



SEIZE YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

By: Cele Ketchum, JRA 1st Vice President

Professional agriculture organizations are very beneficial to the youth of today. There are several organizations such as the National Junior Red Angus Association that include today's youth. There are several organizations that are similar to the National Junior Red Angus Association, such as National High School Rodeo Association, National FFA Organization, and American Quarter Horse Association. These organizations can teach several valuable life skills.

Organizations such as the National Junior Red Angus Association help today's youth learn several life skills. Some of these skills include professionalism, teamwork, leadership, and how to be around a different generation of people. Professionalism is important for a person's future. A person will use professionalism to help them get a job in the real world. A person has to be professional in the agricultural business world. Many agriculture business jobs have the same level of professionalism as a non-agriculture related job. Youth can learn how to do an interview and give a sales pitch by being in such organizations. Teamwork helps people deal with people in the job they get and people in everyday life. Leadership is important in any person's life. Everyone is a leader at some point during their life. Many are leaders when they grow up and become parents. Others become leaders through their careers. Today's generation needs to learn how to interact with older generations. The older generation is usually who is in charge of many of the organizations youth are in. Today's youth needs to learn how to give respect to the older generations.

In the organizations in which I have been involved, I have applied all of these skills. With my first Vice-President position on the National Junior Red Angus Board, I am expected to be professional while the board attends events with the adult association. I have to work on a team while I am on the board. My board has to decide on many factors that affect the Red Angus Juniors. We must all agree on each decision. Leadership is a large part of my position on the National Junior Red Angus board. I have to exhibit leadership while we are on our annual Round-Up and other times that we are with other junior members. While I have been on the board I have had several experiences with older generations of people in the adult associations.

Professional agriculture organizations can help youth learn life skills. They can help individuals prepare for the real world and gain confidence. These organizations provide several traveling opportunities. You are able to meet several people from across the nation through these organizations. They can make contacts with several people in these organizations, which can help them find sponsorships for awards and earn a place in the organization.

I believe today's youth should be involved in a professional agriculture organization such as the National Junior Red Angus Association. These young people can learn many skills pertaining to life through these organizations and make lifelong friends.

2012 LOADED 4 LEADERSHIP

Your Opportunity for Involvement and Growth



The National Western Stock Show, Denver, Colorado, is one of the oldest and best established cattle events in the United States. Attendance at "Stock Show" opens up an entire world of cattle and cattle people from which to learn and to enjoy! Including a junior leadership event with the Red Angus activities at Stock Show offers one more opportunity for young cattlepeople to become involved, gain knowledge and practice leadership skills. Consider joining the JRA Board and other attendees at the 2012 Loaded 4 Leadership conference.

LOADED 4 LEADERSHIP JUNIOR RED ANGUS ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Thursday, January 5 and Friday, January 6, 2012
Doubletree Hotel, Denver, Colorado

Open to all youth interested in improving leadership skills and beef industry knowledge

The two day program includes:

-**Keynote speakers:** Dr. Jason Ahola, Colorado State University; members of the CSU Seedstock Merchandising Team; Daren Williams, National Cattlemen's Beef Association; Dr. Tom Woodward, RAAA Board of Directors; Blake Angell, Meyer Natural Angus; representative of Cattlefax

-**Personal marketing**

-**Interactive Team Building exercises**

-**Learning to be a positive voice for the beef industry and agriculture**

-**JRA officer team led activities**

-**Interactive lunch with the RAAA Board of Directors**

-**Round table discussion with former junior leaders**

To fit schedules of juniors who bring cattle to the Junior National, the conference will begin at 9 a.m. Thursday and Friday and will wrap up by 4 p.m. each afternoon. Noon meal and snacks will be provided each day.

For those able to join us, a Thursday evening entertainment activity will be offered.

