



# Next Generation

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

## The true impact of the showing

*The most important life lessons juniors learn are in the showing. This might seem a bit biased, but when you think about it, it makes perfect sense. From a young age our juniors have a passion instilled in them to be successful. This drives them to set goals, be competitive and to achieve what they set their mind to. With so many of America's youth sitting in front of television screens all day playing the latest video game or watching "reality" TV, I think that encouraging participation in organizations like the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) is crucial to building our industry's leaders of tomorrow.*

### Life lessons

In addition to teaching goal setting, showing cattle also teaches juniors to dress for success, to maintain good eye contact with individuals, to be dedicated, and to practice hard at home so both the animal and the showman will be comfortable in the ring. Does any of this ring a bell? I've pulled from many of these qualities in many situations throughout my life, especially interviews. Showing teaches professionalism to juniors at a young age, which is hard for many kids to grasp.



Jennifer Ewing

Perhaps the most important thing that the showing teaches our juniors is something that does not come easy to most of us. Nonetheless, we are faced with this multiple times throughout our lives — to be humble. Even when juniors put in countless hours in the barn, sometimes the judge sees it a

different way, and we are forced to smile and congratulate another junior for winning. In my experience, this is the last skill to fully develop in our youth, but it definitely is the one that will make the largest impact on our lives in the future.

It is absolutely critical that we realize and understand the huge impact that the showing plays on juniors' lives in the long run. Our juniors are in a high demand in the workforce in and out of the agricultural sector. This is because of the work ethic infused in them at a young age, but also because of the other life skills that they have gained through experiences available to them through the NJAA that other youth may lack.

The NJAA is an outstanding organization that truly builds juniors to be the best person they can be. One day I'll be proud to sign my kids up to become members of the NJAA and, rest assured, they will be better people because of it.

— Jennifer Ewing, Illinois

## Angus junior wins North American writing contest

Mollie Lastovica, a Texas A&M University ag communications, journalism and political science major from Fredericksburg, Texas, has won the student division of the North American Agricultural Journalists writing contest.

Lastovica, a junior, will receive the award and a \$750 travel stipend at the association's conference April 8 at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

Her story, "Farmers Fight," was called "an example of the important role of student journalists — informing the public of developments in agriculture on college campuses," by judge Pat Waters, retired business editor of the *Omaha World-Herald*.

"The writer produced a taut, informative piece about Farmers Fight, a student organization formed with the surprising goal of promoting agriculture in a state where ranching/beef production is king," Waters said. "The grassroots organization was formed after the Texas A&M student newspaper published a negative article about agriculture and Yahoo listed agriculture as one of the top five useless college degrees."

Lastovica's article appeared in the magazine *DRIVE*.

## Sullivan Supply, Stock Show University scholarship deadline April 15

The deadline to apply for the distinguished \$20,000 Sullivan Supply/Stock Show University Scholarship is April 15, 2013. Candidates must be a graduating high school senior or college student 21 years of age or younger and a U.S. or Canadian resident. Please visit [www.sullivansupply.com](http://www.sullivansupply.com) for an application and more information on this program.

## Eastern states get ready for a showdown

Make plans to attend the 2013 Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show (ERJAS) June 21-23 in Harrisonburg, Va., at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds. Themed "Shenandoah Showdown," the event will give exhibitors the opportunity to mingle with new and old friends while exhibiting Angus cattle.

**ERJAS Cattle Shows.** The weekend event

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kicks off Friday, June 21, with check-in starting at 9 a.m. and opening ceremonies at 1 p.m. Following opening ceremonies is the showmanship contest, which is sure to be a highlight of opening day with senior, intermediate, junior and peewee competitions.

The cattle show begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 22, with the steers. The show continues Saturday with the cow-calf pairs, bred-and-owned (B&O) bulls and B&O heifers. The show resumes Sunday, June 23, with the owned heifer show.

