



Next Generation

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

Home is where the heart is

For the past 22 years, I have been blessed to grow up on my family's eastern Nebraska Angus operation. It fostered my love for Angus cattle and led to my involvement in both the Nebraska Angus Association and the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). While college and my summer internships have taken me far away from Milford, Neb., I have learned that home can be either a physical location or a feeling of sharing a common bond and being accepted.

Common bond

This feeling of acceptance and friendship is most prevalent to me when I attend a junior Angus event while I am interacting with juniors, sharing new experiences and making memories with all of our members.

Angus producers are at the heart of every decision the American Angus Association makes. This Association is the nation's leading breed organization because it is member-focused and diligently works to highlight our hardworking, dedicated producers. Teamwork is critically important to ensure our family operations are successful and operate effectively. Moreover, passion and unity are necessary ingredients to work together toward a common goal of improving and innovating the business breed every day.

Just like a working ranch, there are many factors and moving parts that work together to maximize efficiency. Every person has a role: move cows, fix fence, make hay, crunch

numbers and update records. This example can also be applied to each of our state associations.

Like our ranches, every state operates differently, but we all have common

goals. These goals may include recruiting new members, managing successful fundraisers, and providing educational and leadership opportunities for adult and junior members. These goals help build a strong state association and facilitate opportunities to build close relationships. I wholeheartedly believe that the success of our state

associations, the NJAA and the American Angus Association are completely dependent on the relationships we develop with our fellow members. Attending conferences and shows are special opportunities for us to come home and further build those close bonds with each other. I look forward to visiting with each of you in the coming months to solidify these very significant relationships.

— Michaela Clowser, Nebraska



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Bronze and Silver Awards

Dylan Denny, Lubbock, Texas; and **Madison Sundsbak**, Des Lacs, N.D., have earned the NJAA Bronze and Silver awards, reports Jaclyn Clark, education and events director of the American Angus Association. **Izabella Bear**, Aurora, Ind., has earned her Silver award.

Bear, the 12-year-old daughter of Kenny and Heather Bear, attends Manchester Elementary and is a member of the NJAA and the Indiana Junior Angus Association, which she serves as historian and district director.

She has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Izabella participated in the photography and creative writing contests.

She has submitted weight data to the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) program.

Denny, the 17-year-old son of Don and Wendy Denny, attends Lubbock-Cooper High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Texas Junior Angus Association, which he has served as director, secretary, historian, and reporter and currently serves as first vice president.

He has participated in local, state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Dylan participated in the quiz bowl contest. He also participated in the mentoring program from 2015-2017 and was a voting delegate in 2016. He was a participant in the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conferences in 2014 and 2016 and the Raising the Bar conferences in 2014 and 2015.

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Visit the NJAA web site at www.njaa.info.

► **West Texas Fair & Rodeo Jr. Angus Show**, Sept. 10, Abilene, Texas



► **Rigin Stewart** (left), Sterling City, won senior champion showman. Also pictured is **Lexi Stevenson**, Miss Texas Angus.

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▶ Mississippi State Fair Jr. Angus Show, Oct. 9, Jackson



▶ Winning top honors in their division of showmanship are (from left) **Gabriele Simpson**, Tupelo, senior champion; **Rylie Melancon**, Woodville, intermediate champion; **Elizabeth Rone**, Courtland, junior 2 champion; and **Ha-gen Hinton**, Collins, junior 1 champion.



▶ Crowned Mississippi Angus royalty are (from left) **Hannah Buse**, Petal, Southeast Angus princess; **Hannah Beatty**, Pulaski, Southwest Angus princess; **Kayci Tullos**, Courtland, Northwest Angus princess; and **Claire Harris**, 2018 Miss Mississippi Angus, and **Katlyn Harris**, 2017 Miss Mississippi Angus, both of Forest.

He has submitted weight data to AHIR and consigned cattle in the Stars of Texas-Fort Worth sale.

Sundsbak, the 19-year-old daughter of Josh and Josie Sundsbak, attends South Dakota State University and is a member of the NJAA and the North Dakota Junior Angus Association, which she has served as secretary.

She has participated in local, state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Madison participated in the

mentoring program from 2013 to 2015 and served as a voting delegate from 2012 to 2015.

