



# Next Generation

► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

## Membership is not involvement

*“The only people for me are the mad ones. The ones who are mad to live, mad to talk, mad to be saved, desirous of everything at the same time, the ones who never yawn or say a commonplace thing, but burn, burn, burn, like fabulous yellow roman candles exploding like spiders across the stars ...”*

— Jack Kerouac

### Involvement

In this particular statement, Mr. Kerouac truly personifies what a classic cliché means to me. All of my life, I have heard my parents,



Kara Wilson

coaches, teachers and other leaders redundantly preach, “You only get out of something what you put into it.”

Passion is a character trait I have always admired in people. Even if I look at the

position someone is taking with a completely opposite view, it is hard to not recognize they have a true passion for what they are all about.

Through my experience on the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) board, I have had the opportunity to meet and visit with a great deal of the staff of the American Angus Association along with the staff of Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB). The most evident thing to me, in a number of my first impressions with both staffs, is how obvious it is that they love their jobs. The enthusiasm they bring to their respective offices is a reflection of how much they enjoy what they do.

With so many opportunities for people to get involved today, there also are a lot of chances for those same people to blend in with the woodwork of their organization, giving the excuse that if their name is on the membership list, they are being an “involved citizen.”

NJAA members and other Angus producers are no different. Both the junior and adult associations that support our industry offer endless opportunities for their members to take advantage of and really excel. However, not everyone takes advantage of all the benefits.

### Embrace your passion

I would encourage members and producers to be passionate about their work. Apathy is one of the biggest threats that can inhibit the full potential of a person, and a “good enough” attitude will never cultivate maximum results. Whether you are a junior member looking for an opportunity as a state association leader, a seedstock producer diligently improving your genetics, the manager of a feedlot striving for a higher *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) acceptance rate for your cattle, or a state junior advisor trying to recruit new

members, I urge you to be fervent in everything you do.

We have all met people like that before — people who find their passion and fully embrace every chance that comes along with it. These are the kind of people who have inspired me. It is the kind of person I someday hope to become, and it is the kind of person I hope other people will be able to find in themselves.

Like so many other young people who choose to get involved, I have spent many years with a multiple number of irons in the fire and have sometimes felt like I was putting in too much. However, during the past few years I have been able to look back at past involvement and find a crystal clear perspective of everything I have gained from it.

It may just be a casual observation, but to this point in my life, the most above-average people (or organizations) I know are also the most passionate. We all consider the Angus industry to be above average. It has gotten that way as a result of passionate members and producers — an element I hope remains in our society for years to come.

— Kara Wilson, Indiana

### Beef industry scholarship winners

Twenty outstanding students pursuing careers in the beef industry have each been awarded a \$1,500 scholarship provided by the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. (CME) and the National Cattlemen’s Foundation (NCF). The CME has sponsored this scholarship program for 17 years.

Each scholarship winner wrote a 750-word essay identifying key issues confronting the beef industry and suggested possible ways of dealing with those issues.

Scholarship winners include Angus juniors **Bryce Borrer**, Gerber, Calif., Colorado State University (CSU); **Hyatt Frobose**, Pemberville, Ohio, Butler Community College; **Adam Sawyer**, Bassett, Neb., Rock County High School; and **Justin Spengler**, Woodfield, Ohio, Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute.

The overall scholarship winner, Ben Williams of Logansport, Ind., Kansas State University (K-State), was awarded an all-expense-paid trip to the 2007 Cattle Industry Annual Convention and NCBA Trade Show

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in Nashville, Tenn., where he was to be recognized during the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Awards Program Lunch Feb. 3.

The additional scholarship recipients were Travis Arp, Arlington, Wis., University of Missouri–Columbia; Cassie Bacon, Prairie Grove, Ark., Oklahoma State University; William "Shamus" Brown III, Graettinger, Iowa, Iowa State University; Krista Coopridier, Chico, Calif., California State University, Chico; Callie Hyde,

Chiloquin, Ore., Oregon State University; Tina Krafft, Phillipsburg, Kan., K-State; Katlin Mulvaney, Opelika, Ala., Auburn University; Will Osborn, Tuttle, Okla., Amber-Pocasset High School; Toby Pollock, Berthoud, Colo., CSU; Tera Rooney, Satanta, Kan., Satanta High School; Kevin Shaffer, Philippi, W.Va., West Virginia University; Jonathan Smelcer, Seymour, Tenn., University of Tennessee; Kathryn Teixeira, Nipomo, Calif., California Polytechnic State University; Andrew Vickers, El Dorado Springs, Mo., El Dorado Springs High School; and Jason Zwilling, Viola, Ill., Lake Land College.

### ▶ Georgia Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Athens, Jan. 27



▶ **Katherine Throne** (left), West Point, queen; and **Haley Throne**, West Point, princess, are recognized as Georgia Angus royalty.

### ▶ Indiana Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Indianapolis, Dec. 29, 2006



▶ **April Harris** (left), Ridgeville, is the 2007 Indiana Angus queen. Also pictured is **Jenna Langley**, Walton, 2006 Angus queen.



▶ **Jayme Sheffield** (left), Spencer; and **Lauren Jernas**, Knox, receive certificates of Outstanding Achievement with Angus cattle.