Contact Dawn Bernhard, dawn@redangus.org, for further information

Registration deadline: December 1, 2011
Costs: \$75 per JRA member
Registration form on next page



Registration Form

Name: _____ JRA Member #: _____

Complete Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Land Phone: _____

E-Mail Address (required!): _____

Your Age: _____ Grade In School: _____

Hometown newspaper contact information: _____

Registration Deadline: December 1, 2011

Send completed form plus \$75 registration fee to:
Charlie Tigart, RAAA, 4201 N. I-35, Denton, TX 76207
charlie@redangus.org

All registration forms received after December 1 will be assessed a \$25 late fee.

It is the responsibility of the juniors attending Loaded 4 Leadership to make and fund their own lodging arrangements. Attendees are welcome to arrange lodging in the Red Angus block at the Doubeltree but it is not required. If room assistance is needed, please contact Dawn Bernhard.

Be sure to check out the Junior Spotlight December 2011 issue of the ARA Magazine

Features will include:

2011 Scholarship recipients

2011 Round-Up

2011 National Red Angus Convention

2011 JRA Intern Placement Program

Article by JRA Board

another installment of "Where Are They Now" featuring a past JRA member

2012 NATIONAL SHOW DEADLINES AND ENTRY INFORMATION

2012 National Red Angus Junior Show Entry Information

-To enter the 2012 National Red Angus Junior Show, go to:
www.nationalwestern.com

-Complete entry forms in the Junior Breeding Heifer Show section of the premium book.

-On entry form - where it asks for class number - record the CLASS NUMBER from the Red Angus Open Show pages in the premium book that

corresponds with your heifer's age.

-Junior entries must also complete the back of the Junior Breeding Heifer Show entry form in regards to chute fees, entry fees, exhibitor passes/badges...

-If you wish to enter the National Red Angus Open Show, you must complete entry forms from the Red Angus section in the OPEN section of the premium book.

ENTRY DEADLINE - NOVEMBER 21, 2011

Entries can be made online or forms downloaded, completed and mailed to the National Western.

For questions, contact Erin Dorsey, National Western Stock Show, Livestock office, 303/308-0360 or edorsey@nationalwestern.com

Additional Junior Show and Exhibitor Information

To be eligible to exhibit cattle at the 2012 National Red Angus Junior Show, an exhibitor (regardless of state or country of origin) must be a member of the JRA as outlined in the JRA Constitution and the RAAA Constitution and By-Laws as stated below:

Section 1: Membership:

An active member shall be an individual younger than 21 years of age who has completed an application for Membership, which has been submitted and processed by the RAAA national office.

Remember, November 10th is the deadline for transfer of ownership to comply with the following ownership rule for Juniors: Any purchased

animal entered in a National Junior Heifer Show must have had a transfer of ownership completed so that its owner on record is identified in the RAAA database as the junior member or a member of the immediate family of the junior member for a period of not less than 60 days prior to the announced date of judging.

November 21, 2011 is the deadline for entries into the Red Angus National Junior, Open and Pen show at the National Western Stock Show in Denver Colorado. Entries must be made directly to the National Western. The premium book and entry forms are now available on the National Western Stock Show's website.

Juniors, please familiarize yourself with all up-to-date rules and regulations to avoid any confusion when entering or competing in the 2012 National Red Angus Junior Show. You can locate specific guidelines in the Breeders Guide at www.RedAngus.org. Contact the National office if you have any questions at 940/387-3502.

TEXAS JUNIOR RED ANGUS ASSOCIATION STATE SHOW

The Texas Junior Red Angus Association (TJRAA) held its state junior show during the State Fair of Texas, October 18, Dallas. A variety of events were offered for junior participation with results listed below. For a complete listing of each contest and the junior show classes, please go to: <http://texasredangus.org/juniors.html>

SHOWMANSHIP CHALLENGE:

Pee Wee Showmanship

Henley Ballinger
Brody Mathiews
Kenedy DeVoe
Gracie Clark
Zach Griffeth
Truitt Tolar

Junior Showmanship:

1-Tyler Griffeth
2-Landon Boland
3-Rachel Schrank

Intermediate Showmanship:

1-Wesley Walker
2-Chessie Garrett
3-Megan Howe-Jefferies

Senior Showmanship:

1-Thomas Glascock
2-Colton Curry
3-Audrey Daniel

FUTURITY RESULTS

The Junior Futurity included results from the following contests: Public Speaking, Cattlemen's Quiz, Equipment I.D., Livestock Judging and Sales Talk.

