

# Four Inducted

Brown, Stannard, Thomas, Wallace honored for contributions to the NJAA with induction into the Honorary Angus Foundation.

by Julie White

The National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) inducted four individuals into the Honorary Angus Foundation July 18 at the 2008 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Des Moines, Iowa. Each year extraordinary supporters of the NJAA are selected to join the Honorary Angus Foundation. C.J. Brown, Shelia Stannard, Stan Thomas and Tammy Wallace were chosen for their exceptional interest and dedication to junior members and the NJAA.

## C.J. Brown

By capturing the serenity and beauty of the Angus breed, C.J. Brown, Lindenwood, Ill., uses her artistic talents to support the Angus industry.

Growing up on a farm in northern

Illinois, Brown appreciates the rural lifestyle. Having been around cattle, her interests turned to painting the animals she is so passionate about.

Brown is known for her willingness to provide originals and prints for fundraising efforts for the Angus breed.

"The past few years she has donated original work to be auctioned for national junior shows," says James Fisher, American Angus Association director of junior activities. Fisher adds that she also assists state associations in fundraising by providing prints of her work.

Her recent involvement includes the commissioned piece titled "Angus Blessing" that was created to raise funds for the 2008 NJAS. The original watercolor was auctioned for \$7,500.

"We are thankful for her willingness to donate her talent and even livelihood to the juniors," Fisher says. She has designed the 2009 NJAS logo for the host state, Georgia.

Her pieces are exhibited in the American Angus Hall of Fame, the Canadian Angus Association, Excel-Beef Division and other corporate businesses that have ties to the beef industry.

"C.J. has a special talent as an artist, but has also become an individual that is a regular attendee at various shows and industry events across the country," says Shelia Stannard, director of communications and events for the Association. "She always takes time to visit with our members of all ages and gives unselfishly of her talent to many state organizations."

Brown has a charitable spirit and

takes pleasure in sharing her talents, Stannard says. She is a wonderful example of how creativity and philanthropy can offer countless opportunities to others.

## Shelia Stannard

A dedication to juniors and Angus breeders that goes beyond her job description has made Stannard a standout contributor of her time and abilities to the Angus industry. Stannard was inducted into the Honorary Angus Foundation, recognizing her enduring commitment and adoration for the people of Angus industry.

"She is a remarkable person with incredible talent, an infectious smile and deep heart for not only the Angus breed, but its beliefs and its members," says Mallory Trospen, 2008-2009 NJAA Board chairman.

Stannard has shown outstanding devotion by serving eight years on the NJAA advisory board. She has welcomed, mentored and guided many junior members.



▶ C.J. Brown of Lindenwood, Ill., accepts a framed print from 2007-2008 NJAA Foundation Director Rebecca Tokach in honor of Brown's induction into the Honorary Angus Foundation. Brown has used her artistic talents to support the Angus industry.



▶ Shelia Stannard of Saint Joseph, Mo., accepts a framed print from Tokach in honor of Stannard's induction into the Honorary Angus Foundation. Stannard has shown outstanding devotion by serving eight years on the NJAA advisory board. She has welcomed, mentored and guided many junior members.

Junior members and Angus breeders know her as a person with a friendly smile who is enthusiastic to meet new people. She reaches out to all members, shows a sincere curiosity in getting to know each one and kindly takes the time to do so.

"She showed an interest and because of her I got involved," says Sonya Smith, Lebanon, Tenn., a past NJAA Board chairperson, as she reflected on her first interactions with Stannard.

Stannard is patient and puts exceptionally hard work into her advisor position and her job at the Association, whether it's taking photographs at shows, advising the junior Board or connecting with people.

"She is great in coordinating events and can handle any obstacle thrown her way," says Walt Stinson, 2008-2009 communications director for the junior Board. He says she is eager to answer questions and possesses incredible skills in working with others.

"Shelia has always put the Association members first in her life, especially the junior members," says Jamie King, Tiffin, Ohio, who is also a past NJAA Board member. "She always takes time to talk to juniors and help them develop into young adults."

Stannard is considered a mentor, role model and good friend to many junior members who have formed a relationship with her through their involvement in the NJAA. "I can't even describe the impact that she has had — not only on me, but all the other junior members that have been lucky enough to cross her path," Smith says.

King looks to Stannard for advice as her career has taken a similar path.

"I have often heard Shelia say that she wouldn't trade her job or the people for whom she works for anything in the world," King says. "As an Angus breeder, former junior Board member and NJAA member, and fellow agricultural communicator, I take great comfort in that statement and look forward to her continuing to serve the Angus breed."

