



Next Generation

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

These boots keep on walking

I need to pack for another Angus trip. My boots are beside my suitcase. I love these boots. I picked these boots out right after I was selected to serve on the National Junior Angus Board (NJAB). Deep brown bull hide fits snugly from heel to toe with cream-colored high tops that contrast against starched denim jeans. The dye is worn off the toes, and they'll need a new coat of polish and oil to hide the miles they have walked. All of this sits on top of a thick leather sole that protects my foot.

Miles of experiences

They came in a box with the word Nocona written across the top. These boots have seen dirt, mud and green chips. They have walked behind cattle and walked beside them. There is something special about these boots. When I slip them on, I think of the past and the future. I know there is no challenge I can't face.



Jake Heimsoth

These boots remind me of the pair of boots I wore to my first junior national. It was 2004, and the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) was in my home state of Missouri. I don't think anyone in my family could have imagined what an impact that show would have on me. We were involved in helping decorate the arena. We met so many people.

Just as I was about to go in the ring, my heifer stepped on my heel, and we had to duct tape my boot together. She placed second. After the show, I sat in a lawn chair

holding my ribbon staring at my well-worn, duct-taped, now-green-stained boots as an NJAB member walked by wearing his green jacket. I knew right then I wanted to wear a green jacket one day.

In 2014, it happened. I was elected to the NJAB. The support of advisors, friends, fellow members, and, without a doubt, my family gave me the courage to run. This organization gives us many opportunities to grow and to challenge ourselves. These activities will give each of us a good foundation, just like a good pair of boots. For me, I needed to step out of my comfort zone. I needed the nudge to attempt new things and to meet new people. I traveled to shows. Contests, meetings, workshops, Raising the Bar and Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) all gave me the confidence I needed. I knew I wanted to give back to this great breed that had given me so much.

It has been my privilege to serve, and I have continued to grow. I have seen the look of fear on young exhibitors' faces as they nervously stepped into the showring for the first time. I have stood by them to help keep them and their calves calm long enough to

see the look of confidence return as they prepare to exhibit. I have been rewarded with their smiles as they left the ring. I have traveled coast to coast. I have seen champions made one day only to fall to defeat the next.

I have stood in the ocean. I have stood atop the Space Needle with a Starbucks coffee in my hand and looked out over the bay. I have been crammed into crowded vans and hotel rooms with some of the best young people in the country. I have hugged and high-fived in your successes, and I have clung to you as we shared our hard times. I can't imagine life without this Angus family.

In July, my term on the NJAB will come to an end. From those first green-stained boots to these Noconas, I walked countless miles and had unforgettable experiences. To be sure, they won't end when I take off this green coat. These boots have given me a solid foundation on which to stand firmly.

The time has come for me to challenge you one more time. This organization, Angus, is responsible for all of us being great family. We push each other and pull each other up. There comes a time to slip on your own boots, walk your own miles, live the Angus life and give back. Be active in your state associations. Help younger members. Share your experiences from Angus events. Encourage the younger members to keep after it.

Your boots have a lot of miles in them. Get to walking.

— **Jake Heimsoth, Missouri**

► **Pennsylvania Farm Show Jr. Angus Show, Jan. 10, Harrisburg**



► **Logan Foore** (left), Seven Valleys, and **Alysha Sweitzer** (right), Wellsville, qualified to represent Pennsylvania at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest hosted in conjunction with the 2016 National Junior Angus Show in Grand Island, Neb.

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at www.njaa.info.

► **Pennsylvania Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Jan. 8, Harrisburg**



► Pennsylvania Angus royalty are (from left) **Kiersten Baker**, James Creek, Pennsylvania sweetheart; **Madison Weaver**, Ephrata, Pennsylvania princess; **Elizabeth Trowbridge**, Meshoppen, 2015 Miss Pennsylvania Angus; **Elizabeth Voight**, Fredericksburg, 2016 Miss Pennsylvania Angus; and **Casey Costello**, Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania sweetheart.



► **Daniel Rohrbaugh** (left), Seven Valleys, receives the Outstanding Boy award from Gene Trowbridge, Pennsylvania Angus Ass'n president.