▶ **Garrett Knebel** (left), Winamac, and **Hunter Hamilton**, Heltonville, are recognized for winning Grand Champion Heifer and Grand Champion Steer, respectively, at the Indiana State Fair Junior Show.



▶ **Kara Wilson**, Orleans, receives the Hoosier Excellence Scholarship Award.



▶ Receiving the Silver Tray Award is **Jenna Langley**, Walton.



▶ Receiving the Certificate of Achievement is **Jayme Sherfield**, Spencer.



▶ **Kade Patton**, Frankfort, is recognized as Premier Exhibitor at the Indiana Preview Show.



▶ **Brian Jeffries**, Rockville, receives a junior scholarship award.



▶ **Ashlyn Carter**, Upland, is recognized for winning the Showmanship Award at the Indiana State Fair Junior Show.

▶ Officers of the 2007 Indiana junior board are (front row, from left) **Jacob Saunders**, Cloverdale, president; **Kyle Jacobs**, Shirley, first vice president; **Jenna Langley**, Walton, second vice president; **Adam Leeper**, Argos, third vice president; (second row, from left) **Chase Cunningham**,



Lebanon, West central director/delegate; **Hunter Hamilton**, Heltonville, South director; **Lauren Jernas**, Knox, Northwest director; **Ashlyn Carter**, Upland, delegate; **Carol Jeffries**, Rockville, communications director; **Katelyn Wilson**, Orleans, secretary; **Jill Cunningham**, Sheridan, assistant reporter; **April Harris**, Ridgeville, treasurer; (back row, from left) **Landon Gough**, Ridgeville, Southeast director; **Brian Jeffries**, Rockville, West central director; **Jake Cunningham**, Sheridan, adult board representative; **Garrett Knebel**, Winamac, Northwest director; and **Catherine Knebel**, Winamac, reporter.



▶ Receiving Indiana Angus Ass'n Scholarship Awards are (from left) **Jayme Sherfield**, Spencer; **Ashlyn Carter**, Upland; **Kara Wilson**, Orleans; and **Brian Jeffries**, Rockville.

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### ▶ Arkansas Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Fort Smith, Jan. 6



▶ Receiving Certificate of Achievement awards are (back row, from left) **Jade Vaught**, Horatio, Miss Arkansas Angus; **Paige Tribble**, Pocahontas; **Christine, Madeline, Audrey** and **Claire Taylor**, all of Lavaca; (front row, from left) **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove; and **Katlyn Tunstill**, Fayetteville.

▶ **Right: Jade Vaught** (left), Horatio, is crowned 2007 Miss Arkansas Angus by **Claire Taylor**, Lavaca, 2006 Miss Arkansas Angus.



▶ **Left: Paige Tribble**, Pocahontas, receives the Arkansas Diamond Award and Razorback Award. Pictured are (from left) Jade Vaught, Miss Arkansas Angus; Tribble; and Tami Pohlman, Arkansas advisor.

### ▶ Pennsylvania Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Grantville, Jan. 7



▶ Pennsylvania Jr. Angus Ass'n board members include (front row, from left) **Hannah Grim**, East Berlin, assistant secretary; **Kate Livingston**, Dover, secretary; **Jaclyn Upperman**, Chambersburg, president; **Katrina Frey**, Quarryville, treasurer; (back row, from left) **William Nichols**, Tyrone, director; **Caitlin Fairbairn**, Coatesville, director; **Ryan Fairbairn**, Coatesville, vice president; **Alexis Cash**, York, director; **Andrea Foore**, Seven Valleys, director; and **Logan Foore**, Seven Valleys, director.



▶ Pennsylvania Angus royalty are (front row, from left) **Kate Livingston**, Dover, sweetheart; **Hannah Grim**, East Berlin, sweetheart; **Jaymi McMichael**, Pequea, 2007 queen; **Sharon Byrne**, Nottingham, 2006 queen; **Katrina Frey**, Quarryville, princess; **Andrea Foore**, Seven Valleys, sweetheart; (back row, from left) sweethearts **Elizabeth Trowbridge**, Meshoppen; **Valerie Coleman**, Shirleysburg; **Catrina Bollinger**, Mifflinburg; **Kayce Myers**, Wellsville; **Alexis Cash**, York; and **Emilie Campbell**, Pennsylvania Furnace.



▶ The Pennsylvania Jr. Angus Ass'n advisors present **Jaymi McMichael**, Pequea, Pa., the Outstanding Junior Girl Award. Presenting the award is Dale Rains, Pennsylvania Angus Ass'n president.

### ▶ Kansas Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Hutchinson, Jan. 19



▶ Kansas Angus royalty are (from left) **Megan Fink**, Manhattan, Kansas Angus Ambassador; **Ashley Laas**, Brookville, Kansas Angus Ambassador; **Bailey Shaw**, Erie, 2007 Kansas Angus Queen; and **Kyleigh Santee**, Langdon, 2006 Kansas Angus Queen.



▶ **Clayton Lampe**, Scott City, receives a scholarship from the Kansas Angus Auxiliary, represented by Shelly Janssen, Auxiliary director.