



Next Generation

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

Humble and hopeful

A few days ago while walking through a boutique with a friend, I came across a stack of Lokai bracelets sitting on a table. Eager to join the worldwide trend, I quickly grabbed one and read the attached card to see what all the fuss is about. It's a simple bracelet consisting of many clear beads, one white bead and one black bead. The white bead is filled with water from the top of Mount Everest, to represent the feeling of being on top of the world. The black bead is filled with mud from the bottom of the Black Sea, to represent the feeling of being at the lowest point in life.

Is the white bead really filled with water from the top of Mount Everest? No. Is the black bead really filled with mud from the bottom of the Black Sea? No. The meaning behind the bracelet is quite simple, yet very meaningful. When you feel as high as the mountain, be humble. When you feel as low as the bottom of the sea, be hopeful.

Be humble

That mountain is high. The view from the top is beautiful. Looking down on everything and everyone after accomplishing a specific goal is nice. However, without humility, it can get a little lonely up there. The key is to be grateful for what we have and the things we have accomplished, including the people who got us there.



Katlyn Tunstill

Though you have undoubtedly worked hard for what you have, you could not have done it all without other people's support. Everything we do is a result of what many other people have done for us. It is all because of those around us who shape us into better people at some point so that we could achieve our goals.

You may have cutting-edge genetics or the best cattle phenotypically in the industry. You may be proud of a certain accomplishment, such as winning a public speaking contest or earning a national title. Yet by realizing how blessed and fortunate you are to own that herd or earn an award is how you truly measure the worth of such an accomplishment. Boots Williams said, "Strive to be humble in victory and gracious in defeat."

Be hopeful

Feeling low as the ocean floor does have an advantage. The only way you can look is up. There is a good chance that if you allow yourself to be hopeful, change will happen a lot faster. People can affect your accomplishments in a positive or negative way. They can build you up or tear you down.

As much as possible, surround yourself with supportive and capable people. Strive to surround yourself with people who help you

to feel good and encourage you to become your best. Having a supportive network of friends will help you to further your interests and goals. It's much easier to find hope within a strong community as opposed to being completely on your own.

Always remember that things will get better no matter what the circumstances may be. For example, if your herd all tests positive for a genetic defect, you still have the opportunity to start over and take your new herd to great heights. If you do not place in the public speaking contest you have been working so hard toward, there is always time for a second chance and room for improvement.

An important thing to think about is that no matter how high or low you feel, remember that everyone has been there. You're not alone. There is a middle area somewhere between the mountaintop and the sea bottom that allows us to be humble and hopeful at the same time. There are always things to be thankful for and goals to strive for.

Always remember that there is a plan and whether you are high or low, it is a stepping-stone to your next accomplishment. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord. "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." *Jeremiah 29:11*

— **Katlyn Tunstill, Arkansas**

Bronze and Silver awards received

Kaitlin Fouts, London, Ky.; **Sara Hatlewick**, Jamestown, N.D.; **Morgan Knapp**, Bloomfield, Iowa; **Tim Mardesen**,

► South Dakota Summer Spotlight Jr. Angus Show, July 25, Huron



► Junior showmanship was won by (from left) **Sawyer Styles**, Brentford, first; **Morgan Kwasniewski**, Clear Lake, second; **Joslyn Gonzalez**, third; and **Lana Gonzalez**, fourth, both of Ree Heights.

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Oxford, Iowa; **Audra Montgomery**, Carrington, N.D.; **Derek Wolf**, Windthorst, Texas; and **Sydney Younge**, Ventura, Iowa, 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. **Lynae Bowman**, Germantown, N.C., has earned the NJAA Bronze award.

Fouts, the 20-year-old daughter of Sam and Lisa Fouts, attends the University of Kentucky where she studies animal science and is a member of the NJAA; the Kentucky Junior Angus Association, which she currently serves as director and also served as royalty; and the Central Kentucky Junior Angus Association, which she served as president.