► **Kayce Myers**, Wellsville, receives a showmanship buckle for representing Pennsylvania in the 2015 National Junior Angus Showmanship contest.

National Junior Angus Association Recognition Program

Paige Birk, Gordonville, Mo.; **Garrett Bromenshenk**, Billings, Mont.; **Ryan Callahan**, Edmond, Okla.; **John Davis**, New Albany, Miss.; **Abigail Jenkins**, Bush, La.; **Kollin Johnson**, Quincy, Mich.; and **Mary Wood**, Willow Spring, N.C., have earned the National Junior Angus Association's (NJAA) Bronze and Silver awards, according to Jaclyn Clark, education and events director of the American Angus Association in Saint Joseph, Mo.

Lily Gisclair, Longville, La., has earned the NJAA Silver award. **Riley Wood**, Willow Spring, N.C., has earned the NJAA Bronze award.

Birk, the 18-year-old daughter of Steve Birk, attends Jackson High School and 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, Paige participated in the team fitting contest, quiz bowl and the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off. She was also a participant in the 2015 LEAD conference.

Bromenshenk, the 16-year-old son of Paul and Brenda Bromenshenk, attends Laurel High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Montana Junior Angus Association, which he has served as director.

He has participated in local, state, regional

and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Garrett participated in fitting and livestock judging contests and the All-American CAB Cook-Off. He was also a participant in the mentoring program in 2010 and 2014.

Garrett has consigned cattle at the Black Hills Stock Show.

Callahan, the 17-year-old son of Jarold and Jennifer Callahan, attends Casady High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Oklahoma Junior Angus Association, which he has served as secretary and at-large director.

He has participated in state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the

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► **Virginia Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Feb. 6, Natural Bridge**



► **Gordon Clark** (left), Gretna, receives the Outstanding Junior Member award from Kim Nixon, Virginia Jr. Angus Ass'n advisor.



► **Morgan Alexander** (left), Berryville, receives the Outstanding Senior Member award from Sarah McCall, Virginia Jr. Angus Ass'n advisor.



► **Callie Eastin** (left), Gretna, receives the William S. Stokes Award from Patty Hamilton, Virginia Jr. Angus Ass'n advisor.



► **Callie Eastin** (left) receives the Premier Senior Exhibitor award from McCall.



► **Gordon Clark** (left) receives the Premier Junior Exhibitor award from McCall.



► **Suter Clark** (left), Gretna, receives the Advisor's Award from Hamilton.

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NJAS, Ryan participated in the quiz bowl and livestock judging contests.

Davis, the 14-year-old son of Joe and Jennie Davis, attends New Albany Middle School and is a member of the NJAA; the Mississippi Junior Angus Association, which he has served as secretary and director; and the Union County Beef Association, which he has served as vice president.

He has participated in local, state, regional

and national shows and showmanship contests. John has also submitted weight data to Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) and consigned cattle at the Simmental and Angus Sale.

Jenkins, the 17-year-old daughter of Michael and Kelle Jenkins, attends Covington High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Louisiana Junior Angus Association, which she has served as regional director and currently serves as state secretary.

She has participated in local, state, and national shows and showmanship contests.

At the NJAS, Abigail participated in quiz bowl and livestock judging contests. In 2012 she participated in the mentoring program.

She has submitted weight data to AHIR and is involved with her local FFA and 4-H chapter.

Johnson, the 18-year-old son of Kevin and Heidi Johnson, attends Quincy High School and Branch Area Career Center and is a member of the NJAA and the Michigan Junior Angus Association, which he has served as vice president and director.

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▶ Ohio Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Feb. 6, Plain City



▶ **Marissa Hall** (left), Cardington, is crowned Miss Ohio Angus by **Lydia Dance**, Hillsboro, 2015 Miss Ohio Angus.



▶ **Lauren Grimes** (right), Hillsboro, receives the Girl's Bred-and-Owned Silver Show Award from **Daniel Wells**.



▶ **Lauren Grimes** (right) receives the Girl's Silver Show Award from **Kent Bauman**.



