

The New Green Jackets

Six young leaders elected to the National Junior Angus Board.

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Twelve young men and women represent the Angus breed by leading the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) as the National Junior Angus Board (NJAB). In their easily recognized green jackets, these juniors serve as friendly helpers, compassionate mentors and dedicated leaders. At the 2014 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Indianapolis, Ind., six NJAA members were elected by their peers to serve two-year terms on the board, while six returning board members were elected to serve in officer positions.

Newly elected to the board are Alex Rogen,

Brandon, S.D.; Katlyn Tunstill, Fayetteville, Ark.; Evan Woodbury, Quenemo, Kan.; Michael Cropp, Damascus, Md.; Jacob Heimsoth, Cameron, Mo.; and Lauren Grimes, Hillsboro, Ohio.

These newly elected directors were chosen by delegates representing each state at the 2014 NJAA Annual Meeting conducted during the NJAS. They will travel across the country to various events, promoting the Angus breed and helping young people succeed in the NJAA. Their first activity as board members was to host the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development

(LEAD) conference in Philadelphia, Pa., July 31-Aug. 3.

“The activities available in the NJAA are built to groom potential leaders,” Rogen said. “Through conferences like LEAD and Raising the Bar, I have been granted the chance to improve my leadership skills. Through NJAA activities, I have learned the importance of a positive attitude, skills like proper table etiquette and how to present yourself in front of a group of people.”

Now he and his fellow board members have the opportunity to take a leadership role in mentoring younger NJAA members.



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► Elected to serve as the 2014-2015 National Junior Angus Board are (front row, from left) **Cory Watt**, chairman; **Shane Kerner**, vice chairman; **Tylee Jo Williams**, communications director; **Will Fiske**, Foundation director; **Jessica Radcliffe**, leadership director; **Lindsay Upperman**, membership director; (back row, from left) **Jacob Heimsoth**; **Michael Cropp**; **Katlyn Tunstill**; **Lauren Grimes**; **Alex Rogen**; and **Evan Woodbury**.

Get to know the new six

As a South Dakota and NJAA member for the past nine years, **Rogen** has been involved in the Angus industry in a variety of ways, including being involved in the mentoring program at NJAS for the past 10 years, attending LEAD conferences, and by serving as a voting delegate at the NJAA Annual Meeting. Rogen is a sophomore at South Dakota State University, where he is studying biology and plans to attend veterinary school.



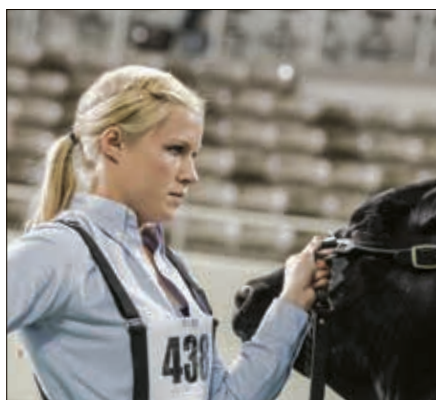
Alex Rogen

Heimsoth has participated in 10 consecutive NJAS and has been involved in the Missouri Junior Angus Association, serving as president and then treasurer. Heimsoth recently completed his sophomore year at Butler Community College, where he participated on the livestock judging team. He is now attending Kansas State University (K-State) studying animal sciences and industry.



Jacob Heimsoth

Grimes's involvement in the Ohio Junior Angus Association has presented her with opportunities to serve as president and treasurer. She attends Ohio Northern University and is working on her degree to be a pharmacist.



Lauren Grimes

Tunstill is a third-generation Angus breeder who is studying agriculture communications at Oklahoma State University. She has served the Angus breed in a variety of capacities, including being president of the Arkansas Junior Angus Association and serving as Miss Arkansas Angus.



Katlyn Tunstill

Cropp is currently vice president of the Maryland Angus Association and is attending K-State majoring in agriculture with an



Michael Cropp

emphasis on food and meat science. Cropp is a fifth-generation farmer and has been a member of the NJAA since he was 4 years old.

Woodbury is currently attending K-State pursuing a degree in agricultural education with a minor in animal science. He has been a member of the NJAA since 2004 and has attended several LEAD conferences through the years.



Evan Woodbury

Moving up and on

Also at the NJAS, second-year NJAB members were elected to officer positions. **Cory Watt**, Iva, S.C., is chairman. **Shane Kerner**, Weiser, Idaho, is vice chairman. Also serving are **Tylee Jo Williams**, Rio Vista, Texas, communications director; **Will Fiske**, Greenville, Va., Foundation director; **Jessica Radcliffe**, Weston, Wis., leadership director; and **Lindsay Upperman**, Chambersburg, Pa., membership director.

New faces also mean six board members said their goodbyes to the NJAB. Those who ended their terms on the board are Daniel McFarland, Keithville, La.; Lucas Nord, Wolverton, Minn.; Jena Wagner, Billings, Mont.; Jacy Alsup, Gravette, Ark.; Paige Wallace, Stotts City, Mo.; and Maggie Jasper, Versailles, Ky.

For more information about the NJAA and the junior board, visit www.angus.org/njaa. For more information about the 2014 NJAS, visit the official website of the show at www.njas.info.

