



Next Generation

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

Teamwork

We all know that raising and caring for livestock is a difficult task. To succeed, it takes a lot of thought, coordination, hard work and even a little bit of luck. We are so used to multitasking around the farm on a daily basis. In the course of one day, our families are challenged with the tasks of doing chores, making hay, running to town to get fair entries turned in, working show heifers, filling creep feeders, fixing fence, and the list goes on.

Real life skills

One way our families are able to get all of these tasks accomplished is through what we call the “divide and conquer” system. All families know what each person is best at, and we plan the day according to who is available to help and who is best at which tasks. What we never stop to think about on the farm is that we are perfecting a skill that is used every day in all work environments around the world. That skill is teamwork.



Gabrielle Lemenager

Each day, people on college campuses, corporate offices and in the agriculture industry utilize teamwork to get tasks and projects accomplished. Believe it or not, they are doing it the exact same way we are at home! They are dividing people up based on their strengths and weaknesses and assigning them to do certain tasks they excel at and enjoy. Similar to the farm, these businesses and groups realize that communication and coordination are some of the most important aspects of teamwork.

There are so many life lessons that can be taught on the farm, and I have learned through my college education that teamwork is yet another skill I was able to master on the farm. We all have different operations, goals and marketing techniques to fit our own personal needs, but I am so proud to be involved in an industry that teaches the next generation real life skills like hard work, dedication, responsibility, financial planning and teamwork.

— **Gabrielle Lemenager, Illinois**

National Junior Angus Recognition Program

Hayley DeHaan, McMinnville, Ore.; **Ryland McCormick**, Pleasantville, Iowa; **Morgan Scilacci**, Baker City, Ore.; and **Madison Styles**, Brentford, S.D., have earned the National Junior Angus Association’s (NJAA) Bronze and Silver awards, according to Jaelyn Clark, education and events director for the American Angus Association.

DeHaan, the 17-year-old daughter of Pete and Jennifer DeHaan, attends Western Mennonite School and is a member of the NJAA and the Oregon Junior Angus Association, which she has served as president

and queen. She also served as regional queen for the Western States Angus Association.

Hayley has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. In 2015 she was a participant in the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference.

Hayley has submitted weight data to the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) program and has consigned cattle at the Cascade Spectacular Sale.

McCormick, the 16-year-old son of Chris and Dixie McCormick, attends Pleasantville High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Iowa Junior Angus Association, which he serves as director.

He has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Ryland participated in the quiz bowl and photography contests and was a participant in the 2010 mentoring program. He also participated in the 2016 Raising the Bar conference.

He has submitted weight data to AHIR and has consigned cattle in the Iowa Angus Bull Test. Ryland is also active in his local 4-H club and FFA chapter.

Scilacci, the 18-year-old son of Kirk and Michelle Scilacci, attends Baker High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Oregon Junior Angus Association.

He has participated in regional and national shows. At the NJAS, Morgan participated in the extemporaneous speaking contest.

He has submitted weight data to AHIR and is involved with his local 4-H club and FFA.

Styles, the 17-year-old daughter of Chris and Erica Styles, attends Northwestern High School and is a member of the NJAA and the South Dakota Junior Angus Association, which she has served as director.

She has participated in state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Madison participated in the photography contest and the All-American Certified Angus Beef® Cook-Off. She was also a participant in the mentoring program in 2010 and 2013.

Madison has submitted weight data to AHIR and has consigned cattle at the Styles Angus Sale.

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► Iowa Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Feb. 17, Des Moines



► **Taylor Damewood**, Corning, is crowned Miss Iowa Angus.



► **Morgan Knapp** (left), Bloomfield, and **Nicholas Prevo** (right), Pulaski, receive their Bronze and Silver awards.



► **Morgan Knapp** (left) receives the Anita Russell Achievement Award from Russell Holmes.



► **Jordan Johnson** (left), Fort Dodge, receives the Junior Owned Heifer of the Year award from Dixie McCormick, Iowa Jr. Angus Ass'n advisor. PVF Proven Queen 4088 is a March 2014 daughter of PVF Insight 0129.



► **Jordan Johnson** (left) receives the Junior Bred & Owned Steer of the Year award from McCormick. JCC Fudge 321 is a March 2014 son of EXAR Classen 1422B.



