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► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights. Compiled by Kasey Miller.

Internship Interest

As the holiday season winds down, many of us are focused on the coming winter months, yet some juniors are already focusing on their summer plans. The idea of summer internships has been creeping into the minds of many juniors as deadlines are quickly approaching. My summer in Washington, D.C., as an intern for the National Cattleman's Beef Association (NCBA) was one that has changed my future and, honestly, my outlook on life.

Internship benefits

Sure, for many of you, summer can be a time to relax and get away from school, but take a moment and consider how a summer internship could benefit you. First off, it is one of the best ways to make contacts in your future career field. Creating a network of contacts is something that will benefit you the rest of your life. Working with coworkers in an internship offers you the chance to get to know prestigious people on a more personal level. This is an opportunity for you to take their advice, and learn from their skills. Plus, in the future these contacts can write recommendation letters for scholarships or job applications.



Paige Wallace

You'd be surprised how many organizations offer internships. They can also come in a variety of different experience levels. Local internships can be great for first-

timers who want to stay close to home. Don't be afraid to approach an area business that interests you and ask them if they would be willing to give you a summer internship. Search the web to find other opportunities — most breed associations and beef organizations offer multiple summer internships.

Secondly, internships can enable you to learn skills that will help you grab that great job in the future. Whether you learn how to use a new computer program, how to write a press release, or maybe even just how to talk to people, any experience is great experience. These new skills can be added to your résumé. Future employers will be interested to see what steps you have taken to prepare for your career. Learning skills and working hard to get ahead of the competition will set you apart when you apply for that dream job.

Self-awareness

Finally, one of the things we sometimes overlook when considering whether to take an internship is its ability to help you learn more about yourself. I will always cherish and

appreciate my time in D.C., and I know that it will benefit me in the future.

My adventure to the East Coast also helped me realize how much I appreciated my friends and family back home. I didn't see my family often, and I missed a few cattle shows. Plus, big-city life was not for me. Riding a metro every day was a big shock, and walking down the street surrounded by tall buildings was something I had to get used to. Yet, I'm glad I did it! Now I know what kind of lifestyle best suits me, and I can relate back to that experience when I look for future job opportunities.

Not only do you learn about different lifestyles, but you also begin to understand what you are truly interested in in terms of a future career. Juniors, if you're like me and aren't exactly sure what you want to do in a future career, internships can benefit you. They give you a taste of what that career would be like, and the good news is that if you don't like it, you're only there a few months. Take the opportunity to try a number of career fields. You might be surprised by what you figure out. Sometimes your plans for the future aren't always what work out.

Ultimately, internships are about trying new things and figuring out your place in life. I highly encourage all juniors to apply for an internship because, in my mind, they are one of the most beneficial endeavors an undergraduate could take on.

— Paige Wallace, Missouri

Angus juniors earn top honors at KILE livestock judging contests

Ohio State University (OSU) and Illinois 4-H rose to the top to claim the highest honors during the KILE Collegiate and Junior Livestock Judging contests Oct. 6 at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Exposition Center in Harrisburg.

Teams traveled from across the country to compete in the contest that consisted of 21 collegiate, 4-H and FFA teams, including 103 individuals. Contestants judged five classes of cattle, four classes of swine and three classes of sheep. Collegiate individuals presented reasons on eight classes, and 4-H and FFA members presented reasons on four classes and answered questions on two classes.

OSU earned top honors in the collegiate contest, placing in the top five for cattle, swine, sheep and reasons categories and

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scoring 4,626 points. Angus team members included **Bailey Harsh** and **Lindsey Grimes**.

Illinois 4-H was the highest-scoring junior team, with 2,448 points. Angus junior **Andy Roth** was a member of the team.

Angus juniors placed in the top five individuals in both the collegiate and junior divisions. **Chandler Akins**, University of Georgia, placed second, and **Chris Mackey**, University of Tennessee, placed third in the collegiate division. **Alana Eisenhour**, Pennsylvania 4-H, placed third in the junior division.

Juniors earn Bronze and Silver awards

Sheldon Burks, Park City, Ky.; **Trey Harvey**, Joaquin, Texas; and **Evan Woodbury** and **Morgan Woodbury**, both of Quenemo, Kan., have earned the National Junior Angus Association's (NJAA) Bronze and Silver awards.

Sheldon Burks is the 17-year-old son of Eddie and Debbie Burks and is a senior at Barren County High School. He is a member of the NJAA and the Kentucky Junior Angus Association, where he currently serves as director.