▶ Ohio Junior Angus Ass'n officers are (from left) **Kerrie Miller**, Wapakoneta, treasurer; **Lydia Dance**, Hillsboro, president; **Keri Felumlee**, Newark, vice president; and **Jacob LeBrun**, Lucasville, reporter.



▶ **Jacob LeBrun** (center) received the Junior Silver Show Award by Paradise Cattle Co. This award is presented annually to an exhibitor 12 years old or younger. Pictured presenting the award are (from left) **Christina**, **James**, **Sharon** and **Caroline Winter**, all of Paradise Cattle Co.

Note these junior deadlines

The Events and Activities Department has announced several upcoming deadlines and event dates of note for National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members.

- ▶ 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
- ▶ May 1 — Gold Award applications due
- ▶ May 1 — Outstanding Leadership Award applications due
- ▶ May 1 — Ownership and entry for the Northwest Regional Preview Junior Angus Show
- ▶ May 1 — Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) and Angus Foundation scholarship applications due
- ▶ May 3 — Entry deadline for the All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity Junior Angus Show
- ▶ May 15 — Ownership and entry deadline for the Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show

- ▶ May 15 — Ownership and entry deadline for the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS)
- ▶ May 15 — Ownership deadline for the All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity Junior Angus Show
- ▶ May 15 — Entries for the NJAA creative writing, photography and graphic design contests due
- ▶ May 15 — Entry and recipe deadline for the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off
- ▶ May 25 — NJAA Career Development Contest résumés and public speaking contest speech outlines due
- ▶ May 26-29 — Atlantic National Junior Angus Show, Timonium, Md.
- ▶ June 1 — NJAA Board applications due
- ▶ June 1 — State delegate names for NJAA election due
- ▶ June 1 — State names for NJAS showmanship contest due
- ▶ June 1 — Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) registrations due

Visit www.angus.org/njaa for more information and deadlines. Please note there are no exceptions to any of the ownership and entry deadlines.

He has participated in state, regional and national shows. At the NJAS, Kollin was a voting delegate in 2014.

He has submitted weight data to AHIR.

Mary Wood, the 12-year-old daughter of Jeffrey Wood, attends McGees Crossroads Middle School and is a member of the NJAA and the North Carolina Junior Angus Association, which she has served as director and royalty.

She has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Mary participated in quiz bowl, team fitting and livestock judging contests and the All-American CAB Cook-Off. She participated in the mentoring program in 2013 and 2014.

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

Gisclair, the 14-year-old daughter of Corey and Bridgett Gisclair, is a member of the NJAA and the Louisiana Junior Angus Association, which she has served as historian, director and royalty.

She has participated in state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Lily participated in the prepared public speaking contest. She was also a participant in

the mentoring program in 2013 and 2014.

Riley Wood, the 12-year-old son of Kathy and Robbie Wood, attends McGees Crossroads Middle School and is a member of the NJAA and the North Carolina Junior Angus Association.

He has participated in local, state, regional and national shows. Riley has also consigned cattle at the Spring Fever Sale and is involved with his local 4-H chapter.

Foundation scholarship applications available

The Angus Foundation will award a number of undergraduate and graduate scholarships this year. Scholarships offered include:

- General undergraduate scholarships — for Angus youth who are graduating from high school or in college currently;
- General graduate scholarships — for young men and women actively involved in the Angus breed who are pursuing advanced degrees; and
- Permanently endowed and non-endowed donor-named scholarships — for young men and women actively involved in the Angus breed.

Scholarship recipients will be recognized at

the 2016 NJAS in Grand Island, Neb.

Full details of eligibility and applications are available at www.angusfoundation.org. Application deadline is May 1. For more information or questions, contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100.

Apply for Auxiliary scholarships now

The American Angus Auxiliary annually awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors. The postmark deadline for the national contest is May 1.

Junior Angus members must first be chosen as a state auxiliary scholarship winner before advancing to the national competition. Applications are available at www.angusauxiliary.com. For more information, contact Julie Murnin, American Angus Auxiliary scholarship chairman, at 406-850-0508 or juliemurnin@cattledesign.com.

