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► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

Turning 21

As a junior starting out in the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA), it seems the years ahead of you are innumerable! Although a “junior career” may be quite a few years long, it ends so quickly — too quickly, many would say.

This year, along with the coming of spring, April showers and spring calves comes my 21st birthday, and we all know



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what that means in the NJAA.

One of the most important people in my life, my brother, says it best: “Go big or go home.” Remember that saying no matter how many years remain in your junior career. I cannot

remember every single heifer I led into the ring at every single show or what placing we received, but let me share with you what I do remember.

- I remember getting drug from plant to plant and every single corner of the ring at my first national show. I thought I would never be a good showman. Fast-forward about eight years and I remember the first time my brother told me I did a great job and he was proud of how I showed.
- I remember the contests I participated in

and the fact that prior to competing in the public speaking contest for the first time I cried so hard, but I went through with it, and each year it got easier.

- I remember quickly crowding around the Cook-Off table as it came out of the room to sample all the delicious food we had prepared. And, of course, I remember all the ridiculous costumes I wore and saw others wear during the Cook-Off contest.
- I remember all the sites we have visited while at shows or conferences across the country. I especially remember how my closest friends held my hand as I touched the ocean for the first time during the 2009 Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference in San Francisco.
- I remember the countless hours in the vehicle with my family and all the silly games my brother and I would play to pass the time.
- I remember seeing the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) from a new perspective as I led my eager protégé around the barns. OK, as I followed my eager and speedy protégé around the barn.
- I remember my year as Miss American

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Angus and all the moments I spent with all the incredible people who are behind the scenes of successful shows, and all the amazing smiles that left the ring on the faces of little showmen no matter the color of the ribbon.

- I remember the extreme nerves I had while running for the junior board, but all of the encouraging words that came from my closest friends within this association and the pure excitement I felt when I realized all my dreams of being on the board and serving with 11 amazing individuals were coming true.
- I remember the tears of pride I cried for my brother at his last show, and I predict the tears I will cry at my last show.

The lesson from my recap of embarrassing and special moments throughout the past 12 years is, too often we get caught up in those few moments spent in the ring and forget the true reasons why the NJAA is such an incredible organization. I encourage each of you to look at the upcoming spring and summer shows and events as moments to relive and create memories with people with whom you share the same passions. Ages 9-21 could be the best years of your life as long as you remember to get involved, meet people and have fun!

You notice in all of my above statements two common words throughout, “I remember.” When you turn 21, don’t you want a list of all of the most special moments you have had? Remember, *Go Big*, because the time to go home at shows and events always comes too quickly!

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▶ Kansas Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Hutchinson, Jan. 22



▶ **Tess Steckline** (right), Garden Plain, was crowned 2010 Miss Kansas Angus. Also pictured is **Hannah McCabe** (left) 2009 Miss Kansas Angus.



▶ **Courtenay DeHoff** (right), Tonganoxie, receives the Kenneth and Lorene Moore Scholarship from Karen Santee with the Kansas Angus Auxiliary scholarship committee.

▶ North Carolina Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Winston-Salem, Jan. 23



▶ Leaders of the North Carolina Jr. Angus Ass'n are (front row, from left) **Brooke Harward**, Richfield, president; **Colleen Jones**, Kinston, vice president; **Daniel Boykin**, Elm City, secretary; **Jordan Cox**, Trenton, treasurer; (standing, from left) **Karl and Courtney Holshouser**, Castalia, advisors; **Madison Malson**, Hickory, director; **Michael Fulbright**, Vale; **Lauren Woodard**, Princeton, webmaster; **Joezell Fulbright**, Vale, director; **Edward Birdsell**, Turnersburg, advisor; **Hannah Woodard**, Princeton, webmaster; **Patty and Marcus Harward**, Richfield, advisors; **Sydney Cox**, Trenton, Miss North Carolina Angus; and **Dianne Fulbright**, Vale.

▶ Wisconsin Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Tomah, Jan. 23

▶ **Right: Kelsi Retallick** (right), Glen Haven, receives the Junior Member of the Year Award from Mia Bayer, junior advisor.



▶ **Below:** Scholarship winners are (from left) **Ty Bayer**, Ringle; **Kelsey Konkol**, Menomonee Falls; and **Bailey Quam**, Lodi.



▶ The Wisconsin Jr. Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (seated, from left) **Kelli Retallick**, Glen Haven, president; **Bailey Quam**, Lodi, vice president; **Jessica Radcliffe**, Schofield, secretary; **Calli Bayer**, Ringle, show chairman; (back row, from left) **Kelsey Konkol**, Menomonee Falls, membership chairman; **Ty Bayer**, Ringle, fundraising chairman; **Kaley Bockhop**, Belmont, director at large; and **Patrick Schlimgen**, Blue Mounds, vice show chairman.

▶ Arkansas Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Fort Smith, Jan. 19



▶ **Left:** EXAR Clova Pride 83009 owned by **Katlyn Tunstill** (right), Fayetteville, was named Show Heifer of the Year; and Pohlman's Structure 7928 owned by **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove, was named Show Bull of the Year.

▶ **Right: Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove, receives the Arkansas Diamond and Razorback awards.



