



# Junior Spotlight

## **2008/2009 NATIONAL JUNIOR SHOW**

Yes, this is the year that - due to the rotation and the fiscal year of the RAAA - that we have two national shows in the same calendar year.

The 2008/2009 National Junior Show is scheduled for 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 14, during the N.I.L.E., Billings, Montana. Marty Ropp, Bozeman, Montana, will serve as the junior show judge. The Montana Junior and Red Angus Associations are busily planning to host the National Shows. For more information on the N.I.L.E. and entries, go to: [www.thenile.org](http://www.thenile.org) or call 406/256-2495. You may also e-mail: [info@thenile.org](mailto:info@thenile.org).

## **RED ANGUS NATIONAL CONVENTION**

The National Red Angus Convention is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17 through Friday, September 19

in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The JRA Board conducts fundraisers throughout the year, but especially during Convention, to support the programs and activities of the JRA. This year, JRA fundraisers at Convention will include:

State Basket Auction - each JRA Board member and any other state or regional group who is interested - will put together a basket of items for silent auction. The items may represent that particular state or may have a common theme.

Red Angus pottery plates and bowls - At the '08 Convention, the JRA Board presented their home-made desserts for auction - each displayed on unique, ceramic plates and platters made especially for Convention. At this time, the JRA doesn't know if desserts will be included but more of the one-of-a-kind, Red Angus pottery plates, bowls and mugs will be offered at silent auction.

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### NEW JRA FUNDRAISER

The JRA Board is working on the December ARA Magazine, which is traditionally the Junior Spotlight issue.



As a fundraiser for 2008, the JRA Board is asking for financial donations to support all junior programs and activities. In appreciation for their support, those making donations at specified levels will receive bonus ads in the December issue.

#### **Donation levels are as follows:**

\$300 = 1/4 page ad • \$500 = 1/2 page ad

The advertising pages will be laid out much like the sponsor brochure from the 2007 Convention in Kansas.

**Ad space is limited!** If you are interested in supporting the juniors with a financial donation and receiving an appreciation ad, please contact Dawn Bernhard at: dawn@redangus.org or 525/679-4006.

## 2009 ROUND-UP

*South Dakota...*

*Here we come!*

Though we have just completed Round-Up 2008, it is never too soon to plan for the next Junior Red Angus adventure! Plus, with all the camps, sports and other opportunities for young people, you may want to reserve the dates on your calendar for joining other Red Angus juniors for a week's worth of Red Angus cattle and people, ranch tours, university tours, meat processing facilities, feed mills and fun!

**Round-Up 2009 is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23 through Saturday, June 27 with everyone heading home on Sunday, June 28.** We will begin and end our South Dakota tour in Sioux Falls. Though still in the early planning stages, tentative stops include: South Dakota State University, Brookings; Gill Red Angus, JD Red Angus, Bieber Red Angus, Peterson Broken Heart Ranch, Genex bull stud, and a meat processing facility. A barn dance is also in the scheduling as is staying in a bunk-house style lodge.

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### AND THE 2008 WINNERS ARE...

#### Merit Award Program

**1st place:** \$500 scholarship to attend Round-Up:  
Marianne Mendoza, Valley Springs, CA

**2nd place:** \$150 scholarship: Alyssa Looney, Denton, TX

**3rd place:** \$150 scholarship: Alyzabeth Looney, Denton, TX

**4th place:** \$150 scholarship: Kristina Weidenbach, Highmore, SD

#### Essay Contest

Junior Division:

**1st place:** B. J. Rainey, Bowie, TX

**2nd place:** Madelyn Mushrush, Strong City, KS

#### Graphic Design Contest

Business Card Division:

**1st place:** Laura Mushrush, Strong City, KS

#### Powerpoint Contest

*Junior Division*

**1st place:** Chris Mushrush, Strong City, KS

**2nd place:** Madelyn Mushrush, Strong City, KS

*Senior Division*

**1st place:** Kristina Weidenbach, Highmore, SD

**2nd place:** Laura Mushrush, Strong City, KS

**3rd place:** Cole Mushrush, Strong City, KS

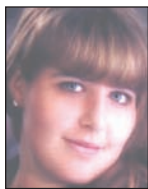
#### American/Canadian Exchange Program

Marianne Mendoza, Valley Springs, California and Kristina Weidenbach, Highmore, South Dakota, represented the RAAA and the JRA in the American/Canadian Exchange Program when they traveled to Spruce Meadows, Calgary, Canada, to join in the Canadian Junior Angus summer event called Showdown. Marianne and Kris participated in all aspects of the Canadian junior event, including Beef Cook-Off, Showmanship, Print Advertising, Speech, Grooming and Judging. ■



