



Next Generation

► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights. Compiled by **Kasey Brown**, senior associate editor.

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As it did for many other juniors of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA), the National Western Stock Show marked the end of my junior career with the NJAA. I won't lie; it was a moment I could have held onto forever. I vividly remember telling each of my parents that I wasn't ready for it to end, and I didn't want to step into the showring for the final time that day. I had never wanted to stand in a make-up area that long in all of my life.

Thriving in transitions

That said, I was also the kid who never wanted to graduate high school, move away from home, or get an off-the-farm job each summer. Now as I look back on each of those once-dreaded tasks I've tried to avoid, I realize each of those transitions shaped me into the person I am today.



Lauren Grimes

You often get caught up in the social aspect of attending a show and the “glitz and glam” that accompanies you and your animal about to walk into the ring. While in the moment, it is all you seem to care about, but in all honesty, the color of the ribbon from that trip to the ring is miniscule in the grand scheme of life. At the end of the day, it's not about the banners hanging on your wall; it's about the skills you have gained during the time spent as a junior member. I won't deny that I enjoy just as much as anyone else when hard work has paid off and I can stand in the picture backdrop, but the real victories I have carried away from

my junior career have happened away from the camera flashes and congratulatory high fives.

The NJAA is second to none in preparing our youth to make their mark on this world once they have surpassed the 21-year-old age limit. I would dare any person in this world to find an organization that can develop youth into the well-rounded, responsible, respectful, educated and hardworking young cattlemen as we do ourselves. Simply put, the NJAA has few if any peers in preparing youth for future involvement in the beef cattle industry. As we move into the next chapters of our lives, we must take each of these qualities and apply them to daily life to not only improve our performance in the workforce and within ourselves, but also motivate our peers to do the same.

To the juniors who are still walking in the ring, take advantage of each and every opportunity given to you through the National Junior Angus Association. I once heard, “Great things never came from comfort zones.” I urge each and every one of you to step outside of the box during this upcoming year.

Try prepared public speaking, donating

your time to being a mentor to a younger junior and applying for an Angus Foundation scholarship to further your education. I promise you will not regret it. The opportunities we are provided on career, educational and personal levels within our industry are irreplaceable. Even though our time as junior members must come to an end, the qualities we have gained from the NJAA will stay with us forever.

In closing, I have accepted that it is okay to be saddened by the closing of this chapter in my book of life. I am constantly reminding myself, “When one door closes, another one opens.” So, juniors, don't fear that closing door. Embrace it, enjoy it and remember it because this new door will prove that the best is yet to come!

— **Lauren Grimes, Ohio**

► Georgia Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Jan. 23, Athens



► **Haley Throne** (right), Lexington, receives the award as outstanding Georgia junior Angus member from **Drew Williams**, Georgia Junior Angus Ass'n president.

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► **Jaden Gretsck** (left), Crawford, Miss Georgia Angus; and **Savannah Page** (right), Jefferson, Georgia Angus princess, are crowned as 2016 Georgia Angus royalty.



► Kansas Angus royalty are (from left) **Alexandria Cozzitorto**, Lawrence, 2016 Kansas Angus Ambassador; **Morgan Woodbury**, Quenemo, 2015 Miss Kansas Angus; and **Bryanna Hite**, Valley Center, 2016 Miss Kansas Angus.



► **Chelsey Figge** (right), Onaga, receives the Kenneth & Lorene Moore Scholarship from Melody McCurry, Kansas Angus Auxiliary scholarship chairperson.



► **Cody Theis** (right), Leavenworth, receives the Kansas Angus Ass'n scholarship from Sharee Sankey, 2015 Kansas Angus Ass'n president.

Bronze and Silver Awards earned

Jaryn Frey, Kingfisher, Okla.; **Nicole Nichols**, Chambers, Neb.; **Thomas Simmons**, Bossier City, La.; **Hunter Royer**, Westpoint, Ind.; and **Justin Wood**, Willow Spring, N.C., have earned the NJAA Bronze and Silver awards, according to Jaclyn Clark, education and events director of the American Angus Association in Saint Joseph, Mo.

Frey, the 18-year-old daughter of Mike and Jamae Frey, attends Kingfisher High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Oklahoma Junior Angus Association, for which she has served as district director and royalty and is currently serving as treasurer.

