

# Interns Prepare for an Angus Summer

Two young collegians gear up for summer internships.

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**S**ummertime is here. Birds are singing, and the grass is finally green. School is out for summer, and students are preparing for a summer of fun. Randa Yezak and Julie White aren't taking a traditional summer break; they are gearing up for a fun-filled summer at the American Angus Association. These two young professionals will take on responsibility as summer interns for the Association, serving in the Junior Activities Department and the Communications Department, respectively.

## Junior activities

Randa Yezak, Bremond, Texas, is the Association's junior activities intern. Yezak is assisting in the planning and execution of National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) events, including the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) and the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference. She will also travel to various shows.



**Randa Yezak**

"I hope to meet a lot of amazing Angus people as well as learn more about the Angus breed and make contacts that will be beneficial to my future career success," says Yezak, daughter of Gerald and Lisa Yezak.

She was active in the Texas Junior Brangus Breeders Association and the International Junior Brangus Breeders Association. She served as the International Brangus Breeders Association Queen for 2006-2007 and still has a herd of registered Brangus cattle.

Yezak is a student at Texas A&M University (TAMU) pursuing a degree in animal science with a business minor. She is a member of the 2008 Livestock Judging Team and is involved with Saddle and Sirloin, Animal Science Aggie REPS (Recruiting Exceptional Prospective Students), College of Agriculture Student Council, Texas Aggie Cattlewomen and Helping Our Students to Succeed (HOSTS) Mentor Program. She gained experience from being a past intern for

the State Fair of Texas, San Antonio Livestock Show and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Yezak plans to graduate in May 2009, attend graduate school and then pursue a doctorate in agricultural education. She hopes to teach and advise at the university level, have a family and continue to raise cattle.

## Public relations

Julie White, Warrensburg, Mo., is serving as the Association's public relations intern. Her responsibilities include publicizing Angus events by writing press releases; traveling to shows, including the NJAS; and taking photos.



**Julie White**

"I'm very excited to work with the Association and its members," White says. "I plan to learn all I can from those with more experience while using the skills I already have to serve the Association."

White attends Kansas State University (K-State) and is pursuing a dual major in agricultural communications and journalism and animal science with a minor in international agriculture. She is a member of Sigma Alpha, a professional agricultural sorority, Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow (ACT) and is involved with Helping International Students (HIS). She is a past public relations intern for the Missouri State Fair.

Her experience in the beef industry includes raising and showing Shorthorn cattle with her family. She served as the National Shorthorn Lassie Queen in 2006-2007. She is the daughter of Tom and Darles White.

Upon graduation, White plans to stay active in the beef industry by continuing to raise cattle. She hopes to use her degrees to work in the communications sector of the agricultural industry, both in the United States and internationally.

