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

Opportunities for involvement

Involved means to be connected or concerned with someone or something, typically on an emotional or personal level. What does being involved mean to you? Are there certain organizations or associations that helped to make you who you are? If so — should you continue to be involved and give back to these organizations? Why is staying involved so important in today's society?

NJAA involvement

To me staying involved means that you want to be dedicated to a certain cause or organization to make it the best it can be. For me the association that has been a huge part of my life and my family's is the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). Therefore, I feel many of us should stay involved in this great association. The NJAA is a great environment for your family and friends to experience some of the most memorable days of their life. The NJAA is part of an industry that we all need to stay involved with in the long run, and that is the beef industry.



Shane Clary

The NJAA is an association in which many kids can become involved at an early age. When you start out, you should try your best to get involved with your state association, whether that means attending a meeting or a state show. When you are able to get involved with your state, you are then able to learn more about the regional and national events that you may be able to attend. When

attending the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), you are able to meet lots of new people who all have the same love for cattle as you do. The older you get, the more your leadership skills will improve, and it would be a good experience to be involved on your state junior board of directors and hold an officer position.

When you continue your involvement within your state association, this allows you to learn many life lessons that will stick with you forever. Your dedication to your association shows in your leadership skills, communication skills and your personality. As you go through your years in the NJAA, you see the junior leaders of the association come and go as their two-year terms expire. The junior board has a goal of educating youth in leadership and helping them to be successful in the business world. The past and present junior board members are all there for a reason. They were involved from an early age and were influenced by the people who were leading the association.

Their goal is to give back to the association what it has given to them. Junior board members are out to help and make the association the best it can be for its

NJAA/Angus Journal Photo Contest

Remember, June 1 is the deadline for the NJAA/Angus Journal Photo Contest. See page 48 of your February *Angus Journal* for rules and an entry form. Materials are also available at www.njaa.info.

current members. Striving to be a junior board member is a great goal and it will allow you to give back to the association that meant so much.

American Angus Association involvement

If your goal is to give back to the junior association, it doesn't have to stop when you age out. You can be an advisor for a state association and stay involved with the juniors in many ways. You may be able to get a job with the American Angus Association and continue to promote the Angus breed. Another opportunity would be a job promoting the *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) brand within the beef industry.

We know that as juniors and producers in the Angus breed, we are a part of a wonderful industry. Stay involved with our youth, whether that means being an advocate for the industry or continuing the tradition on your family farm of raising cattle. In the beef industry, we as producers have to take a stand for the quality of the cattle we produce and educate the general public about the things we do. As we look down the road 10 or 15 years, many of us want our kids to have the great experiences we had and the best way to have that is to stay involved and try to help the beef industry grow.

To many people, being involved can mean many things. To those in our industry, it means protecting the future. Being involved is extremely important because it means maintaining the integrity of the beef industry and, maybe, our family's income. So, try your best to be a part of the things that influenced your life. This will provide a bright future for you, your kids and fellow producers in the beef industry.

— Shane Clary, Virginia

Angus juniors show a strong presence at Cattle Industry Convention

The next generation of Angus membership is in good hands. Many junior Angus

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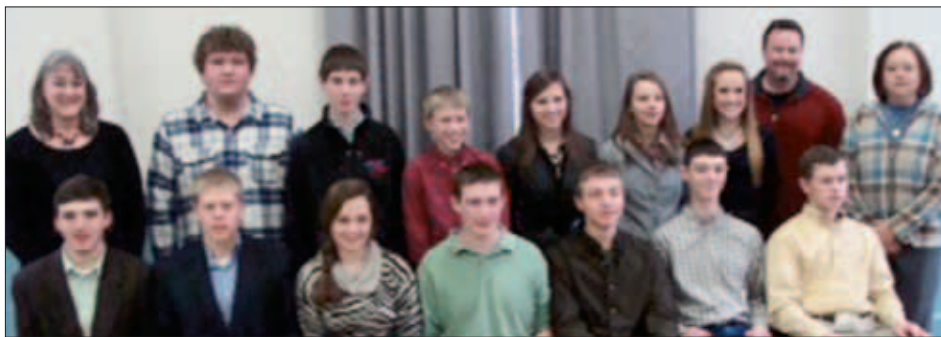
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► **Virginia Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Natural Bridge, Feb. 4**



► Three juniors were awarded outstanding junior member awards. Pictured are (from left) **Catie Hope**, Berryville, Outstanding Junior Member; **Zachary McCall**, Greenville, Outstanding First Year Member; and **Morgan Alexander**, Berryville, Outstanding Senior Member.