**For information on the JRA 2007 Round-Up  
RED ANGUS DAYS... TENNESSEE NIGHTS  
please turn to page 68.**

## JRA 2008 Scholarship Winners



### **Alison Baue**

*\$500 Red Angus  
Association of America  
Scholarship*

Alison Baue, daughter of J.Allen and Ruth

Baue, recently graduated from Hysham High School, and plans to attend South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, Rapid City, S.D. She will pursue a degree in Industrial Engineering.

Alison's grandfather, Ole Redland, gave her a heifer when she was eight, this was the beginning of her breeding program. She has been able to expand her registered herd to five, and the bull sale earnings have given her a good start toward her college education.

She has served as the Montana Jr. Red Angus queen and represented the breed at Midland bull Test Sale. She is currently a member of the Montana Jr. Red Angus and the national JRA. Alison has participated in the JRA essay competition and photo competition in the past. She shows cattle in Montana through 4-H and has earned Grand Champion Steer, Grand Champion Heifer, Grand Champion Bull and Grand Champion Cow/Calf as well as overall Breeding Beef Grand Champion.

During High School, she was active in 4-H and FFA, holding various offices and participation in multiple events and competitions. She was a member of the National Honor Society, Varsity Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Math Team, Science Club, Spanish Club and Band.

She is looking forward to this next step in her life, and following her parent's encouragement to make a difference in some way each and every day.



### **Daniel Fehrman**

*\$500 Dee Sonstegard  
Scholarship*

Daniel Fehrman, Lake Benton, Minn., is the son of Paul and the late Lori

Fehrman. He is a graduate of RTR High School, and plans to attend South Dakota State University, Brookings, S.D., in the fall and major in Animal Science.

Daniel has been very involved with the Minnesota Junior Association.

He was a Red Angus Ambassador candidate, and helped fundraise and promote the breed. He tries to be a good role model for the younger kids and get them started in the Red Angus breed.

Daniel grew up with the Red Angus Breed and believes his own herd has the potential to expand and do well in the future. He has won many award at various shows. He has been involved with 4-H since he was in Kindergarten, and was on the FFA Meats Judging Team for four years.

He was active in High School with football and the National Honor Society. He serves as an altar server in his church and is a member of the youth choir. He also enjoys League Softball.

Daniel plans on being involved with Red Angus in the future. After completing college, he would like to return home and ranch with his dad, and eventually start his own cow-calf operation.



### **Regina Fessler**

*\$500 Roy McPhee  
Scholarship*

Regina Fessler, daughter of GERALYN and JOHN Fessler, Petaluma, Calif.,

has completed her first year at Santa Rosa Junior College, Santa Rosa, Calif., studying Nursing.

Regina bought her first Red Angus heifer in 2001 and became a member of the JRA in 2002. She has participated in three RoundUps and received the Sal Forbes Traveling Female for 2004-2005. As a ten year old girl, she chose a Red Angus heifer because she was pretty, but since, has realized it is a breed with many advantages. She has received many awards from showing her cattle including Supreme Champion Aged Cow/Calf Pair at Sonoma-Marin Fair 2007 and Outstanding Beef Cattle Exhibitor at SMF 2007.

She has been a member of 4-H for 11 years. She is currently the teen leader for the beef project and treasurer for her club.

Her goal is to complete a bachelor's degree in nursing at the University of San Francisco and work in intensive care or an emergency

room. She plans to keep some of her Red Angus cows during college and will support young people in 4-H and FFA.



### **Emily Frasier**

*\$500 Red Angus  
Association of America  
Scholarship*

Emily Frasier is a recent graduate of

Limon High School. She is the daughter of Joe and Cindy Frasier, Limon, Colo.

Emily joined the JRA seven years ago after purchasing her first registered Red Angus heifer. She was influenced by her sister Kelsey (a JRA member) and her Dad. She participated in three Stockgrower's Contests, and in 2003 received the Communications Award and in 2006, she was Reserve Champion, Senior Division.

She raises and shows Red Angus breeding beef at the Lincoln County fair in Hugo, Colo., for her 4-H projects, and has won Grand Champion Breeding Beef three years in a row. She is a 13 year member of the Rocking 4-H club and has held several leadership roles. She was chosen to represent Lincoln County on the Washington Citizen Focus Trip in 2007.