Overall Novice:

1-Caitlyn Lopez
2-Mia Lopez
3-Kenedy DeVoe

Overall Junior:

1-Tyler Griffeth
2-Owen Tolar
3-Landon Boland

Overall Intermediate:

1-Chessie Garrett
2-Wesley Walker
3-Meghan Howe-Jefferies

Overall Senior:

1-Thomas Glascock
2-Alyssa Looney
3-Austin Moorman

Junior Show

Grand Champion Female: TWG TP MS Sterling, Chessie Garrett
Reserve Champion Female: GMM Audie's Pride Y104, Audrey Daniel

Bred/Owned Heifers:

Grand Champion Female: GMM Audie's Pride Y104, Audrey Daniel
Reserve Champion Female: III Fiona's Miss Fifi X4, Abbey Ivey

Bred and Owned Bulls

Grand Champion: Thomas Glascock
Reserve Champion: Wesley Walker

JRA INTERN PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Consider your opportunity to gain valuable experience and to meet new friends and mentors.

The JRA Intern Placement Program is open to all JRA members. Juniors may utilize this JRA program to gain valuable farm/ranch experience during the summer; fall or spring semester. This program is designed to assist junior members in obtaining an internship with Red Angus breeders across the country. Whether you are searching for an internship to fulfill a college requirement or simply want a summer job that helps build new skills, offers new experiences and a chance to work in a different part of the country – apply to the Intern Placement Program.

Many Red Angus breeders have expressed preference to host interns during the fall or spring – to provide the best learning environment with a wider variety of opportunities on an operation. So, even if you are not seeking an internship for college, you may consider taking time in the fall or spring to become involved in an internship.

The application includes a section in which you may list preferences for specific locales in the United States or specific Red Angus operations for which you would like to intern. No guarantee is made of securing choices but effort will be made to match preferences. If first choices are not attained, placement for second, third...choices will be pursued. If no preferences are listed on the application, effort will be made to match the areas of interest of the applicant to an appropriate Red Angus operation for the internship.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

February 1 of the year you wish to work: deadline for **summer employment** application. Placement established by May 1.

March 1 of year you wish to work: deadline for **fall** semester internship application. Placement established by August 1.

May 1 of year **prior** to the spring you want to work: deadline for **spring** semester application. Placement established by October 1.

See more information and the application form for the Intern Placement Program at RedAngus.org.

For more information, contact Dawn Bernhard, dawn@redangus.org.

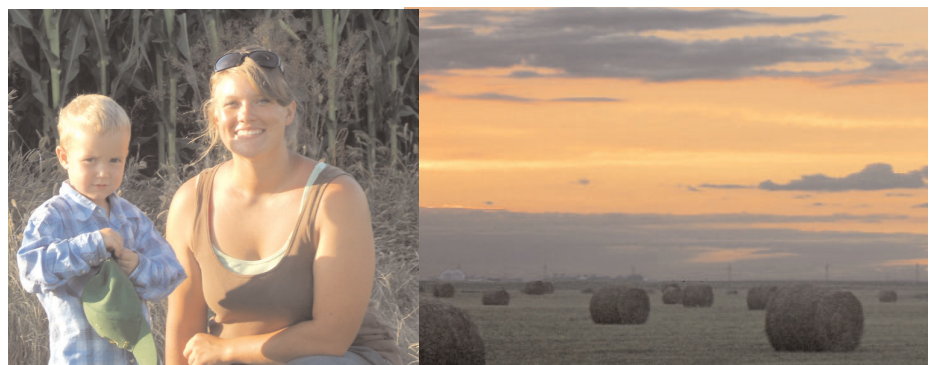
Kalynn Morcom, Arlington, Washington, applied to the Intern Placement Program for the summer of 2011. She was matched with Lazy J Bar Ranch, Stephanie and John Jung and family, Mina, South Dakota. Kalynn combined her summer employment with requirements as an Animal Science student at Washington State University to complete an internship for credit. Read about her experience and consider finding your internship through the JRA!