She has participated in state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Kaitlin participated in the extemporaneous speaking and quiz bowl contests.

She has submitted weight data to Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) and consigned cattle in the Kentucky Angus Sweepstakes Sale.

Hatlewick, the 17-year-old daughter of Bruce and Deb Hatlewick, attends Gackle

▣ North Dakota State Fair Jr. Angus Show, July 21, Bismarck



► **Caleb Mehlhoff** (right), Arena, receives his Gold Award from Rod Geppert, American Angus Association regional manager.



► **Sara Hatlewick** (left), Jamestown, and **Audra Montgomery** (right), Carrington, receive their Bronze and Silver awards from Geppert.

Streeter School District #56 and is a member of the NJAA and the North Dakota Junior Angus Association, which she serves as royalty and has served as secretary.

She has participated in local, state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Sara participated in the photography and creative writing contests. She also served as a voting delegate in 2014.

She has submitted weight data to AHIR and has consigned cattle at the Hatlewick Cattle Co. Production Sale. Sara is actively involved with her local FFA chapter and 4-H club.

Knapp, the 14-year-old daughter of Brian

and Karla Knapp, attends Davis County Middle School and is a member of the NJAA and the Iowa Junior Angus Association, which she served as director.

She has participated in local, state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Morgan participated in the quiz bowl, livestock judging, creative writing, extemporaneous speaking, photography and graphic design contests and the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off. She also participated in the mentoring program in 2012.

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▣ Northern Illinois Angus Ass'n Preview Show, June 28, Oregon



► Junior showmanship was won by (from left) **Tyler Lee**, Durand, first; **Alyssa Miller**, Lenark, second; and **Chase Engel**, Hampshire, third.



► Intermediate showmanship was won by (from left) **Garrett Handsaker**, Pearl City, first; **Emily Brooks**, Prophetstown, second; and **Holly Marsh**, Union, third.



► Senior showmanship was won by (from left) **Kiley Carroll**, Lanark, first; **Clayton Ruter**, Shannon, second; and **Ben Marsh**, Union, third.

▣ Indiana State Fair Angus Show, Aug. 13, Indianapolis



► **Brooke Langley** (right), Walton, receives the Indiana Angus Auxiliary Award from Deanna Hofing (left).



► **Brooke Langley** receives her Bronze and Silver awards.

▣ Southern Illinois Jr. Angus Show, July 25, Flora



► **Left:** Showmanship was won by (from left) **Bailey Pearl**, DuQuoin, beginner champion; **Cody York**, Palestine, junior champion; **Tyler Musgrave**, Willow Hill, intermediate champion; and **Austin Betzold**, Nokomis, senior champion.

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She has submitted weight data to AHIR. **Mardesen**, the 19-year-old son of Heath and Shelli Mardesen, attends Black Hawk College and is a member of the NJAA and the Iowa Junior Angus Association, which he served as president, secretary and treasurer, and the Southeast Iowa Angus Association.

He has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Tim participated in extemporaneous speaking, team fitting, creative writing, livestock judging and quiz bowl contests and the CAB Cook-Off. He served as a voting delegate in 2013 and 2014. He also participated in the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference in 2011 and the Raising the Bar conferences in 2009 and 2015.

He has submitted weight data to AHIR. **Montgomery**, the 19-year-old daughter of Dennis and Betty Montgomery, attends North Dakota State University where she studies agriculture education and is a member of the NJAA and the North Dakota Junior Angus Association, which she served as president.

She has participated in local, state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Audra participated in the livestock judging contest. She was also a voting delegate in 2013.

She has submitted weight data through AHIR and has consigned cattle at the North Dakota Select Sale, Montgomery Ranch Bull Sale, North Star Classic Angus Sale, and Quality Not Quantity Female Sale.

Wolf, the 17-year-old son of Danny and Vivian Wolf, attends Archer City High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Texas Junior Angus Association, which he serves as president and has also served as second vice president, historian and director.

