



Next Generation

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

Becoming a leader

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”

— *John Quincy Adams*

Step up

In a nutshell, John Quincy Adams summed up a leader. Not as a person who took control or dictated, but as someone who inspired growth — growth for people, growth for knowledge, and growth to better the environment around him.

As agriculture advocates, we are called upon to be leaders of the world around us. American farmers make up 1.5% of the U.S. population — leaving 98.5% of Americans unfamiliar with the farm. That said, the majority of this remaining 98.5% is between two and five generations removed from the farm. These folks are craving to know where their food comes from, but they aren’t sure what to believe. That is where we come in, the leaders and the agriculture advocates.



Katelyn Corsentino

3. Empathy;
4. Accountability;
5. Confidence;
6. Optimism;
7. Honesty;
8. Focus; and
9. Inspiration.

None of these are any more important than the others; however, a combined balance sets the perfect example of a truly great leader. These are the characteristics we should strive to possess when taking on a leadership position. To improve these traits, we are raising cattle, of course, but there are also conferences dedicated to growing our leaders!

Advancing leadership

As members of the National Junior Angus Board (NJAB), we are always looking for ways to build and prepare leaders of the future. Aside from the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference at the end of the summer, there are many leadership activities to get involved in year-round.

This year, two Raising the Bar conferences are in planning, and they are right around the corner! Raising the Bar in Fayetteville, Ark., will be March 3-6, and Raising the Bar in Brookings, S.D., will be April 7-10. Each will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

At these leadership conferences, juniors will be able to advance their knowledge of agriculture across the United States. By visiting South Dakota State University and the University of Arkansas, juniors will learn about how each university is studying and contributing to agriculture, then visit local farms, ranches and businesses who apply this information to advance their success.

Additionally, juniors will learn leadership skills by doing hands-on team-building activities that require group organization, communication and delegation of roles to find the most beneficial and productive method to achieve the objective. As a past participant, I can say that this conference and others of a similar nature have impacted me as a junior and as a person in a positive way.

Applying leadership

Being a part of the NJAB has given me the opportunity to apply the leadership skills I have developed during my years of involvement. Throughout life, we should strive to find places to apply our knowledge, such as in school clubs, associations, jobs or internships. We should also strive to continue advancing ourselves, because growth is inevitable. No matter what stage of life we are entering or leaving, there are always new opportunities around every corner. Take action, be confident, be inspiring and be a leader.

— **Katelyn Corsentino, Louisiana**

Qualities of a leader

Peter Economy, known as “The Leadership Guy,” constructed nine traits that he says define a great leader. They are as follows:

1. Awareness;
2. Decisiveness;

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Upcoming events for NJAA members

National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members can look forward to a number of activities and events in 2016. That’s according to American Angus Association Director of Events and Education Jaclyn Clark, who is encouraging NJAA members to reference their “green books,” which were recently distributed through the mail, to submit event registration in a timely manner.

“We’re looking forward to hosting Angus juniors for two Raising the Bar conferences in March and April, as well as during annual events such as the National Junior Angus Show and Leaders Engaged in Angus Development conference,” Clark says.

Made possible through donations to the Angus Foundation, the NJAA’s Raising the Bar conferences are an opportunity for junior

members to experience college campuses across the country, learn about careers in agriculture and connect with other cattle enthusiasts.

The University of Arkansas will host a Raising the Bar conference March 3-6 in Fayetteville, Ark.; and South Dakota State University will be the host April 7-10 in Brookings, S.D. The tentative schedule for both conferences includes a campus tour, educational workshops, and farm and ranch tours, as well as social activities and games.

“The National Junior Angus Board has been planning some fantastic events at the University of Arkansas and South Dakota State University,” Clark says. “We encourage all of our junior members to consider attending one of the conferences.”

Registration for the Arkansas event is due by Feb. 1, and to attend Raising the Bar in South Dakota, you must be signed up by March 1. To participate, visit the NJAA website, www.njaa.info, to download registration forms. The \$100 registration fee covers lodging, conference meals and materials.

“NJAA members can also find these and other deadlines listed in their green books,” Clark says. “You can also request a copy by calling the Association office.”

For more information on these events or to see more registration deadlines, visit www.njaa.info. A summary of deadlines follows.

Upcoming NJAA events and deadlines

- Feb. 1 — Raising the Bar, University of Arkansas, registration deadline
- Feb. 1 — Mid-Atlantic Junior Angus Classic (MAJAC) Show ownership and entry deadline
- Feb. 5 — Application deadline for American Angus Association summer internships
- Feb. 15 — Western Regional Junior Angus Show ownership and entry deadline
- March 1 — Raising the Bar, South Dakota State University, registration deadline
- March 1 — Honorary Angus Foundation and Advisor of the Year nomination deadline
- March 3-6 — Raising the Bar, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark.
- March 11-13 — MAJAC Show, Harrisonburg, Va.
- April 1-3 — Western Regional Junior Angus Show, Reno, Nev.
- April 7-10 — Raising the Bar, South Dakota State University, Brookings, S.D.
- April 15 — Atlantic National Junior Angus Show ownership and entry deadline

Juniors earn Bronze and Silver Awards

Kathryn Coleman, Modesto, Calif.; **Tyler Coleman**, Modesto, Calif.; and **Kaydee Free**,

Salado, Texas, have earned the NJAA Bronze and Silver awards, according to Jaclyn Clark.