► **Emma Troyer** (left), Kalona, receives the Junior Bred & Owned Heifer of the Year award from Mary Greiman, Iowa Jr. Angus Ass'n scholarship chairperson. Troyer Beauty 3439 is a Dec. 2013 daughter of Burns Net Worth 1091.



► **Katelyn Holmes**, Benton, received the Junior Bred & Owned Cow-Calf Pair of the Year award and the Junior Bred & Owned Bull of the Year award. RAF Full Pull Patty 8503 is a Jan. 2013 daughter of Kate's RAF Full Pull. Her Jan. 2015 bull calf sired by Connealy Consensus 7229 was the bull of the year. Pictured are (from left) Greiman, presenting the award and Russell Holmes, accepting the award for his sister.



► **Jonah Werth** (left), Bennett, receives the Junior Owned Steer of the Year award from Greiman. Jimbo is a March 2014 son of TC Freedom 104.



► Receiving the American Angus Auxiliary Certificate of Achievement Award are (from left) **Jack Johnson**, Prole; **Carson Mather**, State Center; **Owen Smith**, Pisgah; **Kassidy Bremer**, Redfield; and **Abigail Greiman**, Perry.



► Receiving the American Angus Auxiliary Certificate of Achievement Award are (front row, from left) **Lexi Knapp**, Bloomfield; **Dakota DeVore** and **Franchesca DeVore**, both of Promise City; **Michael Maas**, Adair; **Jacob Schermer**, Clarion; (second row, from left) **Jordan Johnson**, Bennett; **Morgan Knapp**, Bloomfield; **Olivia Johnson**, Prole; **Craig Alan Becker**, Atlantic; **Mallory Espenscheid**, Traer; **Reed McCormick**, Pleasantville; **Jonah Werth**, Bennett; **Emma Troyer**, Kalona; (back row, from left) **Avery Mather**, State Center; **Cassidy Becker**, Diagonal; **Haley Greiman**, Perry; **Megan Collison**, Rockwell City; **Baxter Knapp**, Bloomfield; **Jerad Shires**, Corning; and **Tim Mardesen**, Oxford.

Missouri State Fair Scholarships Awarded to 4-H and FFA Youth

Missouri State Fair Director Mark Wolfe announced that 32 youth, selected from Missouri 4-H and FFA, were awarded scholarships by the Missouri State Fair Foundation Youth in Agriculture (YIA) committee. These students are seeking higher education in agriculture-related fields, and received their scholarships Friday, April 22, during the annual State FFA Convention in Columbia.

Angus youth **Blayre Messner** of Albany and **Ty Whittaker** of Miller were awarded \$1,500 scholarships.

Scholarship applicants were evaluated in a variety of areas, including Missouri State Fair participation, grade point average, community involvement and leadership roles. Since 1992, the YIA committee has awarded 538 scholarships totaling \$505,000.

The scholarships are funded through the

generosity of Youth in Agriculture sponsors and buyers of the livestock sold during the annual Sale of Champions; the sponsors and buyers list is available online. A portion of each animal's sale price is allocated to the scholarship program. The Missouri State Fair Foundation also provides significant support for the scholarship program through fundraising efforts, including the Governor's Ham Breakfast.

▶ Louisiana Jr. Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Feb. 17, Gonzales



▶ **Kara LeBeouf** (left), Deridder, receives the Friendship Award from Lana Myers, Louisiana Jr. Angus Ass'n advisor.



▶ **Cooper Hebert** (left), Opelousas, receives the Rookie of the Year award from Myers.



▶ Receiving the Certificate of Achievement award are (from left) **Lani LeBeouf**, Deridder; **Dylan Darbonne**, **Cooper Hebert** and **Kenedi Darbonne**, all of Opelousas; **Lily Gisclair**, Longville; and **Kara LeBeouf**.



▶ **Clayton Simmons**, Bossier City, and **Morgan Fruge**, Jennings, received the Louisiana Angus Auxiliary Scholarship. Pictured are (from left) Courtney Dietch, Louisiana Angus Auxiliary, presenting; Clayton Simmons, recipient; Morgan Fruge, recipient; and Angie LeBeouf, Louisiana Angus Auxiliary, presenting.



