



# Next Generation

► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

## Be BOLD...

My first day of college, I arrived on campus with a cattle trailer full of dorm room necessities and concern about my first semester away from home. I was moving out of my parents' house and into a dorm room (which best resembled a closet) with a stranger. The hot September air smothered me as I carried my belongings up to my new room. Later that night, I began taking stock of the social experiment I was dropped into.

I now shared a matchbox-like dorm room with a roommate I had never met before, not to mention a bathroom with 50 strangers. Furthermore, my friends from high school no longer lived close by. After some thought, I decided my best chance of survival was to meet as many people at school as possible. My social crusade began by keeping my door open and talking with everyone I could on my floor. I started taking advantage of the activities offered by my college. I played Frisbee football with kids from my dorm and joined clubs on campus. My

mission to become a bolder, more outgoing person created a new group of friends and acquaintances campus-wide.

Similar to college, the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) offers countless opportunities to develop your personality and gain new friendships. The National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) offers perhaps the greatest opportunity to meet new friends from across the country. Trying new contests such as public speaking and team sales opens doors to a variety of mentors and peers. Also, basic speaking skills and salesmanship are a great skill to learn since they pertain to so many careers. With public speaking and team sales, you have the ability to focus on subjects of the Angus breed that spark your interest.



**Andrew Rogen**

Furthermore, the NJAA offers many leadership-training programs, such as the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference. At LEAD, team building and officer training teach the fundamentals of working well within your state. At the 2009 LEAD Conference in San Francisco, junior members will explore California and discuss many of the current topics affecting the Angus industry and agriculture in general. I encourage every junior member to attend LEAD because of the many experiences and connections that are offered.

Through the NJAA there are a variety of possibilities available to junior members. The most important thing you can do as a junior member is to take full advantage of these opportunities. Try participating in a contest you have never tried before. Partake in the mentoring program and learn from other NJAA members across the country. Attend the LEAD Conference, and sit by someone new on the tour bus. Most importantly this summer: Have fun, smile often and be bold!

— Andrew Rogen, South Dakota

## Accelerated Genetics 2009 Photo Contest

The 2009 Accelerated Genetics Photo Contest themes are "Favorite Cows" and "Picturesque Pastures." Photographers submitting the winning entries in each category will receive a digital camera. Other placings will be awarded cash prizes.

Photos can be taken throughout the various seasons of the year. Multiple photos can be entered in the contest, but we want you to send in your best, so before you send them think about these things: Is the photo clear and crisp, not foggy or cloudy; and do the animals look healthy and reasonably clean?

All photos entered should be color. Digital images are preferred and need to be submitted as a high-resolution (300 dpi) JPEG image with photo size at 8 inches (in.) x 10 in. or larger. Digital images can be submitted via e-mail or mailed on a CD.

The entry deadline is Sept. 1. For each photo entered, please include in the e-mail or on a sheet of paper your name, address, phone number and the photo's title. Send your entries to Accelerated Genetics, Kari Stanek-Photo Contest, E10890 Penny Ln., Baraboo, WI 53913 or e-mail [kstanek@accelgen.com](mailto:kstanek@accelgen.com). If you have any questions, call 1-800-451-9275 ext. 222.

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## ► Michigan Beef Expo, East Lansing, April 4



► Dylan Kennedy (center), and Justin Kennedy (right), both of Nashville, receive NJAA Bronze and Silver awards, the first two levels of the NJAA Recognition Program. Junior members must apply for the awards and meet point requirements in many areas of participation before receiving the honors. Pictured presenting is Jerry Cassady, American Angus Association regional manager.

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### Scholarships awarded to Missouri youth in agriculture

Thirty-one Missouri high school seniors planning to enter the halls of higher education this fall will do so with scholarship funds provided by generous supporters of Youth in Agriculture at the 2008 Missouri State Fair. The scholarship recipients were recognized in April at the Missouri State FFA Convention in Columbia.

Part of the funds raised from the Fair's Sale of Champions supports students beginning agriculture curriculums at Missouri

institutions. 4-H and FFA scholarship candidates were evaluated in a variety of areas, including their State Fair participation, grade point average (GPA), leadership roles and community involvement. One \$2,500 "supreme scholarship" and 30 \$1,000 scholarships were awarded.