Alexis Koelling, Laddonia, Mo., earned her Bronze Award.

Kathryn Coleman, the 13-year-old daughter of Tim and Kara Coleman, attends Saint Stanislaus Catholic School and is a member of the NJAA and the California Junior Angus Association, for which she served as historian and royalty.

She has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Kathryn participated in the photography contest.

She has consigned cattle at the Red Bluff Bull Sale and the National Western Stock Show and is active in her local 4-H club.

Tyler Coleman, the 16-year-old son of Tim and Kara Coleman, attends Central Catholic High School and is a member of the NJAA and the California Junior Angus Association, for which he served as historian.

He has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Tyler participated in the photography contest. He was also a participant in the LEAD conferences in 2013 and 2014.

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Nebraska Jr. Winter Angus Show, Dec. 6, Kearney



► Winning showmanship are (from left) **Kyra Meyer**, Blue Hill, junior champion; **Nicole Nichols**, Chambers, reserve junior champion; **Austin Vieselmeyer**, Amherst, Colo., intermediate champion; **Montana Lovett**, Bladen, reserve intermediate champion; **Justine Nelson**, Lincoln, senior champion; and **Savannah Schafer**, Nehawka, reserve senior champion.

California Angus Days Jr. Angus Show & Calcutta, Dec. 5-6, Turlock



► Above: Showmanship honors were won by (from left) **Hailey Traynham**, Maxwell, intermediate champion; **Will Ward**, Orland, reserve junior champion; **Tyler Coleman**, Modesto, reserve intermediate champion; **Chance Ward**, Orland, peewee champion; **Kathryn Coleman**, Modesto, junior champion; Doug Satee, judge; and **Stevie Guess**, Tulare, senior champion.



► Below: **Andrew Nunez** (left), Healdsburg, Calif., receives the Reward Yourself Award from Doug Satee, judge.

Tyler is actively involved in his local 4-H club and FFA Chapter.

Free, the 17-year-old daughter of J. and Tana Free, attends Salado High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Texas Junior Angus Association, for which she has served as director and currently serves as first vice president.

She has participated in local, state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Kaydee participated in the extemporaneous speaking, photography, team fitting, sales talk and livestock judging contests and the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off. She was a participant in the mentoring program in 2013 and 2015. She also participated in LEAD conferences in 2013 and 2014.

Kaydee is also actively involved with her local FFA chapter.

Koelling, the 11-year-old daughter of Michele Koelling, is a member of the NJAA and the Missouri Junior Angus Association.

She has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Alexis participated in public speaking, poster, team sales, livestock judging, photography, graphic design and

creative writing contests, and the All-American CAB Cook-Off. She was also a participant in the mentoring program in 2014 and 2015.

She has submitted weight data to Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) and consigned cattle at the Missouri Angus Futurity Sale.

Angus youth wins scholarship from Kansas Livestock Association

Nineteen scholarship winners for the 2015-2016 school year were recognized during the annual Kansas Livestock Association (KLA) Convention Dec. 2 in Wichita. A total of \$19,500 was presented by the Kansas Livestock Foundation (KLF). Among the winners was NJAA member **Chelsey Figge**, Onaga, Kan.

Nine students from across the state received \$1,000 "Youth in Agriculture" scholarships from KLF. Figge, daughter of Keith and Beverly Figge of Onaga, is a junior at Kansas State University (K-State) majoring in agricultural education.

Growmark Announces 2016 Essay Contest Theme

The theme for the 2016 Growmark Essay Contest is: "What can young people do to ensure the sustainability of agriculture?" The

contest is open to all high school FFA members in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin.

This is the 23rd year for the program, sponsored by the Growmark System and FS member cooperatives, in conjunction with state FFA leaders, to help young people develop their writing skills, learn about current issues affecting agriculture, and understand the unique role of cooperatives.

This year, students will create a working definition of sustainability, and offer suggestions for ways their generation can ensure agriculture remains strong well into the future.

Essays should be approximately 500 words, typed and double-spaced. The postmarked entry deadline for all essays is March 1. Additional program details have been sent to agriculture teachers and are online at www.growmark.com/company/youth-young-farmers/pages/essay-contest.aspx.

Each state's winner earns a \$500 award and the winner's FFA chapter receives a \$300 award. Four runners-up per state each win \$125 awards.

The program is offered each year, and many agriculture teachers use it as part of their class curriculum. Past topics have included renewable fuels, biotechnology and the cooperative principles.

