Association, API Announce Interns

Three young collegians gear up for summer internships.

he American Angus Association and Angus Productions Inc. (API) have announced three youth to serve as interns for summer 2009: Melissa Miller, Brandon, Fla.; Jamie May, Randolph, Minn.; and Clinton Laflin, Olsburg, Kan.

Melissa Miller will assist the Junior Activities Department in the planning

and execution of National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) shows and events. Her main focus will be the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) and the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference.

Miller is a student at the University of Florida pursuing a degree in animal sciences with an emphasis in biology and a minor in agriculture communications. On campus she is part of the meats judging and horse judging teams, Block and Bridle and Gator Collegiate CattleWomen. She is also a member of the Florida Cattlemen's Association.

She is a native of Brandon, Fla., and is the daughter of Dale and Dorothy Miller. Growing up she was involved with the NJAA and the Florida Junior Angus Association (FJAA).

Jamie May will assist the

Communications Department by traveling to shows, publicizing Angus events, taking photos and writing press releases. May will also attend the NJAS in Perry, Ga.

May is a student at North Dakota State University (NDSU) in Fargo, N.D., pursuing a dual major in agriculture communications and advertising with a minor in animal science. At NDSU, she is a member of the Saddle and Sirloin club, Agriculture Communicators of Tomorrow (ACT) and Judging Club, as well as College of Agriculture Ambassador.

May was raised on a hobby farm in southeastern Minnesota where her family raises and shows Hereford, Shorthorn and club calves. Her parents are Mark and Ann May.

Clinton Laflin will assist Creative Media with writing projects and video editing.

Laflin is a sophomore at Butler County Community College majoring in agriculture communications with a minor in agriculture business. He also is a member of the livestock judging team. After two years at Butler, Laflin plans to transfer to either Kansas State University or Oklahoma State University. Upon completion of his undergraduate degree, he hopes to move on to law school and study agriculture law.

Laflin is a fifth-generation breeder from Laflin Angus, the second-oldest Angus operation in the United States. He also has been active in the NJAA and plans to continue to show at many local and national shows this summer.

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