She has participated in local, state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Jaryn participated in the mentoring program. She also participated in the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conferences in 2012-2014.

She has submitted weight data to Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®).

Nichols, the 13-year-old daughter of David and Lynn Nichols, attends Chamber Public School and is a member of the NJAA and the Nebraska Junior Angus Association.

She has participated in state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Nicole participated in poster, livestock judging, graphic design, creative writing and photography contests. In 2014 she participated in the mentoring program.

She has submitted weight data to the AHIR and consigned cattle at the Nichols & Sons Angus Sale. Nicole is also involved with her local 4-H chapter.

Royer, the 12-year-old daughter of Steve and Cassie Royer, attends Southwestern Middle School and is a member of the NJAA and the Indiana Angus Association and Junior Angus Association, which she currently serves as royalty and has also served as historian.

She has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Hunter participated in team sales, extemporaneous speaking, quiz bowl and livestock judging contests. She is also involved with her local 4-H chapter.

Simmons, the 17-year-old son of Madora Abney, attends Loyola College Prep High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Louisiana Junior Angus Association, which he has served as director and currently serves as Northwest district director.

He has participated in local, state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Thomas participated in the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off.

He has submitted weight data to AHIR.

Wood, the 15-year-old son of Jeffrey Wood, attends West Johnston High School and is a member of the NJAA and the North Carolina Junior Angus Association which he has served as vice president, treasurer and director.

He has participated in state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Justin participated in quiz bowl, team fitting and livestock judging contests and the CAB Cook-Off. He participated in the mentoring program in 2013 and 2014. In 2015 he served as a voting delegate and also participated in the Raising the Bar conference.

He has consigned cattle at the Wood Angus Sale and is involved with his local 4-H chapter.



► **Sarah Pelton** (left), Paradise, receives her Bronze and Silver awards from Evan Woodbury, National Junior Angus Board (NJAB) Foundation director.



► **Clay Pelton** (left), Paradise, receives his Bronze and Silver awards from Woodbury.

► **National Western Stock Show's Jr. Angus Show, Jan. 14, Denver, Colo.**



► **Hunter Royer** (right), West Point, Ind., receives her Bronze and Silver Awards from Miss American Angus Jera Pipkin (left) and Evan Woodbury, NJAB Foundation director (center).

March 1 deadline to register for S.D. Raising the Bar

The NJAA hosts Raising the Bar leadership conferences each year as a way to encourage its members to travel, meet other NJAA youth and learn more about the Angus business. Raising the Bar conferences will take place in two locations this spring, and readers

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of the digital *Angus Journal* can still register for the South Dakota event by March 1.

South Dakota State University will be the host April 7-10 in Brookings, S.D. The tentative schedule for the conference includes a campus tour, educational workshops, 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.”

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.

To attend Raising the Bar in South Dakota, you must be signed up by March 1. To participate, visit the NJAA website to download registration forms. The \$100 registration fee covers lodging, conference meals and materials.

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

Stockmen's Foundation offers eight scholarships in 2016, deadline March 1

The North Dakota Stockmen's Foundation (NDSF) is offering seven \$500 scholarships and one \$750 scholarship in 2016.

NDSF Legacy Scholarships are available to high school seniors, college freshmen, college sophomores or college juniors who have an interest in the beef cattle industry and/or will be studying any major at any college or university.

NDSF Junior Scholarships are available to college sophomores who, among other criteria, are enrolled in a beef-related major at an accredited North Dakota college or university.

The NDSF Endowment Scholarship is available to high school seniors, college freshmen, college sophomores or college juniors who are or will be studying a beef-related major at any accredited North Dakota college or university.

The Tokach Angus Ranch Memorial Scholarship is available to students who are or who will be studying an agriculture-related career at any accredited college or university. Preference will be given to students who have completed their bachelor's degree and who are pursuing a graduate education or professional school (i.e., veterinary or law school).

The NDSF will award one \$750 scholarship.

▶ Kansas Angus Futurity Jr. Show, Jan. 24, Hutchinson



▶ **Eliza Rosenhagen** (right), Cheney, won peewee showmanship, presented by Miss Kansas Angus Bryanna Hite.



