



Next Generation

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

Grooming tomorrow's leaders

Society looks upon individuals who have grown up in rural America and neglect to see just how "country people" are privileged. The preconceived image that society has placed on rural Americans of being uneducated and, in a way, uncivilized is quite ludicrous. Little do they know, but these "country people" of whom they speak are the future leaders of America.

Character traits

Children who have grown up with an agriculture background begin learning many necessary character traits at a young age.

Since they are learning these traits at an early age, they have a head start at polishing such attributes. Traits include but are not limited to hard work, responsibility, integrity, perseverance and humility. The list of these character traits is extensive and will provide these individuals with an advantage in the future that will set them apart for a lifetime.



Daniel McFarland

Juniors within the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) have proven themselves as the future of the nation and even the world. Members and alumni of the NJAA are currently pursuing careers in fields such as family farming, medicine, law, politics, agricultural communications and many other careers.

The NJAA provides juniors a nurturing environment for them to flourish and succeed in the future. The Raising the Bar

and Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conferences are key examples of how the NJAA is providing juniors the platform to help them reach the next step in life.

These conferences enable juniors to go to a vast variety of cities, states and cultures to indulge themselves in life-enriching activities. Studies have shown that individuals who have travelled more within their lifetime or have experienced different situations are typically very well-versed and are more prepared for the future.

The National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) is a monumental example of how the NJAA is grooming tomorrow's leaders. One of the main components that I see to be beneficial from the NJAS is networking. Juniors have the opportunity to meet other juniors from all across the nation, form lifelong relationships, and still have fun.

I know of many NJAA alumni who are perpetually grateful for the connections that they made within the NJAA, because at some point in their lifetime, those connections were an essential part of what helped them succeed at whatever they were pursuing. Additionally, the NJAS contests are designed to help nurture the junior's problem-solving, public-speaking and professional skills.

If individuals try to speak negatively against you for growing up in a rural society, stand up for yourself and inform them of the advantages you have had from being a "country boy/girl." The older generations are always telling juniors, "the persons sitting to the left and right of you are going to be who you may work with/see for the rest of your life." The incredible thing about that is that it is really true! When thinking of that, I am overtaken with a sense of excitement and enthusiasm to see my future and the future of the world because of the foundation that the National Junior Angus Association has provided.

— **Daniel McFarland, Louisiana**

Bronze and Silver awards

Sierra Day, Cerro Gordo, Ill.; **Brooke Haas**, Downs, Ill.; **Tanner Hash**, Archer City, Texas; **Allison Hawthorne**, Westby, Wis.; **Claudia Hissong**, Greencastle, Pa.; **Matthew Mitchell**, Reinholds, Pa.; **Karisa Pfeiffer**, Orlando, Okla.; and **Eric Shoop**, Dalmatia, Pa.; have earned the National Junior Angus Association's (NJAA) Bronze and Silver awards, according to Jaclyn Upperman, junior activities director of the American Angus Association in Saint Joseph, Mo.

Day, the 16-year-old daughter of Ronald and Cheryl Day, attends Cerro Gordo High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Illinois Junior Angus Association, where she has served as director, show secretary and royalty.

She has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Day participated in the poster, quiz bowl, graphic design, and team sales contests and the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® Cook-Off. She also participated in the mentoring program in 2012. In 2011 she participated in the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference.

Day has submitted weight data to Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) and has consigned cattle to the Lamoine Valley Angus Spring and Fall Sales, and the Illinois Angus Futurity. She is also actively involved with her local FFA and 4-H club.

Haas, the 19-year-old daughter of Bryan and Teresa Haas, attends Parkland College, where she studies agricultural communications.

