of the livestock industry, Angus cattle specifically, and Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB).

Beginning the week, the young ladies attended a Queen's Tea at the Des Moines Botanical Center. The queens were treated to a reception featuring a motivational presentation by Miss America contestant Miss Iowa 2007 Diana Reed. Following her speech, the girls went outside to watch the baton routine she performed during the Miss America competition.

Then, back inside, Miss American Angus Danielle Foster, Niles, Mich., had a moment to talk with the state queens. She had made them beaded bracelets, such as the ones she received while on a preschool visit, and talked with them about the importance of making memories.

"The young ladies represented their states with pride, and we are very thankful they were able to help hand out ribbons during the junior show," says Robin Ruff, American Angus Association youth activities assistant. ❄️



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►The Angus queens represented their states proudly in the showing handing out awards.



►Above: Miss American Angus, Danielle Foster, led the group of state queens during the week of NJAS.

►Right: Miss Iowa Angus signs a Mentor Program booklet, one of many ways the state queens interact with Angus youth.



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►Miss America Angus Danielle Foster talked to the state queens about the importance of creating memories.



►Thirty young ladies donned their crowns and banners to serve their states as Angus queens during the 2008 NJAS.



►Above: Miss Iowa Angus Ashley Kuehn welcomes the queens to her home state.

►Right: Outside the Des Moines Botanical Center, Miss America contestant Miss Iowa 2007 Diana Reed teaches the Angus queens to twirl a baton.



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