▶ Certificate of Achievement awards were given to (front row, from left) **Nicholas Pohlman**, Prairie Grove, (back row, from left) **Katlyn Tunstill**, Fayetteville; **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove; and **Taylor LaCour**, Berryville.



► Receiving the Achievement Award are (kneeling, from left) **Rene Roussel**, Gramercy; **Jarred Yantis**, Bunkie; **Mason Duhe**, Paulina; **Isaac McFarland**, Keithville; **Lee Hymel**, Vacherie; **Trevor Sonnier**, Pineville; (standing, from left) **Stephanie Hymel**, Bunkie; **Katelyn Corsentino**, Denham Springs; **Samantha Bickham**, Saint Francisville; **Avery Boone**, Calhoun; **Daniel McFarland**, Keithville; **Cheyenne Jones**, Franklinton; **Nancy Bickham**, Saint Francisville; **Joshua Scott**, Loranger; **Harold Mizell**, Covington; **Jacob Chicola**, Deville; and **Samantha Yantis**, Bunkie.



► **Harold Mizell** (left), Covington, receives the NJAA Bronze Award from **Richard Dyer**, American Angus Ass'n regional manager. The Bronze Award is the first level of the NJAA Recognition Program. Juniors must apply for the award and then meet point requirements in many areas of participation before receiving it.



► **Trevor Sonnier** (right), Pineville, receives the Rookie of the Year Award from **Patti Hymel**.



► The Louisiana Jr. Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (seated, from left) **Samantha Yantis**, Bunkie, president; **Daniel McFarland**, Keithville, vice president; **Jarred Yantis**, Bunkie, second vice president; **Stephanie Hymel**, Vacherie, secretary; **Cheyenne Jones**, Franklinton, historian; **Nicolai Cannizzaro**, Folsom, shadow historian; (standing, from left) **Jacob Chicola**, Deville; **Emily McDowell**, Hessmer; **Isaac McFarland**, Keithville; **Destiny Jones**, Ruston; **Joshua Scott**, Loranger; **Lee Hymel**, Vacherie; **Nancy Bickham**, Saint Francisville; and **Morgan Fruge** and **Carissa Fruge**, both of Jennings.



► **Samantha Yantis** (left), Bunkie, receives the Louisiana Angus Auxiliary scholarship from **Patti Hymel**.



► Louisiana Jr. Angus royalty are (from left) **Samantha Yantis**, Bunkie, 2009 queen; **Stephanie Hymel**, Vacherie, 2010 queen; **Cheyenne Jones**, Franklinton, 2010 princess; and **Katelyn Corsentino**, Denham Springs, 2009 princess.



► **Samantha Yantis** (left), Bunkie, and **Daniel McFarland** (right), Keithville, were selected as voting delegates for the NJAA Annual Meeting at the 2010 NJAS.



► **Jacob Chicola** (left), Deville, receives the Friendship Award from **Joshua Scott**.

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▶ Georgia Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Athens, Jan. 30



▶ Georgia Angus royalty are (from left) **Logan Steed**, Carrollton, princess; and **Samantha Allen**, Talmo, queen.



▶ Outgoing Georgia royalty are (from left) **Katie Gazda**, 2009 Miss American Angus, and **Taylor Gazda**, 2009 Miss Georgia Angus, both of Athens.

▶ Texas Jr. Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Fort Worth, Feb. 23



▶ The Texas Jr. Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (front row, from left) **David Shirley**, Yantis; **Breanna** and **Megan Short**, both of Decatur; **Hannah Steph**, Tatum; **Jennifer Ann Smith**, Elysian Fields, National Junior Angus Board director; **Julie Williams**, Idalou; **Mattie Lastovica**, Fredericksburg; **Tylee Jo Williams**, Memphis, second vice president; (back row, from left) **Jacob Steph**, Tatum, historian; **Brazos Williams**, Memphis, vice president; **Hillery Short**, Decatur; **Tarlton Holloway**, Stamford, reporter; **Megan Ahearn**, Wills Point, president; **Tyler Bond-Jones**, Bleiberville, secretary; and **Wade Wells**, Hamilton, treasurer.



▶ **Tylee Jo Williams** (right), Memphis, was crowned Miss Texas Angus. Also pictured is **Mollie Lastovica**, 2009 Miss Texas Angus.

▶ **MJB Ranch**, Weatherford, Texas, donated MJB Traveler Lady 398 87921, a Sept. 2008 daughter of DHD Traveler 6807, to the Texas Jr. Angus Ass'n to begin a scholarship fund for top finishers at the Southwestern Exposition & Livestock Show Junior Angus Show beginning in 2011. Only members of the Texas Jr. Angus Ass'n will be eligible for these scholarships. The sale was held at the 2010 Texas Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet Feb. 22 in Fort Worth, Texas. A group of 17 Texas Angus breeders purchased the heifer for \$8,500 and donated the heifer back for resale. **Lyn Lesikar**, Lesikar Ranch, Fort Worth, purchased the heifer for \$5,500. Pictured are (from left) **Mike** and **Sue Bowlin**, MJB Ranch; **Harriett** and **Lyn Lesikar**, Lesikar Ranch; and **Ty Williams**, Salt Creek Ranch.



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