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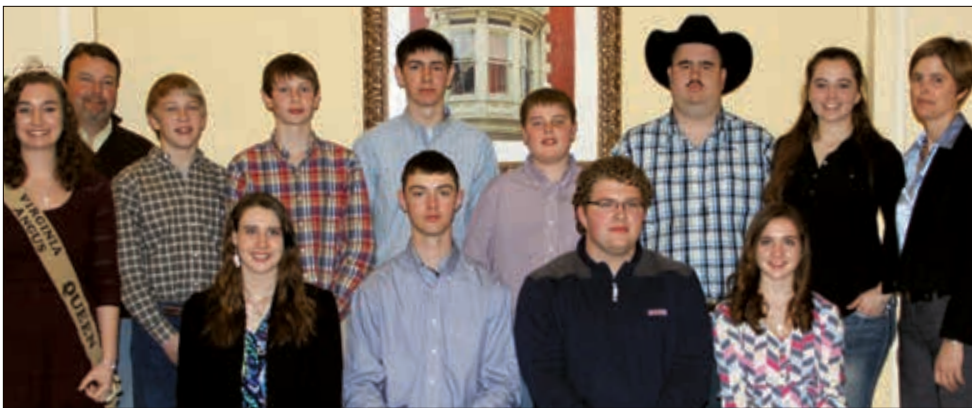
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► Virginia Jr. Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (seated, front row, from left) **Morgan Alexander**, Berryville, president; **Jacob McCall**, Greenville, secretary; **Connor Orrock**, Woodford, president-elect; **Sarah Harris**, Buchanan, reporter; (standing, back row, from left) **Callie Eastin**, Gretna, queen; Darrell Bowman, Riner, advisor; **William Clark**, Culpeper; **Caleb Boden**, Clear Brook; **Cody Boden**, Clear Brook; **Zach McCall**, Greenville; **Dale Eastin**, Gretna; **Catie Hope**, Berryville; and Sarah McCall, Greenville, advisor.



► Virginia Angus royalty are (from left) **Callie Eastin**, Gretna, queen, **Mikayla St. Clair**, Berryville, princess; and **Jesse Clark**, Culpeper, princess.



► **Morgan Alexander**, Berryville, receives the Virginia Angus Ass'n Advisors Award.



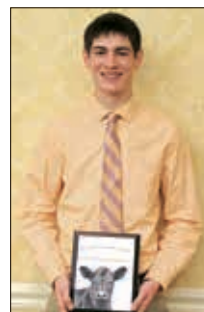
► **Chet Boden**, Clear Brook, receives the Outstanding First Year Member Award.



► **Zach McCall**, Greenville, receives the Premier Exhibitor Award.



► **Caleb Boden**, Clear Brook, receives the Outstanding Junior Member Award.



► **Cody Boden**, Clear Brook, receives the William S. Stokes Award.



► **Catie Hope**, Berryville, receives the Outstanding Senior Member Award.

Haas is a member of the NJAA and Illinois Junior Angus Association, where she served as director and vice president.

Haas attended the NJAS as a voting delegate, and participated in the 2013 LEAD Conference.

She has consigned cattle to the Illinois Angus Futurity and the PVF Spring Sale.

Hash, the 18-year-old son of John and Leslie Hash, attends Archer City High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Texas Junior Angus Association, where he has served as director.

He has participated in local and state shows and showmanship contests. He also participated in the 2012 LEAD conference.

Hash has submitted weight data to AHIR and is actively involved with his local FFA and 4-H club.

Hawthorne, the 17-year-old daughter of Jim and Kim Hawthorne, attends Westby Area High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Wisconsin Junior Angus Association, where she has served as vice president, treasurer, publicity committee and royalty.

She has participated in local, state, regional

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Junior board attends YBIC

The National Junior Angus Board (NJAB) attended the 2014 Youth Beef Industry Congress (YBIC) March 27-29 in Saint Louis, Mo. The biennial event gathered more than 125 junior members of national beef breed associations and state cattlemen's organizations. The 2014 YBIC was offered thanks to the following sponsors: Purina, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, Allflex®, GeneSeek and Ranch House Designs.

"The YBIC conference is a great opportunity for the NJAA Board of Directors to create relationships with fellow beef leaders and industry professionals who will help inspire them to build a better future," says Jaclyn Upperman, American Angus Association director of junior activities. "Today's juniors are the beef industry leaders of tomorrow, and we need to prepare them with the knowledge and experience they need to be successful."