▶ Presented by Kansas Angus Ambassador Alexandria Cozzitorto and Hite, junior showmanship winners are (from left) **Ava Combs**, Buhler, champion; and **Abbie Schwab**, Goddard, reserve champion.



▶ Intermediate showmanship winners are (from left) **Cale Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, champion; and **Morgan Woodbury**, Quenemo, reserve champion.



▶ Presented by Cozzitorto and Hite, senior showmanship winners are (from left) **Casey Craver**, Gypsum, champion; and **Claire Wingert**, Ottawa, reserve champion.

The Jack and Vander Reich Memorial Endowment Scholarship is available to a high school senior who is planning to major in an agriculture-related field at any accredited college or university.

Interested students may apply for more than one scholarship if applicable, but separate applications must be submitted. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the Foundation Luncheon during the North Dakota Stockmen's Association's 87th Annual Convention & Trade Show Sept. 24 in Minot, N.D. The application deadline for each is March 1.

Students can find more information and applications for each scholarship at <http://ndstockmen.org/foundation/foundation-scholarships/>.

CHS Foundation now accepting scholarship applications, deadline April 1

The CHS Foundation, the major giving entity of CHS Inc., North America's leading farmer-owned cooperative, invites new and existing college students with agriculture or energy-related interests to apply for scholarships.

The CHS Foundation will award more

than 300 scholarships in 2016. One hundred \$1,000 scholarships will be made to high school students who choose to pursue agriculture-related degrees or STEM-related (science, technology, engineering, math) fields of study with an interest in agriculture or energy industry careers.

High school scholarship applications must be submitted by April 1. An independent, external committee will select scholarship recipients based on essays, transcripts and reference letters. For additional eligibility information and to apply, visit www.chsinc.com/stewardship/scholarships.

More than 200 additional scholarships will help fund expenses for existing agriculture college students currently pursuing agriculture-related degrees at two- and four-year colleges. These scholarships are directly administered by more than 30 partnering universities throughout the United States, and application deadlines vary by school. For more information and a list of partnering universities, visit www.chsinc.com/stewardship/scholarships.

Texas youth cattle conference announced

The Texas Beef Council (TBC) will host an inaugural Texas Youth Cattle Conference June 13-15 in the San Antonio and South Texas regions. The conference is designed for youth who have a desire to expand their knowledge about the Texas beef industry.

Attendees will explore the beef industry by focusing on beef's role in the food industry, nutrition, beef cattle science, management and marketing. Students will hear from industry experts and have the chance to learn through hands-on activities throughout the conference.

"The Texas Beef Checkoff recognizes the importance of investing in the next generation of beef producers," Jason Beyer, TBC board member and cattleman from Stephenville, said. "The Texas Youth Cattle Conference will empower our young men and women with the knowledge and tools needed to become successful members and advocates of the beef community."

This checkoff-funded program is free of charge. Students will only be responsible for their travel to and from San Antonio. Texas youth involved in junior cattle breed associations are encouraged to apply online at www.texasbeefcheckoff.com/texasyouth. Applications are due March 4. A limited number of students will be accepted to attend the conference. Applicants must be at least 16 years old as of January 2016.



Certificates of Achievement

The American Angus Auxiliary has awarded the 2015 Certificates of Achievement to qualifying junior members for outstanding achievements. The Certificate of Achievement is issued for outstanding achievements at national, state and district (tri-county) levels. County-level achievements are not eligible. In a given year, a qualifying junior Angus member will receive one certificate in recognition of their achievement record as reported during the fiscal year (from Oct. 1 of the previous year to Sept. 30 of the current year).

Achievements that qualify: champion or reserve champion bull, heifer, steer or cow-calf pair; division champion or reserve division champion bull, heifer, steer or cow-calf pair; awards in showmanship, judging, carcass classes, scholarship competitions, royalty competitions and all competitions recognized by the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA), including those at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). Gold, Silver and Bronze awards qualify, as do leadership roles or positions that were held during that time.

Alabama Cheyenne Ritter	Lee Hymel Kara LeBeouf Lani LeBeouf	Brady Zellmer Paige Zellmer Thea Zellmer	Savannah Schafer Reagan Skow Rachel Smith
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