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POSTCARD FROM A JUNIOR



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The toolbox

As a junior Angus member, are you using all the tools in your toolbox? The National Junior Angus Association website has a wealth of tools at your disposal.

The website features information about upcoming shows and deadlines, as well as specific information about the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) and all the related contests.

Conferences such as Raising the Bar and Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) are a great way to travel the country and meet other young Angus enthusiasts. All of the registrations, hotel and travel accommodations are listed on the website. These are amazing experiences where juniors get to experience agriculture in ways they may have never seen before.

The Awards tab is another fantastic tool for juniors. Bronze and Silver awards are a way for junior breeders to be recognized for their achievements. The Gold

Award is given during the junior's last year of eligibility, and all of the guidelines are found on the webpage. Scholarships are also found under the Awards tab, and are a great resource for juniors wanting to pursue higher education. Some of the scholarships have specific criteria and different applications, so start early in your planning and application process.

The Education tab is for cutting-edge resources for your Angus herd. Quick links to submitting registrations and transfers; birth, weaning and yearling weights; and a page on understanding expect progeny differences (EPDs) are all at your fingertips.

For older junior members, the Internship tab is a must-watch. Here internships and job opportunities are listed from some of the leading

companies in the ag industry, looking for motivated young adults in the Angus breed for future and immediate jobs.

The Board tab has all the information on the current members of the National Junior Angus Board of Directors (NJAB) and their contact information. We are pleased to serve you, our membership, and strive to carry out the programs and events for the Angus breed.

Just as you need all the right tools in your toolbox to fix a door or build a house, the NJAA website at www.angus.org is your toolbox for all things Angus.

"It is essential to have good tools, but it is also essential that the tools should be used in the right way."

— Wallace D. Wattles

State Fair of Louisiana Junior Angus Show, Oct. 28, Shreveport



Winning top honors in the senior division of showmanship (from left) are Wes Womack, Pembroke, Ky., judge; Ben Forbes, Zachary, La., first; Grant Dela Houssaye, New Iberia, La., second; Kara Nesom, Deridder, La., third; Ashley Huth, Pearl River, La., fourth; and Jessica Womack, Pembroke, Ky., judge.



Winning top honors in the intermediate division of showmanship (from left) are Wes Womack; Austin Johnson, Pitkin, La., first; Rory Forbes, Zachary, La., second; Camryn Greene, Slaughter, La., third; Ashlynn Hayes, Natchitoches, La., fourth; Lily Williams, Keithville, La., fifth; and Jessica Womack.



Winning top honors in junior division of showmanship (from left) Wes Womack; Eleanor Straney, Thibodaux, La., first; Wyatt Mabile, Brusly, La., third; Braylie Babin, Gonzales, La., fourth; Tavin Symons, Pearl River, La., fifth; and Jessica Womack.



Junior Angus members winning top honors in the peewee division of showmanship (from left) are Wes Womack; Amelia and Joseph Straney, both of Thibodaux, La.; and Jessica Womack.



Ben Forbes (center) won overall showmanship honors. Also pictured are Wes Womack (left) and Jessica Womack.

Bronze and Silver Awards

Sam Greiman, Perry, Iowa, has earned the National Junior Angus Association's (NJAA) Bronze and Silver awards, according to Caitlyn Brandt, events and education director of the American Angus Association in Saint Joseph, Mo. Lila Sims, McEwen, Tenn., has earned the NJAA's Silver award; and Lena Sims and Lona Sims, both of McEwen, Tenn., have earned the NJAA's Bronze award.

The Bronze and Silver awards are the first two levels of the NJAA Recognition Program that began in 1972. Junior Angus breeders must apply for the awards, then meet point requirements in many areas of participation before receiving the honors. Applicants are evaluated in areas of junior Angus association activities and leadership, participation in showmanship, contests and shows, using performance testing to improve their herd, and their progress in producing and merchandising Angus cattle.

Sam Greiman is the 17-year-old son of Kurt and Tina Greiman. The Perry, Iowa, local attends Dallas Center-Grimes High School.

As an active member of the NJAA and the Iowa Junior Angus Association, Greiman has shown at the local, state and national level. He has participated in the livestock judging contest at the NJAS and the LEAD conference.

Greiman has submitted weight data to the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®).

McEwen, Tenn., is home to **Lila Sims**, the 16-year-old daughter of Robby Sims. In addition to the NJAA, the McEwen High School student has served the Tennessee Junior Angus Association (TJAA) as royalty.

Sims has shown at the local, state, regional and national level, including the NJAS. At the national show, she also participated in the livestock judging and quiz bowl contests.

Sims has consigned cattle to the West Tennessee Angus Sale.

Lena Sims is Lila's older sister. The 20-year-old is attending the University of Tennessee, where she is studying ag communications. As an active NJAA and TJAA member, Lena has served her state as royalty and currently serves as vice president.

Beyond showing at the state, regional and national level, Lena has participated in the quiz bowl contest at the NJAS.

The youngest Sims sister is **Lona Sims**, 10 years old. She balances her time as a member of the NJAA and TJAA with her schooling at Waverly Junior High School.

Her career in the show ring has allowed her to compete at the state, regional and national level. Lona has also participated in the mentoring program at the NJAS. **AJ**