**ERJAS Contests and Activities.** The CornHole Tournament and Tailgate competitions allow exhibitors to enjoy friendly competition outside of the showing. The CornHole tournament, or beanbag toss, will begin 5:30 p.m. Friday with two divisions, adult and junior. A championship round will take place Saturday to conclude the show. The tailgate contest also takes place on Friday and challenges each state to showcase its favorite team or state theme with awards for a best recipe and theme.

Saturday events also include the Beef Skillathon and junior social. The skillathon begins at 11 a.m. and exhibitors can come and go as they please. The quiz will ask juniors to identify farm equipment, feed, cuts of meat and beef breeds. Juniors will also get the chance to judge a class of Angus cattle. The barn dance and social begins at 8 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

**ERJAS Community Service Project.** This year, ERJAS participants will help support the Ronald McDonald House Charities through a community-service project. Prior to the show, each junior and their family are asked to collect pop tabs to support the Richmond Ronald McDonald House. Linda Alexander, adult chairperson for the ERJAS, says that since the Virginia Junior Angus Association took over this service project, the group has donated several feed sacks of tabs each year.

"We ask that juniors start collecting pop tabs now, so when June rolls around we can give the best donation yet," Alexander says.

**Entry Details.** Cattle entries must be postmarked by May 15 for delivery to the National Junior Angus Association. No late entries are accepted. Junior members who have purchased a heifer that they want to show, but are having trouble getting the registration transferred to them, should contact the Association at least two weeks prior to the show ownership deadline. Every effort will be made to get the transfer processed in time. Late transfers are never accepted, regardless of the reason.

Exhibitors may want to make reservations at nearby hotels, where the Association has room blocks reserved:

■ **Texas Jr. Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Fort Worth, Jan. 26**



►Texas Jr. Angus Ass'n officers are (from left) **Hannah Steph**, Tatum, secretary; **Chanler Havel**, College Station, second vice president; **Julie Williams**, Idalou, first vice president; **Jacob Steph**, Tatum, president; **Robert Dolson**, Hico, treasurer; **Tye Williams**, Idalou, reporter; and **Derek Wolf**, Windthorst, historian.



►Directors of the Texas Jr. Angus Ass'n are (front row, from left) **Reagan Johnson**, Lake Creek; **Dylan Denny**, Lubbock; **Colter Pohlman** and **Cutter Pohlman**, both of Hereford; **Kate Williams**, Idalou; **Jeremiah Steph**, Tatum; (back row, from left) **Trey Harvey**, Joaquin; **Angie Evans**, Proctor; **Tanner Hash**, Archer City; and **Emma Nowotny**, New Braunfels.



►**Chanler Havel** (left), College Station, Texas, was crowned Miss Texas Angus. Also pictured is **Julie Williams**, Idalou, 2012 Miss Texas Angus.



►**Dylan Denny** (right), Lubbock, Texas, receives Rookie of the Year from Julie Williams.



►**Jacob Steph** (left), Tatum, receives the gavel as the new president of the Texas Jr. Angus Ass'n from 2012 President **Tylee Jo Williams**, Rio Vista.



►**Kate Williams** (left), Idalou, and **Trey Harvey** (right), Joaquin, receive their Bronze awards from regional manager Radale Tiner.

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### 2013-2014 Henry C. Gardiner Scholarship winners announced

Twenty-one applicants were received and six finalists were interviewed for 2013-2014 Henry C. Gardiner Scholarships. Tyler Schultz, Haviland, Kan., and Jared Wynn, Ashland, Ohio, were awarded the honors.

Applicants are evaluated on academic excellence, work ethic, leadership potential and attitude. Recipients must express an interest in animal genetics, animal nutrition, animal health, reproductive management, agribusiness management or marketing.

"It is exciting to participate in this process and see firsthand the outstanding caliber of applicants," said Mark Gardiner. "Just as Henry Gardiner did more than 60 years ago,



▶ Jared Wynn (left), Ashland, Ohio, and Tyler Schultz (right), Haviland, Kan., were awarded the Henry C. Gardiner Scholarships for 2013-2014. Both are juniors at Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kan.