NJAA Extended Internship Deadline Oct. 15

The National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) offers an extended internship position for one college student each year, allowing them an inside look at what it takes to organize youth events across the country. The internship runs from January to August 2016 and allows students to spend eight months assisting with junior activities and traveling to a number of events.

"The extended internship is truly a unique way to gain experience in a real-world working environment," says Jaclyn Clark, American Angus Association director of events and education. "We're looking for a detail-oriented, outgoing individual who hopes to make a career working with youth in the livestock industry."

The deadline to apply for the paid internship is Oct. 15. Aimed toward college sophomores, juniors or seniors, applicants must be enrolled in an agriculture-related major and have the ability to move to Association headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo., throughout the entire internship.

Responsibilities include daily in-office tasks, preparations for NJAA-sponsored shows and conferences, working with the *Green Coats: Coast to Coast* program, and more, depending on the intern's interests. They will also assist with the NJAA website, *Directions* newsletter, National Junior Recognition Program and other programs available to the NJAA membership.

Travel to the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference and other shows and events is expected.

To apply, submit a cover letter, résumé and references to Jaclyn Clark, American Angus Association, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506. All applications must be postmarked by Oct. 15, 2015.

The January-August internship does not replace the summer-only internship offered by the Association. More details will be released regarding that opportunity later in the fall. For more details on internships offered through the Association, visit www.angus.org.

Wolf has participated in local, state and regional shows and showmanship contests. He also participated in the LEAD conferences in 2013-2015 and the Raising the Bar conference in 2014.

He has submitted weight data to AHIR.

Younge, the 16-year-old daughter of Marcus and Robin Younge, attends Garner-Hayfield/Ventura High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Iowa Junior Angus Association, which she served as treasurer.

She has participated in local, state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Sydney participated in the quiz

bowl, livestock judging and graphic design contests.

She has consigned cattle at the Iowa Beef Expo Sale and the Elite Female Sale.

Bowman, the 13-year-old daughter of Neil and April Bowman, is a member of the NJAA and the North Carolina Junior Angus Association, which she served as western and eastern region director.

She has participated in local, state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Lynae participated in quiz bowl, livestock judging, public speaking, photography, essay and graphic design contests and the CAB Cook-Off.

▣ West Virginia Angus Breeders' Jr. Show, July 26, Weston



► Winning showmanship honors were (from left) **Jordan Miller**, senior champion, and **Logan Miller**, intermediate champion, both of Franklin; and **Kendall Clark**, junior champion, and **Kenzie Clark**, novice champion, both of Bruceton Mills.



► Senior showmanship was won by (from left) **Jessica Hoover**, second, and **Jordan Miller**, first, both of Franklin; and **Kylea Arnold**, Horner, third.

Art competition winners at Canadian Junior Angus Showdown in Alberta announced

The Canadian Junior Angus Association is pleased to announce the winners of the Showdown 2015 Art Competition. Awards were presented at the banquet July 18 in Olds, Alta.

At Showdown there are 15 different competitions that juniors can enter. Juniors who choose to compete in the Art Competition prepare a piece of art at home and bring it to Showdown for judging. The

pieces of art vary from drawn pictures to welding projects. They are judged according to their uniqueness, quality and beauty.

In the junior division (ages 9-12), champion went to Brynne Yoder from Barrhead, Alta., and reserve went to Lilly Howell of Penhold, Alta.

The intermediate division (ages 13-16) was won by Wade Olynyk of Goodeve, Sask., and Chris Jermey from Ashern, Man., took home reserve champion.

In the senior division (ages 17-21), Becky Domolewski from Taber, Alta., and Ty

Schwan, Swift Current, Sask., were grand and reserve champion, respectively.

The Canadian Junior Angus Association is a group of Angus enthusiasts under the age of 21. Showdown is an annual summer cattle show organized by the Canadian Junior Angus Association. It rotates to provinces throughout the country every July. This year there were 118 participants who took part in Showdown in Olds, Alta.