She was involved in many activities in High School including Student Council, National Honor Society, Tri-M National Music Honorary, volleyball and golf. Music is another passion, and she has been active in marching band, concert and pep bands. She also received a Superior rating on her piano solo this year.

Her future plans include attending a 4 year university, majoring in Landscape Design in the College of Agriculture. She is currently running her Red Angus registered herd with her family's herd in Colorado, and plans to maintain and grow her herd in the future.



### **Ryan Halko**

*\$500 Red Angus  
Association of America  
Scholarship*

Ryan Halko, Sand Coulee, Montana is the

son of Patrick and Jami Halko. He is a

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recent graduate of Centerville High School and plans on attending MSU-Northern, Havre, Mont., majoring in Diesel Technology.

Ryan was raised on a ranch and has been a member of the Red Angus Association for four years. He registers his calves and sells them to fellow ranchers. He has also shown Red Angus for 4-H and breeding projects. In 2007, he was awarded Senior Beef Showman and Grand Champion of the Round Robin and the 4-H Cascade County Show.

Ryan was involved in many organizations in High School. He was president of the Student Council, President of the National Honor Society, Captain of the Football team and Captain of the Basketball team and Track.

Ryan's dream is to own his own business and build up his Red Angus herd. Eventually, he would be able to buy a ranch and raise his children around many animals.



### **James Kapp**

*\$500 Leonard Lorenzen Scholarship*

James Kapp, Steele, North Dakota, is the son of Marlin and Julie

Kapp. He has been a member of the JRA since 2002.

He is active in the ND Junior RA Association and has been the club's vice president since 2005. One of his responsibilities was to organize the silent auction fundraiser held in conjunction with the ND Red Select Sale. In 2006, he consigned two head to this sale making him the youngest consignor in history.

One of his most rewarding experiences was mentoring a young junior member with her first heifer project. Ultimately, she was awarded Champion Junior Beef Showman and had the Reserve Champion Female at the county fair.

James is an avid show man and has won numerous awards at local,

state and national shows. Throughout High School he was involved in many activities including Honor Society, Men's ensemble, Rodeo Association and Technology Students Association.

James plans on attending North Dakota State University majoring in Animal Science and Microbiology. During his junior year, he will apply for admission into veterinary school. His future goals include establishing his own veterinary practice and ranch on the side and continue to raise Red Angus.



### **Alyssa Looney**

*\$500 Red Angus Association of America Scholarship*

Alyssa Looney recently graduated from

Denton High School, Denton, Texas.

Her parents are Floyd and Robin Looney. In the fall, she plans to attend Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

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Alyssa has shown Red Angus at all the major stock shows in Texas and been very involved with the Texas Junior RA Association. She has held the title of Texas Red Angus Queen for two years. She has attended two Texas Red Angus Field Days/State Shows and three JRA RoundUps, where she has competed and placed in various events. She also attended the 2008 National open and junior shows.

Alyssa is also active in FFA. She has been chapter sentinel, vice president for two years, president, and a district vice president for two years. She is also a member of the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

Her High School career was also filled with activities including National Honor Society, cheerleading, National German Honor Society and Math Club.

Alyssa's future plans include majoring in agribusiness, which she chose after joining the Farm Business

Management CDE team for FFA, where she learned to combine her interests in math and agriculture. After graduation, she would like a job in the finance or public relations department of a company such as John Deere or Cargill.



### **Alyzabeth Looney**

*\$500 Red Angus  
Association of America  
Scholarship*

Alyzabeth Looney is the daughter of Floyd and Robin Looney, Denton, Texas. She recently graduated from Denton High School and plans to attend Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

Alyzabeth has been showing Red Angus heifers since her freshman year in High School. She is active in the Texas Junior Red Angus Association and has been the senior director for the past two years. She has participated in many contests and won the senior division for sales talk in 2006. She has

attended JRA Round Up for the past three years and will attend this year also.

She has held many offices in FFA including chapter reporter, secretary for two years, and vice president as well as district vice president and president. She has attended numerous conventions including a Washington Leadership Conference. Her High School involvement included Math Club, National German Honor Society, Cheerleading and National Honor Society. She has also danced with the Festival Ballet of North Central Texas for 14 years.

After attaining an undergraduate degree, Alyzabeth would like to go to either veterinary school or graduate school. She would like to have a career in veterinary medicine, research, genetics, reproduction or another aspect of animal science. She also plans on continuing to grow her Red Angus herd in numbers and quality during this time.