



# Next Generation

► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights. Compiled by **Shelby Mettlen**, assistant editor.

## Don't quit

*Regularly, when one thinks of Muhammad Ali, you think of one thing and one thing only: He was the greatest boxer who ever lived. While this is undoubtedly true, this fellow Kentuckian was vastly underrated for his speaking skills and his ability to motivate people. I recently came across one of his quotes that really changed my perspective and outlook on life.*

*"I hated every minute of training," the quote read. "But I told myself 'Don't quit. Suffer now and live the rest of your life as a champion.'"*

*I think there are many points that can be taken away from this quote, but here are two major ones I feel are the most applicable.*

### Finding success

First, the road to success is not easy; in fact, it is quite challenging. Even the greatest boxer to walk the earth knew how hard it was. No matter what you are involved in, being a champion requires uncommon levels of dedication and commitment.

However, if you constantly put in the time, effort and dedication now, you will be successful.

Regardless of whether you're

preparing for a boxing match, taking a chemistry exam or showing cattle, this principle applies in all facets of life. No, those early mornings and late nights at the barn aren't always easy, or you just don't quite understand those homework problems your teacher/professor assigns you (trust me, I feel your pain), but if you stay at it long enough



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and put in the work and don't give up, you will come out on top!

Second, always keep your eye on the prize. Muhammad Ali never gave up because he knew he would be a champion forever. All he had to do was overcome the short-term obstacles he was faced with, like training. He never let go of the bigger picture, that goal he was aiming to accomplish. Likewise, we all just have to remember what the bigger goal is we are working toward.

I will admit that keeping your eye on the prize and always staying focused is an incredibly hard task; the distractions of everyday life can get in our way. However, if we periodically take a step back, refocus ourselves on the goal we set for ourselves, and constantly put in the effort to be successful, success is in your future.

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### Keystone International Livestock Exposition

Teams from across the eastern half of the

United States gathered at the 60th Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE) to test their animal evaluation skills in the Collegiate and Junior Livestock Judging Contest on Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center.

Four junior members were recognized at the KILE, hosted Sept. 30-Oct. 9 in Harrisburg, Pa.

**Jake McCall**, Greenville, Va., and his team, which included Cassie Simmons, Cole Reeves and Simon Liggett, representing Virginia 4-H, won the junior division.

**Dylan Frazier**, Elizabeth, W.Va., placed seventh with 349 points in individual collegiate reasons.

**McKenzy Wolfe**, Mount Airy, Md., placed fourth with 816 points in junior overall reasons, and eighth in individual junior reasons, with 178 points.

**Kaitlin Bell**, Nottingham, Pa., placed fifth in individual junior reasons, with 182 points.

Seven collegiate teams, represented by 32 students, and 17 state 4-H and FFA teams, represented by 64 contestants, competed in the 2016 contest. The groups judged five beef cattle classes, three sheep classes and four swine classes.

The Pennsylvania State University (Penn State) team won the collegiate contest and rotating trophy, sponsored by Select Sire Power Inc. Team members were Jordan Sommer, **Kasie Kerr**, Angela Becker, Amy Middleton, Alyssa Wentz and Sharon Snyder. They were first overall in swine, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council, as well as first overall in reasons, second overall

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### ► South Carolina State Fair Jr. Angus Show, Oct. 22, Columbia



► Receiving top honors for showmanship are (from left) **Carly Watt**, Iva, Angus show senior champion; and **Kaylen Ryan**, commercial show junior champion and **Madilyn Ryan**, Angus show junior champion, both of Fair Play.

in beef and third overall in sheep. The team was coached by Ben Williamson.

Megan Harper, University of Kentucky (UK), was the overall high individual in the collegiate contest. She was also the top overall individual in beef, sponsored by the American Angus Association, swine, and reasons; second overall in Angus classes; and fifth overall individual in sheep.

Indiana 4-H was second in the junior division, and represented by Colin Deno, Michael Oliver, Hannah Deno and Emily Fry. The team was also second in reasons.

Other sponsors for the event included the Pennsylvania Angus Association; American Hereford Association; Pennsylvania Sheep and Wool Growers; American Hampshire Sheep Association; Pennsylvania Livestock Association; Purina Mills Inc.; Pennsylvania Yorkshire Cooperative Association Inc.; and Trans Ova Genetics.

Lists of the top five winners from each division follow.

**Top five collegiate teams, point totals and top award sponsor:**

1. Penn State; 4,449; sponsored by Select Sire Power Inc.
2. Ohio State University (Ohio State); 4,368
3. West Virginia University (WVU); 4,355
4. University of Tennessee (UT); 4,317
5. University of Kentucky (UK); 4,312

**Top five collegiate reasons teams, points and top award sponsor:**

1. Penn State; 1,754; sponsored by KILE
2. WVU; 1,686
3. UT; 1,673
4. Ohio State; 1,659
5. Clemson University; 1,617

**Top five collegiate overall individuals, points and top award sponsor:**

1. Megan Harper, UK, 930, sponsored by Penn State Stockmen's Club
2. Angela Becker, Penn State, 911
3. Aaron Loy; UT; 904
4. Sara Battista, WVU, 903
5. Mackenzie Ivory, WVU, 902

**Top five collegiate reasons individuals, points and top award sponsor:**

1. Megan Harper, 365, sponsored by Fulton Bank
2. Aaron Loy, 364
3. Angela Becker, 362
4. Sarah Battista, 358
5. Amy Middleton, Penn State, 355

**Top five overall junior teams, points and top award sponsor:**

1. Virginia 4-H; 2,458; sponsored by Select Sire Power
2. Indiana 4-H; 2,430

3. Indiana FFA; 2,391
4. Pennsylvania 4-H; 2,380
5. Maryland 4-H; 2,380

**Top five junior teams reasons; points and top award sponsor:**

1. Indiana 4-H, 539, sponsored by MAP Farm
2. Indiana FFA, 532
3. Virginia 4-H, 531
4. Pennsylvania 4-H, 527
5. Tennessee 4-H, 518

**Top five junior overall individuals, points and top award sponsor:**

1. Cole Reeves; Virginia 4-H, 832, sponsored by KILE
2. Hannah Deno, Indiana 4-H, 832
3. Micah Smock, Ohio FFA, 818
4. McKenzie Wolfe, Maryland 4-H, 816
5. Rachel Stoltzfus, Pennsylvania 4-H, 815

**Top five junior reasons individuals, points and top award sponsor:**

1. Makena Jones, Indiana FFA, 186, sponsored by Allan Cornman, Legacy Financial
2. Cole Reeves, Virginia 4-H, 184
3. Hannah Deno, Indiana 4-H, 183
4. Michael Oliver, Indiana 4-H, 183
5. Kaitlin Bell, Pennsylvania 4-H, 182