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### ▶ Dixie National Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus Show, Jackson, Miss., Feb. 10



▶ Mississippi Angus royalty are (front row, from left) **Hannah Beatty**, Monroe, junior princess; **Emree Sifford**, Terry, junior princess; (back row, from left) **Sophie Wilkerson**, Pulaski, princess; and **Hayden Neal**, Forest, Miss Mississippi Angus.

### ▶ Ohio Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet, Plain City, Feb. 2



▶ **Caroline Winter**, Ashville, receives the Junior Silver Show Award sponsored by Paradise Cattle Co. This award is presented annually to an exhibitor 12 years old or younger. Pictured are (from left) James, Caroline, Sharon and Christina Winter.



▶ **Lauren Grimes** (left), Hillsboro, receives the Girls Bred-and-Owned Silver Show Award, sponsored by Kingsway Angus, from John King.



▶ **Lauren Grimes** (left), Hillsboro, receives the Girls Silver Show Award, sponsored by Turkey Run Angus, from Kent Bauman.



▶ **Will Harsh**, Radnor, receives the Boys Bred-and-Owned Silver Show Award sponsored by Egner Farms. Pictured are (from left) Kelvin Egner, presenting; Will Harsh, recipient; and Christina and Shawn Howell, presenting.



▶ **Left: Will Harsh** (right), Radnor, receives the Boys Silver Show Award, sponsored by Gahler Farms, from Allen Gahler.

▶ **Right: Caroline Miller** (right), Lindsey, was crowned Miss Ohio Angus. She is pictured with Lynn Hill, Ohio Angus Ladies Auxiliary.



▶ **Left: Officers of the Ohio Jr. Angus Ass'n** are (from left) **Caroline Miller**, Lindsey, secretary; **Megan Hunter**, Bellevue, vice president; **Lauren Grimes**, president; and **Lydia Dance**, treasurer, both of Hillsboro.

▣ **Pennsylvania Farm Show**, Harrisburg, Jan. 5



►Pennsylvania Jr. Angus Ass'n officers are (seated, from left) **Ruby Monn**, Shippensburg, secretary; **Kayce Myers**, Wellsville, president; **Shelby Dean**, New Castle, vice president; **Claudia Hissong**, Greencastle, treasurer; (standing, from left) **Alexis Cash**, York, assistant secretary; **Daniel Rohrbaugh**, Seven Valleys, news reporter; **Hunter Voight**, Fredericksburg, assistant news reporter; and **Nate Briggs**, New Bloomfield, assistant treasurer.



►Pennsylvania Jr. Angus Ass'n directors are (seated, from left) **Kyle Livingston**, Dover; **Andrea Foore**, Seven Valleys; **Elizabeth Trowbridge**, Meshoppen; **Clay Myers**, Wellsville; (standing, from left) **Kate Livingston**, Dover; **Bailey Druck**, York; and **Alysha Sweitzer**, Wellsville.



we are confident that Tyler and Jared will complete their academic endeavors at K-State and return to their respective beef operations to make decisions and implement practices that benefit our food-animal production system.”

The Henry C. Gardiner Scholarship is possible through the generous contributions of Gardiner customers, friends and family in an effort to continue the legacy of Henry Gardiner. Students classified as a rising-junior, junior or senior, either enrolled in or planning to enroll at Kansas State University with a major in animal science & industry or closely related field may apply. Scholarships are awarded annually to students meeting rigorous criteria and exhibiting a passion to focus on improving the beef industry.

More information can be found at [www.gardinerangus.com](http://www.gardinerangus.com).

**Canadian Angus youth to represent in New Zealand**

The Canadian Angus Association on behalf of the Canadian Angus Foundation (CAF) announced those chosen to represent Canadian Angus in New Zealand for the 2013 PGG Wrightson World Angus Forum during the Youth Program.