Over the summer, I interned at Lazy J Bar Ranch with John and Stephanie Jung in Mina, South Dakota. On a typical day, I started out the mornings sharing breakfast and a cup of coffee with John and Stephanie. After breakfast, I'd check pastures, creep feed, and refill the mineral tubs. By midmorning or early afternoon, I built fences, cut alfalfa, or something else that needed attention. Every day was a little different as the summer months moved on and new things arose. On my first day in Mina we sorted cattle on horses and trucked them to grazing pasture. Since I hadn't ridden a horse in over two years, the next morning was interesting when I discovered muscles I hadn't used in quite some time. The next week, John and I traveled 30 miles south each day to breed heifers at Diamond F Cattle Company. In my previous experience of breeding, I only had one or two to breed at home each day. At Peter Franck's operation, John inseminated close to 350 in four days. After loading and reloading all of the a.i. guns, I become very efficient with the process.

In the first two weekends, we traveled more miles in the pick-up delivering bulls than my flight from Seattle to Aberdeen. During the months of June and July, I helped fix and build new electric fences. When the weather turned favorable for making hay, I cut, raked, and baled alfalfa. Before the internship I had never seen a soybean plant or a field of oats and, oh boy, did I see acres of them over the summer! Watching the farming aspect of the operation gave me new knowledge on growing and harvesting crops.

My summer stay wasn't all work. There was still time for socializing and seeing parts of the country. I went with the family to a few rodeos which include Trail Days, Crystal Springs Rodeo, Forbes Fourth of July Rodeo, and one at the Brown County Fair. I went vender shopping with Stephanie at the Brown County Fair and bought a purse. (Every once in a while, a girl has to go shopping!) After the rodeo at Trail Days (Ipswich,SD), Jack Ingram performed which gave me extra "bragging rights" the next time I called home. Stephanie's son, Kale, showed their Boer goats and Red Angus heifers at the Edmonds County Achievement Days. During these times I saw other Red Angus breeders such as Gary and Val Jacobson, Larry and Janet Gill, Jared Namken, Craig Beiber, Bruce and Lynette Durhiem, and many commercial breeders. During my last day in town before jetting back home, I was praying for anything that might delay or cancel my flight like a sudden heavy fog for at least a few days. Unfortunately, that didn't happen, thus, my flight left on schedule and I made it home safely.

With every new experience, comes a new lesson learned. For example, we discovered how to effectively break into a pick up when Alex locks his keys and the spare set in the pick-up. When Jacob, the three-year old, rinses his heifer the proper attire is a rain suit, water proof boots, and maybe an umbrella. Otherwise, good luck staying dry. But in all seriousness, the most important lessons I took from this experience is keep your friends and family close, work hard for what you want and have, and enjoy the little things in life. As I stayed with the Jung's, John and Stephanie are wonderful people who work hard to support their family. I am truly honored and blessed for them to welcome me into their home, treated as one of their own, and provided this memorable opportunity.



State and Regional Junior News!

2011 Oregon State Fair - Junior Red Angus Show

Show Report By: Marie Linnell, Oregon junior advisor
Junior Show - Friday August 26, 2011

Judge: Frank Ward

10 junior members exhibited 22 head.

Supreme Female (over all breeds) - Santiam's Lakota V10, 2/11/09 out of Lorenzen Cherokee 4602, Cody Kluser, John Day, Oregon - photo 1 below

Grand Champion Female: Santiam's Lakota V10, 2/11/09 out of Lorenzen Cherokee 4602, Cody Kluser, John Day, Oregon

Reserve Grand Champion Female: 6R Tidybee 012, 2/15/2010 out of LCB Hoss A444N, Patrick Linnell, Hermiston, Oregon

Champion Cow/ Calf: Santiam's Lakota V10, 2/11/09 out of Lorenzen Cherokee 4602, with 3/7/2011 heifer calf out of HSCC Red Fox 905W at side, Cody Kluser, John Day, Oregon

