



# Next Generation

► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

## How deep are your pockets?

*As cattle producers, the majority of us are most likely not the wealthiest people around town. We don't drive the nicest vehicles, nor do we have the most elaborate homes. What we do have is a legacy to uphold — a legacy of passion for our breed, a love for farming, and the love that we possess for our family farm. We are servants to the industry that we all love and experience a true fondness for the outcome of our products.*

### Decision time

Coming from a farm background, as many of you certainly do, too, I have had some tough decisions to make during life's journey. I want to explain a very crucial decision I made that I believe will benefit my life and success eternally.

When high school began I was heavily involved in two activities for which I have an inborn love. Angus cattle and basketball are family traditions. Basketball tryouts came quickly that fall, and I had been looking forward to showing Coach my skills with

every intention of making the team. The players were posted on the coach's office door on the final morning of tryouts. I was ecstatic that I had made the team and couldn't wait to get on the floor, but it was later that day, while sitting in the doctor's office, I had a realization.

On the final morning of tryouts, I had jumped up to block a shot. When I came down, I landed on the opposing player's foot ... POP! The doctor showed me the x-ray,

and I had indeed broken my foot. In that minute I thought my world was crashing down around me; my dreams were shattered. Everything that I had worked for up to that point was rendered useless. While attending every single practice and game, I remember how bad it hurt to sit on the sidelines wishing

I could be out there helping my team.

The next year rolled around, and I had been thinking about what was going to benefit my future. What was going to help me more in the long run?

I decided to stop playing basketball and become more involved with FFA. The opportunities I searched for were

scholarships, contacts and careers. The chances of me getting a college scholarship to play ball were slim, and a career in basketball was out of the question. I took my time and applied it to a new team, my FFA chapter.



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## ▶ NEXT GENERATION

Throughout my experience in FFA, I held many positions that have helped me evolve to the person I am today. I have been able to give back to the many organizations that have given me so much.

This doesn't mean you need to stop playing a sport, drop from the band or quit your theatre club. I encourage you to find a passion, a passion so deep that you live and breathe it. If you cannot put your heart into it, then take yourself out of it. My passion is agriculture and, along with leadership, it is something in which I strive to excel.

The future of any association, organization or group is in the youth. We, as members of this great Association, have had so many leaders before us who have encouraged us to reach this point. It is our

job to raise the bar for the youth of tomorrow.

Develop a passion, stick with it, and don't let anyone interfere with your dreams. While keeping your dreams in mind, do not forget where you came from, and all of the people who helped make you successful. In order for those associations to have future success it is necessary to give back. So, juniors, how deep are your pockets?

— *Cody Smith, Missouri*

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