While attending YBIC, the young leaders met with GeneSeek representative Gary Felger, toured the Monsanto world headquarters, and visited Purina's Longview Animal Nutrition Center. They also learned about the importance of beef feed efficiency from Jared Decker, University of Missouri, and Megan Von Emon, Iowa State University. Motivational speaker Eddie Slowikowski taught attendees the importance of living each day to its fullest and becoming a confident leader.

In addition, participants were given time to share ideas about how to improve their respective groups, and better serve their memberships throughout the country through current activities and events, fundraising initiatives and more. They also discussed current issues facing agriculture and how to be a positive leader in all aspects of their lives.

Angus junior members participating in the event were: **Jacy Alsup**, Gravette, Ark.; **Daniel McFarland**, Keithville, La.; **Paige Wallace**, Stotts City, Mo.; **Jena Wagner**, Billings, Mont.; **Maggie Jasper**, Versailles, Ky.; **Lucas Nord**, Wolverton, Minn.; **Will Fiske**, Shenandoah Valley, Va.; **Jessica Radcliffe**, Weston, Wis.; **Lindsay Upperman**, Chambersburg, Pa.; **Shane Kerner**, Weiser, Idaho; **Tylee Jo Williams**, Rio Vista, Texas; and **Maci Lienemann**, Princeton, Neb., the 2013-2014 Angus Ambassador.

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and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Hawthorne participated in the photography and quiz bowl contests and the Cook-Off. She also participated in the mentoring program in 2007 and 2008. In 2012 and 2013 she participated in LEAD conferences.

Hawthorne has consigned cattle in the Minnesota Beef Expo Sale, World Beef Expo, Wisconsin State Angus Sale and the Thornberry Angus Online Sale.

Hissong, the 17-year-old daughter of

Spencer and Regina Hissong, attends Greencastle Antrim High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Pennsylvania Junior Angus Association, where she has served as treasurer, historian and royalty. She also served on the fundraising, semen sale and welcoming committees.

She has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Hissong participated in the photography, prepared speaking and essay contests. She also attended LEAD in 2012.

Mitchell, the 19-year-old son of Jeffrey and Susan Mitchell, attends Penn State University-Berks Campus where he studies animal science and is a member of the NJAA and the Pennsylvania Junior Angus Association.

He has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Mitchell competed in livestock judging.

Mitchell has submitted weight data to

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▶ Kentucky Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Feb. 28, Louisville

▶ **Right:** Kentucky Jr. Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (seated, front row, from left) **Amanda Goggin**, Danville, treasurer; **Reese Johnson**, Slaughters, first vice president; **Benjamin Conner**, Hodgenville, president; **Sheldon Burks**, Park City, second vice president; **Ruth Ann Myers**, Harrodsburg, reporter; **Blake Boyd**, Mayslick, reporter; (standing, back row, from left) **Leslie Craig**, Harrodsburg; **Kelby Burks**, Park City; **Emily Johnson**, Slaughters; **Corbin Cowles**, Rockfield; **Levi Stephenson**, Carrollton, reporter; and **Josh Jasper**, Nicholasville.



▶ **Colby Myers** (left), Harrodsburg, receives the Outstanding Retiring Junior Boy from Ben Conner, Kentucky Angus Ass'n president.



▶ **Maggie Jasper** (left), Versailles, receives the Outstanding Retiring Junior Girl Award from Ruth Ann Myers, Kentucky Angus Ass'n reporter.



▶ **Josh Jasper** (center), Nicholasville, receives the Show Animal of the Year Award. Presenting the award are junior advisors Jamie Marksbury (left) and Paula Boyd.



▶ **Josh Jasper** (left), Nicholasville, receives the Herdsman of the Year Award from Maggie Jasper, NJAA communication director.



▶ **Leslie Craig**, Harrodsburg, receives the Kentucky Junior Premier Exhibitor Award. Pictured are (from left) Paula Boyd, junior advisor; Craig, recipient; and Jamie Marksbury, junior advisor.



▶ **Paula Boyd** (left), Mayslick, and **Jamie Marksbury** (right), Buffalo, serve as junior advisors for the Kentucky Jr. Angus Ass'n.