Reserve Champion Cow/ Calf: JDB Thunders Reba 601S, 1/24/2006 out of JDB Equals Thunder 302N, with 1/4/2011 bull calf out of Red Brylor Squall 230S at side, Patrick and Brady Linnell, Hermiston, Oregon

Champion Heifer: 6R Tidybee 012, 2/15/2010 out of LCB Hoss A444N, Patrick Linnell, Hermiston, Oregon - photo 2 below

Reserve Champion Heifer: HSCC Foxy Lakota 11Y, 3/7/2011 HSCC Red Fox 905W, Cody Kluser, John Day, Oregon

Grand Champion Bull: LRA Squall 103, 1/4/2011 out of Red Brylor Squall 230S, Brady Linnell, Hermiston, Oregon - photo 3 below

Reserve Grand Champion Bull: HDR Apple Core 523, 5/23/2011 out of Lorenzen Big Sky 8621, Logan Smyth, Junction City, Oregon

Champion Senior Showman: Tyler Smyth, Junction City

Reserve Champion Senior Showman: Jeromy Lee, Canby

Champion Junior Showman: Cody Kluser, John Day

Reserve Champion Junior Showman: Brady Linnell, Hermiston



South Dakota Summer Spotlight Show

July 22, 2011, in Huron, SD.

Judge: Harlan Youkum, Supalpa, OK

Grand Champion Heifer: Daniel Weidenbach - photo 1
Reserve Champion Heifer: Jaden Kellog - photo 2
Grand Champion Steer: Colin Weidenbach - photo 3
Reserve Champion Steer: Justine Sanderson - photo 4
Champion Senior Showman: Kalynn Morcom (the intern for John & Steph Jung) - photo 5
Reserve Senior Showman: Daniel Weidenbach

Champion Junior Showman: Randi Grussing - no photo available
Reserve Junior Showman: Colin Weidenbach



More South Dakota Junior Results...

Junior Red Angus enthusiasts in South Dakota had several opportunities to exhibit their cattle this summer and early fall. Jared Namken, a South Dakota junior advisor, submitted the results from the Junior Red Angus Special and the Junior Red Angus Futurity, both held during the South Dakota State Fair.

South Dakota Junior Red Angus Special

Sept 2, 2011 held at the South Dakota Sate Fair.
Tony Heinz from New Salem, ND evaluated the cattle.

Grand Champion Female: Colin Weidenbach
Reserve Champion Female: Carter Carruthers

Grand Champion Steer: Colin Weidenbach
Reserve Champion Steer: Derek Genzlinger

Grand Champion Sr Showman: Alex Jung
Reserve Champion Sr Showman: Emily German

Grand Champion Jr Showman: Colin Weidenbach
Reserve Champion Jr Showman: Erin Moncur

South Dakota Junior Red Angus Futurity

Sept 1, 2011 held at the SD Sate Fair.
Jordan Holt from Aberdeen, SD evaluated the entries.

Grand Champion Female: Jaden Kellog; Namken Namken Lana 60-92X was purchased from Namken Red Angus at the Black Hills Stock Show

Reserve Champion Female: Paislie Carlson; Namken Dutchess 1T-80X was purchased from Namken Red Angus at the Sioux Empire Farm Show

Grand Champion Steer: Nathan Wright This steer was purchased from Homestead Ranch at the Holiday Sale.

Reserve Champion Steer: Justine Sanderson This steer was purchased from Paul Fehrman at the Holiday Sale

NORTH CAROLINA STATE FAIR JUNIOR RED ANGUS SHOW

Submitted by Keiley Banfield, junior advisor, Junior Red Angus Association of the Carolinas.

Grand Champion Red Angus Female:

HBC 1019 Red Lady, exhibited by Tristen Fulton, Lexington, North Carolina

Reserve Grand Champion Red Angus Female:

M Lake 3 Times, exhibited by Carlie Piercy, Clinton, North Carolina.