► Officers and directors of the Virginia Jr. Angus Ass'n are (front row, from left) **Nathan Butler**, Midland, president; **Will Fiske**, Greenville, president-elect; **Catie Hope**, Berryville, secretary; **Mark Alexander**, Berryville, treasurer; **Brandon Hamilton**, Buena Vista, 2012-2013 historian; **Jacob McCall**, Greenville, 2011-2012 historian; **Robert Nixon III**, Rapidan, reporter; (back row, from left) Linda Alexander, Berryville, advisor; **Connor Orrock**, Woodford; **Cody Boden**, Clear Brook; **William Clark**, Culpeper; **Elizabeth Nixon**, Rapidan; **Samantha Shenk**, Luray; **Courtney Pooton**, Sperryville; Darrell Bowman, Riner, advisor; and Mary Lynne Harris, Buchanan, advisor.

members attended the Cattle Industry Convention in Nashville, Tenn., and participated in youth contests, the Youth Beef Industry Congress, and the Young Producers Council (YPC), and also received scholarships.

Chandler Mulvaney, Opelika, Ala., won first place in the youth speaking contest, ages 15-19. Carrie Elmore, Enoree, S.C., was on the winning Clemson University Cattlewomen/Block and Bridle team for the team marketing-college division. Kevin Guinn, Ocala, Fla., was part of the winning Junior Florida Cattlemen's Association team for the team marketing-senior division contest. Jessica Woodworth, William Woodworth and Sarah Page, all from Burlington, W.Va., were on the winning Mineral County FFA youth quiz bowl team. Samantha Dailey, Anthony, Fla., won on the reserve Junior Florida Cattlemen's Association quiz bowl team.

Three junior Angus members received \$1,500 National Cattlemen's Foundation scholarships, sponsored by the CME Group. NJAA Board member Meghan Blythe, White City, Kan., Kansas State University; Maci Lienemann, Princeton, Neb., Norris High School; and Trenton Blythe, White City, Kan., White City High School, were all awarded scholarships.

Philip Weltmer, of W&S Ranch, Smith Center, Kan., was elected to serve as the YPC representative on the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Tax and Credit policy committee.

Juniors earn Bronze and Silver Awards

Keegan Cassidy, Mahomet, Ill.; Katie Friederichs, Walcott, Iowa; Chris Kahlenbeck, Union, Mo.; and Kendra Pryor, Pleasant Hill, Mo., have earned the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Bronze and Silver awards.

Cassady, the 14-year-old daughter of



► **Mark Alexander**, Berryville, was named the Premier Junior Exhibitor and winner of the William S. Stokes Award.



► Virginia Angus Royalty are (from left) **Sarah Harris**, Buchanan, princess; **Morgan Alexander**, queen; and **Jenna Hamilton**, Buena Vista, princess.



► **Morgan Alexander** was named the Premier Senior Exhibitor.

Jerry Cassidy and Erica Johnson, attends Mahomet-Seymour Junior High School and is a director for the Illinois Junior Angus Association. She also served as princess in 2011. She has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship competitions. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Keegan participated in the quiz bowl, photography, public speaking, and judging contests, as well as the All-American CAB Cook-Off. She also participated in the mentoring program in 2009 and 2010. Keegan has submitted weight data through Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®).

Friederichs, the 15-year-old daughter of Dean and Deb Friederichs attends Muscatine High School and is a member of the Illinois Junior Angus

Association and the Eastern Iowa Junior Angus Association. She has participated in local, state, regional and national shows. At the NJAS, Friederichs participated in the quiz bowl, public and extemporaneous speaking, creative writing, livestock judging and poster competitions. She also participated in the mentoring program in 2008 and 2010. In 2010 and 2011 she was a participant in the

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► **Georgia Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Athens, Jan. 28**



► **Clay Williams** (right), Bishop, receives a recognition plaque for his service on the NJAA Board as chairman from Mike McCravy, Georgia Angus Ass'n president.