▶ Crowned as Louisiana Angus royalty are (from left) **Kara LeBeouf**, 2015 Louisiana Angus princess; **Lani LeBeouf**, 2016 Louisiana Angus princess, both of Deridder; **Faith Guice**, Downsville, 2016 Miss Louisiana Angus; and **Morgan Fruge**, Jennings, 2015 Miss Louisiana Angus.



▶ Selected as voting delegates for this year's NJAS are (from left) **Andrew Graves**, Abita Springs; **Abigail Jenkins**, Bush; **Morgan Fruge**; and **Faith Guice**.



▶ Earning their Bronze and Silver awards are (from left) **Clayton Simmons**, **Abigail Jenkins** and **Lily Gisclair**.



▶ Serving on the Louisiana Jr. Angus Ass'n board or directors are (seated from left) **Kara LeBeouf**, shadow historian; **Lily Gisclair**, historian; **Payton Shepherd**, Lake Charles, secretary; **Lani LeBeouf**, second vice president; **Faith Guice**, vice president; **Olivia Shepherd**, Lake Charles, president; directors (second row, from left) **Luke Gisclair**, Longville; **Kenedi Darbonne** and **Cooper Hebert**, both of Opelousas; **Jacy Jones**, Glenmora; (back row, from left) **Andrew Graves**; and **Clayton Simmons**.



►Winning peewee showmanship are (from left) **Austin Purpera** and **Madelynn Purpera**, both of Plaquemine; **Asher Shepherd**, Lake Charles; **Matthew Fruge**, Jennings; and **Wyatt Mabile** and **Carter Crochet**, both of Addis. Also pictured is Cindy Perret, judge.



►Winning junior showmanship are (from left) **Grant DelaHoussaye**, New Iberia, fifth; Perret; **Ben Forbes**, Zachary, fourth; **Ali Conner**, Bell City, third; **Trevor Delee**, Saint Francisville, second; and **Trey DelaHoussaye**, New Iberia, first.



►Winning intermediate showmanship are (from left) **Lani LeBeouf**, Deridder, fifth; **Lily Gisclair**, Longville, fourth; **Kara LeBouf**, Deridder, third; **Emma Olsen**, Saint Francisville, second; and **Payton Shepherd**, Lake Charles, first. Also pictured is Perret.



►Winning senior showmanship are (from left) **Morgan Fruge**, Jennings, fifth; **Olivia Shepherd**, Lake Charles, second; and **Abigail Jenkins**, Bush, first. Not pictured are **Faith Guice**, Downsville, third; and **Jennifer Windham**, Addis, fourth.



►**Trey DelaHoussaye** (center) receives overall showmanship honors presented by Lani LeBeouf, Louisiana Angus princess (left), and Perret (right).

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▶ Oklahoma Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, March 11, Oklahoma City



▶ **Jaryn Frey** (left), Kingfisher, receives the Oklahoma Jr. Angus Ass'n Scholarship from Jim Davis, Oklahoma Angus Ass'n president.



▶ **Sydney Gerken** (left), Cashion, receives the Oklahoma Junior Angus Ass'n Scholarship from Davis.



▶ **Ryan Callahan** (left), Edmond, receives his Bronze and Silver awards from Braden Henricks, National Junior Angus Board director.



▶ **Jaryn Frey** (left) receives her Bronze and Silver awards from Henricks.



► **Ryan Callahan** (left) receives the Junior Bred-and-Owned Heifer of the Year Award from **John Pfeiffer**, Oklahoma Angus Ass'n board member.



Photography contest deadline May 15

Don't forget to submit your entries for the NJAA/*Angus Journal* Photography Contest before May 15!

Entries must be postmarked by May 15 to allow adequate time for judging and prepping the photos for display at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Grand Island, Neb., July 3-9. Late entries will not be accepted.

Photos will be evaluated on creativity (60%) and composition (40%). The "around the farm or ranch" category provides the opportunity to enter photographs that highlight activities and scenes around the farm or ranch, but that do not necessarily have Angus cattle in the photograph. The other three categories — Angus cattle, landscape and people — are intended for photos that focus on Angus cattle, Angus in the landscape, or Angus people.

Photos should be submitted as 8×10-inch (in.) or 10×8-in. prints mounted on 10×14-in. or 14×10-in. black foam core board. In addition to the mounted print, digital photo entries must be submitted electronically on CD or DVD, as well. Photos should not be framed. See additional rules in the February issue or online at www.angus.org/NJAA/Contests/Photography_rules.pdf.