Registration extended for the largest global university-level agriscience competition

The Alltech Young Scientist (AYS) program is considered the world's most prestigious agriscience competition for university students. Now in its 13th year, AYS has discovered some of the best and brightest upcoming researchers from universities

around the world. Rising agri-scientists now have until Dec. 31, 2017, to register for the 2018 competition.

Undergraduate and graduate applicants will compete first within their home regions of North America, Latin America, Asia-Pacific or Europe/Africa. Regional finalists will be invited to attend an all-expense-paid Alltech Young Scientist Discovery Week hosted May 17-23, 2018, in Lexington, Ky., where they will compete in the global

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Important dates and deadlines for juniors

JANUARY 2018

- 11 National Western Stock Show Jr. Heifer Show, Denver, Colo.

FEBRUARY 2018

- 1 Ownership and entry deadline for the Mid-Atlantic Jr. Angus Classic (MAJAC) Show
- 5 Application deadline for the Events and Education summer internship
- 15 Ownership and entry deadline for the Western Regional Jr. Angus Show
- 15 State Training and Angus Retreat (STAR) conference registration deadline

MARCH 2018

- 1 Deadline for Honorary Angus Foundation and Advisor of the Year nominations
- 1 Raising the Bar (Oklahoma City, Okla.) registration deadline
- 9-11 MAJAC Show, Harrisonburg, Va.
- 22-25 STAR Conference, Saint Joseph, Mo.

APRIL 2018

- 12-15 Western Regional, Reno, Nev.
- 15 Ownership and entry deadline for the Atlantic National Jr. Show

- 19-22 Raising the Bar, Oklahoma City, Okla.

MAY 2018

- 1 Deadline for Gold Award applications
- 1 Outstanding Leadership Award applications due
- 1 Ownership and entry deadline for All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity
- 1 Ownership and entry deadline for Eastern Regional Jr. Angus Show
- 1 Ownership and entry deadline Northwest Regional Preview Jr. Angus Show
- 1 CAB, NJAA and Angus Foundation scholarship applications due
- 15 Ownership and early entry deadline for National Jr. Angus Show (NJAS)
- 15 Entry deadline for NJAA Creative Writing, NJAA/Angus Journal Photography, and NJAA Graphic Design contests
- 15 Entry and recipe deadline for All-American Certified Angus Beef® Cook-Off
- 25 Deadline for NJAA Public Speaking Contest speech outlines

- 25 Deadline for Career Development Contest résumés

- 25 Late entry deadline for NJAS (online only)
- 25-27 Atlantic National Jr. Angus Show, Timonium, Md.

JUNE 2018

- 1 NJAA Board candidate information due
- 1 Deadline for submitting names of state delegates and showmanship contestants for NJAA elections
- 13-16 Northwest Regional Preview Jr. Angus Show
- 14-16 Eastern Regional Jr. Angus Show
- 15-17 All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity
- 15 LEAD registrations due (early registration deadline)

JULY 2018

- 6-13 National Junior Angus Show, Madison, Wis.
- 15 LEAD registration deadline

AUGUST 2018

- 2-5 LEAD Conference, Billings, Mont.

competition. Global winners will be announced during ONE: The Alltech Ideas Conference (ONE18) May 23. The prizes include a fully funded doctoral position and \$5,000 USD for the global undergraduate winner and a fully funded postdoctoral position and \$10,000 USD for the global graduate winner.

Students must be nominated by a professor in order to participate and may submit scientific papers on topics such as animal health and nutrition, crop science, agriculture analytical methods, food chain safety and traceability, human health and nutrition, and other agriscience-related sectors. Paper submissions may be completed online through Dec. 31, 2017,

and regional winners will be announced in March 2018.

For more information and to register for

the Alltech Young Scientist program, visit AlltechYoungScientist.com.



▶ South Dakota Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, Oct. 14, Fort Pierre



▶ Nathan Linke (left), Woonsocket, receives the South Dakota Angus Association scholarship from Joshua Mohnen, SDAA president.



▶ Chase Varilek (left), Geddes, receives the South Dakota Angus Heifer Grant from Mohnen.