► **Shelby Eidson** (left), Arnoldsville, queen, and **Abbey Gretsch**, Crawford, princess, were crowned Georgia Angus royalty.

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Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference. She is also active in 4-H, receiving the 4-H Beef Award for her county and state. She also participated in the national 4-H livestock judging contest.

Kahlenbeck, the 16-year-old son of David and Kathy Bates, attends Saint Clair High School and is a member of the Missouri Junior Angus Association. He has participated in local, state, and national shows and showmanship competitions. At the NJAS, Chris participated in the quiz bowl, photography, poster, creative writing, graphic design, team sales, and prepared and extemporaneous speaking contests, as well as the All-American CAB Cook-Off. He also participated in the mentoring program in 2010. Chris has submitted weaning and yearling data through AHIR and has consigned cattle at the Missouri East Central Angus Auction.

Pryor, the 15-year-old daughter of Rick and Stephanie Pryor, attends Pleasant Hill

High School and is a district representative in 2011 for the Missouri Junior Angus Association. She has participated in local, state, regional and national shows. At the NJAS, Kendra participated in the quiz bowl contest and was a participant in the mentoring program in 2010. She is actively involved in her FFA chapter and served as president for her local 4-H in 2010.

The Bronze and Silver awards are the first two levels of the National Junior Recognition Program that began in 1972. Junior Angus breeders must apply for the awards, then meet point requirements in many areas of participation before receiving the honors. Applicants are evaluated in areas of junior Angus association activities and leadership, participation in showmanship, contests and shows, using performance testing to improve their herd and their progress in producing and merchandising Angus cattle.

American Angus Auxiliary scholarships available

The American Angus Auxiliary will award approximately \$12,000 in scholarships to the

top five male and top five female applicants selected from finalists chosen in the applicant's home state. Each state auxiliary is eligible to submit one male and one female application to the national contest. The winners will be announced during the closing ceremonies of the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Louisville, Ky., July 20, 2012.

In addition, the five finalists for the Miss American Angus contest are selected from the top national female applicants.

The application for American Angus Auxiliary Scholarships is available online. Interested junior Angus members may download the application, and access directions and general information at www.angusauxiliary.com/scholarships/index.html.

Applications from the state contact must be postmarked by May 1, 2012. For specific state and local Auxiliary scholarship deadlines and information, visit the Auxiliary website, or contact your state or regional Angus Auxiliary.



▶ Louisiana Jr. Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Gonzales, Feb. 13



▶ Louisiana Angus royalty are (from left) **Destiny Jones**, Ruston, 2011 princess; **Faith Guice**, Downsville, 2012 princess; **Nancy Bickham**, Saint Francisville, 2012 queen; and **Taryn Shaw**, Jennings, 2011 queen.



▶ Representing Louisiana as voting delegates for this year's NJAS in Kentucky are (from left) **Katelyn Corsentino**, Denham Springs; **Jacob Chicola**, Deville, alternate; and **Cheyenne Jones**, Franklinton.



▶ Association Regional Manager Richard Dyar presents **Taryn Shaw** (center), Jennings, Bronze and Silver awards and **Harold Mizell** (right), Covington, a Silver Award.



▶ Officers and directors of the Louisiana Jr. Angus Ass'n are (front row, from left) **Cheyenne Jones**, Franklinton, president; **Katelyn Corsentino**, Denham Springs, vice president; **Isaac McFarland**, Keithville, second vice president; **Jacob Chicola**, Deville, secretary; **Matthew Brasseaux**, Longville; **Kallan Conner**, Bell City, shadow historian; (middle row, from left) **Lee Hymel**, Vacherie; **Andrew Graves**, Abita Springs; **Lily Gisclair** and **Zachary Brasseaux**, both of Longville; **Faith Guice**, Downsville; (back row, from left) **Destiny Jones**, Ruston; **Lena Johnson**, Choudrant; **Trevor Sonnier**, Pineville; **Gracie Romero**, Plaquemine; **Kerrigan Fitch**, New Iberia; and **Nancy Bickham**, Saint Francisville.



▶ **Lily Gisclair** (left), Longville, receives the Rookie of the Year award from Patti Hymel, junior advisor.



▶ **Joshua Scott** (left), Loranger, and **Taryn Shaw**, Jennings, receive the Louisiana Angus Auxiliary Scholarship.

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