He has participated in local, state and national shows and showmanship competitions. At the NJAS Sheldon participated in the livestock judging and quiz bowl contests, as well as the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® Cook-Off. He also participated in the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conferences in 2011-2012.

Sheldon has submitted weight data to Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) and has consigned cattle at the Kentucky Angus Sweepstakes, Run for the Roses I and II, and the Great Meadows Angus Association Spring Sale.

Morgan Woodbury is the 14-year-old daughter of Howard and Elise Woodbury and attends West Franklin Middle School. She is a member of the NJAA, the Kansas Junior Angus Association (KJAA) and the

Northeast Kansas Junior Angus Association.

She has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship competitions. At the NJAS Morgan participated in the poster, livestock judging and quiz bowl contests. She also participated in the mentoring program in 2012.

Evan Woodbury is the 18-year-old son of Howard and Elise Woodbury and attends Kansas State University where he is studying agriculture education. He is a member of the NJAA and the KJAA, for which he currently serves as reporter. He has also served as district and state director.

He has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship competitions. At the NJAS Evan participated in the poster, livestock judging, quiz bowl, public and extemporaneous speaking contests, and the 2012 mentoring program. He also participated in the Raising the Bar conference in 2011 and the LEAD in 2011-2012.

Trey Harvey is the 11-year-old son of Anthony and Judy Harvey and is a sixth grader at Joaquin ISD. Trey is a member of the NJAA and the Texas Junior Angus Association, for which he currently serves as director.

He has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship competitions. At the NJAS Trey participated in the quiz bowl contest, as well as the mentoring program in 2012.

Other juniors who earned the Bronze and Silver awards within 2012 include **Lauren Grimes**, Hillsboro, Ohio; **Tara Gray**, Toledo, Iowa; **Lawson Rowlett**, Hurricane Mills, Tenn.; **Hannah Moyer**, Lamar, Mo.; **Christina Mogck**, Olivet, S.D.; **Clayton McGuire**, Waverly, Ala.; **Colleen Jones**, Kinston, N.C.; **Andrew Scholtz**, Comfrey, Minn.; **Robert Hosto**, Alhambra, Ill.; **Jared Radcliffe**, Weston, Wis.; **Kelsea Arnold**, Horner, W.Va.; and **Renae Tokach**, Saint Anthony, N.D.

Accelerated Photo Contest winner, 2013 themes announced

Accelerated Genetics is excited to

announce this year's winners of the annual photo contest. Participants were asked to enter photos in one of two categories: Caring for Your Animals or Showing Your Pride for Agriculture.

Robin Kleine, Lowell, Ind., won third place in the Showing Your Pride for Agriculture category. Her photo was titled "A Gracious Winner."

Accelerated Genetics has two new themes for its 2013 contest: AG in Action and Breeds of the Seasons. For AG in Action, capture your favorite Accelerated Genetics cattle, products, services, representatives, etc., as they're showcased around the farm — people, products, pride. For Breeds of the Seasons, snap photos of your favorite breeds while showcasing your favorite seasons.

For more information on prizes and how to enter the photo contest, visit <http://www.accelgen.com/html/news/photocontest2013.html>.

Accelerate college education with scholarships

Accelerated Genetics provides the following scholarships to its customers' families to ensure agriculture a bright future.

Youth scholarship: Accelerated Genetics awards four \$500 scholarships to high school seniors planning to major in agriculture at a short course, vocational technical college or a four-year university. Any high school senior who has participated in FFA, 4-H, any of the various breed organizations or any other agricultural organization is eligible to apply.

To obtain an application, download the form from www.accelgen.com/Scholarships.aspx, call 1-800-451-9275 or email scholarships@accelgen.com.

Collegiate scholarship: Two \$1,000 scholarships are awarded to students currently enrolled in a short course, vocational technical college or a four-year university degree program. Supported by Accelerated Genetics, the collegiate program is available to individuals who are currently in their freshman, sophomore or junior year and are majoring in any agricultural field.

This scholarship program is managed by the National FFA Foundation. This scholarship application can only be completed online at www.ffa.org; click on Scholarships 2013.

Applicants or their parents must be currently active customers of Accelerated Genetics to be eligible for either scholarship. The application deadline for both scholarships is Feb. 15, 2013.

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▶ North American Int'l Livestock Exposition Jr. Angus Heifer Show, Louisville, Ky., Nov. 11



▶ **Jared Radcliffe** (left), Weston, Wis., receives his Silver Award from Jerry Cassidy, American Angus Ass'n regional manager.



▶ **Colleen Jones** (right), Kinston, N.C., receives her Bronze and Silver awards from David Gazda, American Angus Ass'n regional manager.

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