

I Am Angus

by Eric Grant

The opportunity of Angus is the opportunity to continue. No one knows this better than 18-year-old Clinton Laflin and his dad, Guy, of Olsburg, Kan. Clinton, who was born with cerebral palsy, has overcome his disability to secure his dream of continuing his family's multi-generational Angus business, the second-oldest in the nation. He also wants to become a lawyer and possibly a lobbyist for an agricultural operation.

"Farming and ranching is quickly becoming a minority," Clinton says. "We need to work hard to make sure our voices are heard."

The lessons of Clinton's life are as poignant as they are universal, adds Guy, who's been amazed by his son's grit,

determination and eternal optimism since he was a newborn.

"When you're around Clinton, you see life from a different perspective," Guy says. "And when you see life from a different perspective, it changes your whole outlook, the way you look at things. You know, you enjoy the green grass, the green leaves on the trees. You enjoy having the opportunity to ride a horse and look at black cattle.

"There's a lot of little things that most of us take for granted that Clinton has taught me as his father not to," he continues. "Mostly, he's taught me to be gracious for what God has given us."





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