Angus junior earns fourth in Missouri 4-H meats judging

The University of Missouri (MU) Extension 4-H State Meats Judging Contest on Feb. 6 drew 38 competing 4-H members. More than 50 FFA students also participated as practice for upcoming events, said Shane Potter, MU Extension 4-H youth development specialist.

Hosted in partnership with the MU Collegiate Meats Judging Team and the Missouri Association of Meat Processors, the contest gives participants an opportunity to hone their judging skills and explore career and educational options, Potter said.

Youth involved with the meat judging program develop key life skills to aid in their future career success, he said. "Through involvement in a 4-H judging team, members must make rapid, logical decisions and defend their decisions via oral reasons. Therefore, students improve their ability for critical thinking and accurate communication. In addition, students become organized and self-disciplined, learn to accept criticism, develop self-confidence and become leaders."

Alumni from the program report that success in the meat judging competition has translated to employment opportunities, internships and scholarships.

Angus junior **Truman Byergo** of Dearborn earned fourth in the senior division.

For more information or to join 4-H, visit 4h.missouri.edu.

AFA Selects 2016 Student Leaders

Agriculture Future of America (AFA) has selected its 10 Student Advisory Team members and 15 Campus Ambassadors, including NJAA member **Max Mielke**,

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Angus junior wins one of four elite Henry C. Gardiner scholarships

The Henry C. Gardiner scholarship program creates a competitive environment for qualified students to vie for elite undergraduate scholarships and has since 2012. In addition to the applications, students must complete a rigorous interview conducted by a panel of Kansas State University (K-State) faculty and industry leaders. Academic standing, community service, work ethic and future goals are taken into consideration.

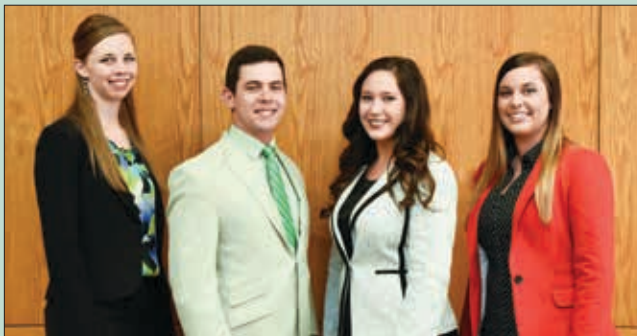
Angus junior **Lauren Prill**, Wichita, Kan., won one of the four scholarships.

Prill transferred to K-State from Black Hawk College, Seville, Ohio, where she was a member of the livestock judging team. Prill has served on the board of the Kansas Junior Hereford Association and attended the National Youth Leadership Conference as a member of the Junior Maine-Anjou Association. Prill interned in one of the largest county extension offices through the University of Nebraska—Holdrege. Plans for the future include working in the animal welfare sector and being an effective industry voice.

Students classified as a rising-junior, junior or senior, either enrolled in or planning to enroll at Kansas State University with a major in animal sciences and industry or closely related field may apply. Henry C. Gardiner Scholarships are awarded annually to K-State students meeting rigorous criteria and exhibiting a passion to improve the beef industry.

More information can be found at www.gardinerangus.com.

▶ **Right:** 2016 Henry C. Gardiner Scholarship winners include (from left) Cami Roth, Sterling, Kan.; Barrett Simon, Leon, Kan.; Lauren Prill, Wichita, Kan.; and Savannah Speckhart, Princeville, Ill.



▶ Illinois Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Feb. 26, Springfield



▶ Illinois Angus royalty are (from left) **Holly Marsh**, Union, ebonette; **Lindsey Decker**, Philo, ebonette; **Amber Schiffbauer**, Tonica, ebonette; **Sierra Day**, Cerro Gordo, Miss Illinois Angus; **Lizzie Schafer**, Owaneco, princess; and **Amelia Miller**, Gridley, princess.



▶ **Keegan Cassidy** (right), Bloomington, receives the Junior of the Year award from Gabrielle Lemenager, NJAB director.