Congratulations to those members chosen to compete on three teams of four — Stacey Domolewski, Taber, Alta.; Sean Enright, Renfrew, Ont.; Ty Dietrich, Forestburg, Alta.; Erika Easton, Wawota, Sask.; Kaitlynn Bolduc, Stavely, Alta.; Matthew Bates, Cameron, Ont.; Chad Lorenz, Markerville, Alta.; Patrick Holland, Montague, PEI; Melissa McRae, Brandon, Man.; Austen Anderson, Swan River, Man.; Michael Hargrave, Maxwell, Ont.; and Jared Hunter, Didsbury, Alta.

Initially, CAF had committed to sending up to eight individuals for two Canadian teams to the competition. After reviewing applications, the additional four students

were made possible by an additional contribution from the CAA board of directors to financially support this program to include funding for three teams of four.

“The CAF has committed to financially getting these teams to New Zealand for a couple of years now with fundraising efforts,” said Michael Latimer, CAA general manager.

“The international opportunity to learn from breeders in New Zealand is a unique experience, and it was very gratifying to see so many excellent applicants from all regions across Canada,” said Chairman of the Foundation Doug Fee.

Team members will travel Oct. 2-18, 2013, to Palmerston North, North Island, New Zealand, for a five-section contest, including general knowledge, parading (presentation, showmanship and sportsmanship with an Angus animal), stock judging, animal preparation (clip an animal for show) and agri-sports (hands-on team challenge involving day-to-day tasks). Team members will also have the chance to visit Angus studs

**▶ Louisiana Junior Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Gonzales, Feb. 10**

▶The Louisiana Jr. Angus Ass'n officers and directors include (standing) **Daniel McFarland**, NJAA board member; (seated, from left) **Katelyn Corsentino**, Denham Springs, president; **Isaac McFarland**, Keithville, vice president; **Trevor Sonnier**, Pineville, second vice president; **Zachary Brasseaux**, Longville, secretary; **Faith Guice**, Downsville, historian; (seated, back row, from left) **Lena Johnson**, Choudrant; **Abigail Jenkins**, Bush; **Lily Gisclair**, Longville; and **Dylan Darbonne**, Opelousas, La.



▶**Jacob Chicola** (left), Deville, and **Nancy Bickham** (right), Saint Francisville, receive Louisiana Angus Auxiliary scholarships from Melanie Ourso, Louisiana Angus Auxiliary.



▶**Kara LeBeouf** (left), Deridder, receives the Rookie of the Year award from Patti Hymel, junior advisor.



▶Louisiana Angus royalty are (from left) **Faith Guice**, Downsville, 2012 princess; **Lily Gisclair**, Longville, 2013 princess; **Katelyn Corsentino**, Denham Springs, 2013 queen; and **Nancy Bickham**, Saint Francisville, 2012 queen.



▶**Left: Zachary Brasseaux** (left), Longville, La., receives the Friendship Award from Joshua Scott.

▶**Right:** Voting delegates for this year's National Junior Angus Show are (from left) **Jacob Chicola**, Deville; **Nancy Bickham**, Saint Francisville; **Katelyn Corsentino**, Denham Springs, first alternate; and **Trevor Sonnier**, Pineville, second alternate.



in the area and prepare animals for the World Angus Forum.

“Investing in the youth program will provide invaluable experience in the skills and leadership for the future of world Angus organizations,” said the WAF Organizing Committee. “This is a great opportunity for Angus youth to make friendships and contacts that will last a lifetime and further strengthen the Angus breed.”

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▶ **North Carolina Angus Ass’n Annual Meeting & Banquet**, Winston-Salem, Jan. 26



▶ **Brooke Harward** (left), Richfield, receives the Handbook Dedication Award from James Scarlett, 2012 North Carolina Angus Ass’n president, and Suzanne Brewer, North Carolina Angus Ass’n executive secretary.