"Shelia has earned this award because of the amount of time she has donated to the NJAA," says Rebecca Tokach, 2007-2008



► Dick Beck, manager of Three Trees Ranch, Sharpsburg, Ga., accepts a framed print from 2007-2008 NJAA Chairman Justin Brosey in honor of Three Trees' owner Stan Thomas's induction into the Honorary Angus Foundation. Thomas has provided NJAA members a host of opportunities through financial support and giving of his time, talents and possessions. He provides a positive example with his character and interaction with other breeders.



► Tammy Wallace, Stotts City, Mo., accepts a framed print from Brosey in honor of her induction into the Honorary Angus Foundation. Among her many involvements, Wallace has served as the Southwest Missouri Junior Angus Association advisor, a contest workshop co-chairperson and a regional show co-chairperson. Wallace has also served six years on the NJAA advisory board.

NJAA Foundation director. Her guidance and involvement with juniors and the NJAA has left an impression on many and has helped to make the organization stronger.

### Stan Thomas

Possessing a compassionate and giving character, along with his advocacy for hard work, Stan Thomas of Three Trees Ranch, Sharpsburg, Ga., has become a highly respected and appreciated man in the Angus industry. Thomas was inducted into the Honorary Angus Foundation, recognizing his continual financial support and service to the Angus breed.

Thomas became an Angus breeder in 1994 when he purchased 100 head of bred cows. Since then, his operation has become the second-largest American Angus Association member based on the 1,865 registrations of the last fiscal year. He has generously used his growth to support the NJAA, the Angus Foundation and future leaders of the breed.

"When he has a passion or belief in something he will go out of his way to support that organization," Tokach says.

He has provided opportunities for juniors by supporting education and providing donations to raise funds for the young members. Thomas donated the 2005 Angus Foundation Heifer and purchased a portion of the 2003 Foundation heifer. Proceeds from this funding program go to support education, youth and research.

"Stan supports junior Angus breeders through the donation of semen from his herd sires and embryos from his famous and valuable donors," says Dick Beck, Senoia, Ga., general manager of Three Trees Ranch.

Thomas greatly contributed to the success of the annual youth leadership conference, Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD). He welcomed nearly 200 people to Three Trees Ranch and provided a tour of his operation and an educational session in which his specialists spoke to the group about embryo transfer (ET). In addition to the educational session, he provided a social atmosphere with a dinner and a dance. The youth got a treat

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when Thomas offered each a helicopter ride to view his ranch from above.

"The enthusiasm that he showed for the juniors while we were at the ranch proved that he was an excellent candidate for the award," Tokach says.

Thomas has not only been a contributor through financial means, he is a positive example by his character and interaction with other breeders. "Stan is a warm and compassionate man who always has a smile and a handshake for an Angus breeder, old or young, new or established," Beck says.

He is recognized throughout the industry as a man of deep and sincere faith, Beck says.

"Stan has become an unofficial chaplain for the Angus breed and is often called upon to lead the assembled crowd in prayer at Angus events and sales," Beck adds. "The example he has set in the opening of his own Angus sales has become the model that many in the industry now follow."

### **Tammy Wallace**

Tammy Wallace, Stotts City, Mo., is a caring person who endlessly gives of her time and energy. Wallace is an exceptional

individual who feels like family to many in the Angus industry.

"She is a special person who has given a lot; as much as she could give," says Amanda Schnoor, Chowchilla, Calif., a former Foundation director of the NJAA Board. For her commitment and affection for the people of the Angus industry and their organizations, Wallace was inducted into the Honorary Angus Foundation.

Wallace is involved in many facets of the Angus breed. Her passion for the members and Angus cattle radiates in each undertaking. She is active in both the Missouri Junior Angus Association and the NJAA, along with being an American Angus Auxiliary member.

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"She gives time and energy not only to attend meetings, but to go beyond what is asked of her as an advisor," Fisher says.

Being involved in breed associations all

her life and now the mother of two junior members, Wallace has a deep understanding of how experiences with the NJAA can leave a positive effect on members. She was able to bring a unique perspective to the role of NJAA advisor.

"She has been in our place," Schnoor says. "I think she realizes that one day the NJAA will give the same opportunities to her children."

"She is not only an advisor but a teacher, always willing to help any junior with whatever they may need, giving them instruction and a knowledge base which they can learn upon," says Trosper, who has known Wallace many years and appreciates the time she has spent working with her. "Tammy dedicates not only her time to the adult and junior associations, but her whole heart."

Trosper says Wallace is a firm believer in the associations being like family. With her character and devotion for all she is involved in, the people of the Angus industry are lucky to have a family member like Wallace.