▶ **Dalton Walter** (left), Grand Ridge, receives the Champion Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) Carcass Steer Award from Lemenager.



▶ **Alicia Miller** (left), scholarship treasurer, presents Illinois Angus Auxiliary scholarships to (from left) **Jacob Hinshaw**, Secor; and **Laramie Chaffin**, Roodhouse.

attending Washington State University, for the 2016-2017 year. During their year of service, these students will interact with agribusiness leaders, campus faculty and fellow students as they represent AFA.

"AFA values students as leaders," said Russ Weathers, AFA CEO. "One of the main ways this is displayed is through our Student Advisory Team and Campus Ambassadors. These young men and women are our student voice and influence the direction of our programs. Our student leadership team is made possible by AFA's strategic partnerships with ADM, Cargill, CHS, Farm Credit and Monsanto, and we are thankful for their investment."

All 25 students will fill the Campus Ambassador role at their respective schools by serving as a liaison between AFA and university faculty, staff and fellow students. Additionally, the 10 Student Advisory Team members are responsible for representing AFA nationally, as well as planning and facilitating the 2016 AFA Leaders Conference Nov. 3-6 in Kansas City, Mo. Their year will kick off March 31-April 2, when all 25 students convene in Kansas City for training and to develop the 2016 Conference theme.

Scholarships and prizes awarded as Canadian Angus youth gather in Ottawa

Fifty-one Canadian Angus youth braved the cold in Ottawa and converged in the Canadian capital for the 11th annual Guiding Outstanding Angus Leaders (GOAL) Conference hosted Feb. 13-15, 2016.

Canadian Junior Angus Association (CJAA) members participated in many events and workshops throughout the weekend. Highlights from the event included touring the Parliament buildings, presentations from agriculture advocate J. Scott Vernon, and about the McDonald's Verified Sustainable Beef Project, as well as skating on the Rideau Canal and a Haunted Walk tour in the frigid temperatures.

Industry leaders captivated junior members through their strong knowledge of global agriculture. They in turn were impressed by the juniors' knowledge and passion for the industry. Along with the conference, \$14,000 was awarded to deserving scholars and attendees courtesy of the Canadian Angus Foundation.

The GOAL Conference promotes leadership skills within the Angus breed. Junior members from all over the country attend this three-day event hosted in a different Canadian location each year. During the event, juniors hear from nationally recognized speakers, participate in workshops designed to improve their leadership skills, get involved in teamwork activities, and develop beef and industry knowledge. Participants are given the opportunity to network and socialize with fellow junior Angus members.

The CJAA is a group of Angus enthusiasts under the age of 21. GOAL is an annual networking and interactive function organized by the CJAA. It rotates throughout Canada every February.

Silveus Financial partners with Illinois FFA to enhance agribusiness risk management education

Silveus Financial, a national crop risk-management leader, has announced a partnership with the Illinois FFA to enhance its agribusiness risk-management education program.

Silveus Financial will work with teachers to develop classroom curriculum in the form of instructional videos, practice materials and quizzes, and will sponsor the Agribusiness Management Career Development Event Competition.

"The Illinois FFA is proactively partnering with industry leaders so we can expose students to what is happening right now in farming," says Mindy Bunselmeyer, Illinois FFA Center. "Silveus Financial has developed cutting-edge technology that gives farmers an enterprise view of risk management strategies and how they are all performing together. For agriculture students to succeed in today's marketplace, we need these emerging best practices to be taught in our classrooms."

"We are excited to share what we know about risk management with this next generation of farmers, and we fully expect to learn as much as we teach as part of this project," says Cy Monley, Silveus Financial founder and managing principal. "Our approach to risk management is transformative to farmers who are used to 'set it and forget it' strategies, however our model will likely be instantly embraced by teenagers who have come to expect instant access, up-to-date data, and customization from any service."

A statewide board of agriculture teachers will advise Silveus Financial on all curriculum and contest development. Silveus Financial will present awards to statewide crop risk-management contest winners during the state FFA convention in June 2016.