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▶ Oklahoma Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, March 15, Oklahoma City



▶ **Jarred Strate** (left), Fairmont; and **Karisa Pfeiffer** (right), Orlando, receive Oklahoma Angus scholarships.



▶ **Karisa Pfeiffer** (right), Orlando, receives the Junior Owned Heifer Award from Mark Holder, Oklahoma Angus Ass'n president.



▶ **Ryan Callahan** (right), Edmond, receives the Junior Bred-and-Owned Heifer Award from Holder.



▶ **Jaryn Frey** (right), Kingfisher, is 2014 Miss Oklahoma Angus. Also pictured is Sydnee Gerken, Cashion, 2013 queen.

AHIR and has consigned cattle to the Pennsylvania Finest Female Sale.

Pfeiffer, the 18-year-old daughter of Jerry and Ada Pfeiffer, attends Mulhall-Orlando High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Oklahoma Junior Angus Association, where she currently serves as president. She has also served as first and second vice president, district director and royalty.

She has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Pfeiffer participated in the photography contest and the Cook-Off. She also served as a voting delegate in 2013. In 2012 and 2013 she participated in LEAD conferences.

Pfeiffer has submitted weight data to AHIR and consigned cattle at the Express Ranches Big Event Sale and the Express Angus Ranches Honor Roll Sale.

Shoop, the 18-year-old son of Daniel and Carol Shoop, attends Line Mountain Junior and Senior High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Pennsylvania Junior Angus Association, where he currently serves as a director.

He has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Shoop participated in the photography, team sales, skill-a-thon intermediate, quiz bowl, judging, and extemporaneous speaking contests and the Cook-Off. He also participated in the 2013 Raising the Bar conference.

Shoop is actively involved with his local FFA and 4-H club.

Missouri State Fair scholarships awarded to 4-H and FFA youth

Missouri State Fair Director Mark Wolfe announced that 38 youths selected from Missouri 4-H and FFA were awarded

▶ Louisiana Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, March 7, Lecompte

▶ **Right: Katelyn Corsentino** (left), Denham Springs, and **Cheyenne Jones** (right), Franklinton, receive the Landon Hays Memorial Scholarship.



scholarships by the Missouri State Fair Foundation Youth in Agriculture (YIA) committee. These students are seeking higher education in agriculture-related fields, and received their scholarships Friday, April 25, during the annual State FFA Convention in Columbia.

The scholarships were funded by the Missouri State Fair Foundation and by Youth in Agriculture supporters at the 2013 Sale of Champions. A list of those supporters and auction results is available on the fair's website.

The applicants for the scholarships were evaluated in a variety of areas, including Missouri State Fair participation, grade-point average, community involvement and leadership roles. Since 1992, the YIA committee has awarded 474 scholarships totaling \$400,500.

Missouri juniors **Tyler Gerke**, Smithton, and **John Schenkel**, Maryville, received \$1,000 scholarships.

The 112th annual Missouri State Fair will be Aug. 7-17 in Sedalia. For more information, visit www.mostatefair.com.



Editor's Note: This column is compiled by Associate Editor Kasey Brown. To submit your "Next Generation" item, email kbrown@angusjournal.com or call 816-383-5277.

Photography contest deadline May 15

Don't forget to submit your entries for the NJAA/Angus Journal Photography Contest before May 15!

Entries must be postmarked by May 15 to allow adequate time for judging and prepping the photos for display at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Indianapolis, Ind., July 6-12. Late entries will not be accepted.

Photos will be evaluated on creativity (60%) and composition (40%). The "around the farm or ranch" category provides the opportunity to enter photographs that highlight activities and scenes around the farm or ranch, but that do not necessarily have Angus cattle in the photograph. The other three categories — Angus cattle, landscape and people — are intended for photos that focus on Angus cattle, Angus in the landscape, or Angus people.

Photos should be submitted as 8×10-inch (in.) or 10×8-in. prints mounted on 10×14-in. or 14×10-in. black foam core board. In addition to the mounted print, digital photo entries must be submitted electronically on CD or DVD, as well. Photos should not be framed. See additional rules in the April issue or online at https://www.angus.org/NJAA/Contests/Photography_rules.pdf.