Shannon Watson of Blairstown received the "supreme scholarship," sponsored by Sydenstricker John Deere of Missouri and Sydenstricker Angus Genetics. Recipients of \$1,000 scholarships were Ashley Baugh, Middletown; Garren Bellis, Orrick; Brandon Brooke, Hardin; Emily Brundick, Argyle; Sara Bush, Blairstown; Hannah Cheatum, Conway; Kyle Croy, Gallatin; Brittany Early, Leeton;

Katie Gladbach, Marceline; Carah Hart, Carrollton; Clayton Hawkins, Bethel; Danielle Heimsoth, Waverly; and Reba Hurst, Nevada.

Also receiving \$1,000 scholarships were Trista Ingle, Carthage; Marie English, California; Kiely Jewell, Kidder; Ashley Layman, Richmond; Rachel Longan, California; Bethany Markway, Eugene; Bailey Marriott, Stover; Benjamin Radcliff, Chillicothe; Lauren Schad, Barnett; Erin Scheiderer, Salisbury; Chelsea Scheulen, Loose Creek; Karla Schuknecht, Lincoln; Jacob Shipley, Unionville; Samantha Warner, Archie; Luke Wells, Sullivan; Laura Wildsord, Madison; and Kacie Wright, Tuscumbia.



### ▶ Ohio Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Hebron, Feb. 7



▶ Ohio Junior Angus Ass'n board officers are (from left) **Krystin Bachman**, Lancaster, president; **Lindsey Grimes**, Hillsboro, vice president; **Bailey Harsh**, Radnor, secretary; **Bethaney Enos**, Cambridge, treasurer; **Jordon Mullett**, Coshocton, assistant treasurer; and **Shyla Kreager**, Newark, reporter.



▶ **Jordon Mullett** (right center), Coshocton, receives the boys' Bred-and-Owned Silver Show Award from Kelvin Egner (left), Christina Egner (left center) and Jackie Egner (right).



▶ **William Harsh** (right), Radnor, receives the boys' Silver Show Award from Allen Gahler.



▶ **Christina Winter**, Ashville, receives the Junior Silver Show Award, presented annually to an exhibitor 12 years old or younger. Pictured are (from left) Sharon, Christina, Caroline and James Winter.



▶ **Lindsey Grimes** (center), Hillsboro, receives the girls' Bred-and-Owned Silver Show Award from Mary Lou King (left) and Tyler Wise.



▶ **Krystin Bachman** (center), Lancaster, receives the Ohio Angus Auxiliary scholarship, and **Bethaney Enos** (right), Cambridge, receives the Ohio Angus Association scholarship from Sharon Sanders, Ohio Auxiliary scholarship chair.



▶ **Lindsey Grimes** (right), Hillsboro, receives the girls' Silver Show Award from Kent Bauman. Grimes also received her Bronze and Silver awards.



▶ **Bailey Harsh**, Radnor, is Miss Ohio Angus queen.

▶ **Minnesota Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Rochester, March 24**



▶ Minnesota Angus royalty for 2009 are (from left) **Kelsey Glaess**, Cannon Falls, 2009 Miss Minnesota Angus, and **Emily Scholtz**, Comfrey, 2009 Miss Minnesota Angus.



▶ **Betsy Hansen**, Marshall, receives the Minnesota Outstanding Leadership Award.



▶ Minnesota Junior Angus Ass'n board of directors include (from left) **Alissa Stai**, New London, president; **Chelsey Drysdale**, Wabasha, vice president; **Betsy Hansen**, Marshall, secretary; and **Matt Purfeerst**, Faribault, treasurer.

▶ **Vandeborghe Flying V Angus Sale, Bismarck, N.D., Feb. 8**



▶ **Cassandra Hanson** (left), Enderlin, received the NJAA Bronze and Silver Awards. Pictured presenting is Vern Frey, American Angus Association regional manager.

### Junior officers 'Raise the Bar' in Nashville

The National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) hosted a Raising the Bar Conference April 3-5, 2009, in Nashville, Tenn. Twenty-seven junior officers and advisors from six states were provided the tools to build stronger state associations.

There were several workshops prepared and conducted by the NJAA Board of Directors, which included public speaking, parliamentary procedure, securing and retaining membership through the use of a mentoring program, fundraising, team building and goal setting. The interactive workshops allowed for the individuals from various states to exchange ideas and learn from their peers.

Special guest speaker, John Woolfolk, with the Tennessee Farm Bureau, spoke to the group about desire. "It is the strong desire to achieve one's goals that most often leads to success," Woolfolk said.

The attendees also participated in a team building activity at a ropes course, ice breakers, bowling and a Sunday morning devotional.

For more information about Raising the Bar Conferences or the NJAA, visit [www.njaa.info](http://www.njaa.info) or call the Association at 816-383-5100.