



JRA CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

During their June meeting, RAAA Board members selected winners in JRA contests winners with May 1 deadlines.

ESSAY CONTEST:

Intermediate Division

1st (\$100 savings bond)

Nathaniel Morgan, Cushing, IA

Senior Division

1st (\$100)-Laura Daniel, LaGrange, GA

2nd (\$75) - Nicole Morgan, Cushing, IA

POWERPOINT CONTEST:

1st (\$50)

Laura Mushrush, Strong City, KS

GRAPHIC DESIGN CONTEST:

Website Design

1st (\$50)

Katelin Smith, Lexington, NC

Business Card Design

1st (\$50)

Jaclyn Ketchum, Plevna, MT

MERIT AWARD PROGRAM:

1st (\$500) - Laura Mushrush, KS

2nd (\$275) - Alyzabeth Looney,
Denton, TX

3rd (\$100) -Alyssa Looney, Denton, TX

JRA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

In 2009, there were six scholarships available to JRA members. There were 23 applicants this year.

ROY MCPHEE MEMORIAL:

Mariah Mendoza, Valley Springs, CA

DEE SONSTEGARD MEMORIAL:

Michelle Roth, Grand Ledge, MI

4 RAAA/JRA Scholarships:

Marianne Mendoza, Valley Springs, CA

Emily Frasier, Limon, CO

Ryan Shuey, Corning, IA

Alyzabeth Looney, Denton, TX

CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT!!

JRA T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

The JRA t-shirt design contest was held as part of Round-Up. Entrants were asked to design a t-shirt that could be used to promote the JRA and Red Angus and is to be used on clothing items.

1st place - Katelin Smith, NC

2nd place - Cassie Kniebel, KS

3rd place - Michelle Roth, MI

4th place - Christina Fehrman, MN

Look for Katelin's design on items available at the Junior National Show.

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**JUNIOR NATIONAL RED ANGUS SHOW
NOVEMBER 16, 2009
LOUISVILLE, KY**

The 2009/2010 National Red Angus Shows will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition.

The shows will be held on Monday, November 16.

Cattle arrive between noon November 12 and noon November 13

Junior Exhibitors night at the NAILE Rodeo - Saturday, November 14

Red Angus Sale - Sunday, November 15

Meal and Barnyard Olympics for Junior Exhibitors - Sunday, November 15

Junior National Show - Monday, November 16 beginning at 11 a.m.

Open National Show follows Junior National Shows

For premium books, entry information and schedule:

www.livestockexpo.org

******Special Note: Juniors must enter the Open Show through the NAILE as stated in the premium book.**

After you have entered with the NAILE,

**TO BE ENTERED IN THE JUNIOR NATIONAL SHOW - ALL JUNIORS
MUST CALL THE RAAA OFFICE BY**

OCTOBER 1, 2009 AND PRE-ENTER! 940/387-3502.

There is no entry fee for the Junior Show but the \$30 entry fee for the NAILE must be paid.

All cattle exhibited in the Junior National Show must be owned by the exhibitor at least 60 days prior to the show date. See the Breeders Guide (online) for complete ownership requirements.

Contact Clint Berry with questions: clint@redangus.org

JRA DATES TO REMEMBER

July 13-16: Red River Valley Fair, Fargo, North Dakota

July 13-16: World Angus Forum, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

July 22-24: Canadian Junior Showdown, Dundas, Prince Edward Island

August 1: JRA Photo Contest entry deadline

September 16-19: National Red Angus Convention, Minnesota

November 6: Red Western Classic Shows, Reno, Nevada

November 11-18: National Red Angus Junior and Open Shows, Louisville, Kentucky

Cattle must arrive between November 12 at noon and November 13 at noon

Red Angus Sale - Sunday, November 15 at 1 p.m.

Red Angus Shows - Junior first - Monday, November 16 at 11 a.m.

JRA INTERN PLACEMENT PROGRAM

New name, updated program!!

The Junior Activities Committee made improvements to the former Summer Jobs Program, available to JRA members In June. Information found on the website is given below.

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 their 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.

Once an operation notifies the Junior Programs Coordinator of acceptance of an applicant for an Intern Placement, the communications to confirm details of the internship are between the intern applicant and the potential employer. Phone and or personal interviews are encouraged; discussions on compensation, housing, transportation, insurance, expectations from each party, date of beginning and ending internship, days off... are between the employer and employee. JRA/RAAA have no role in negotiating actual work experience details.

There are no set guidelines for employers on housing or compensation - each situation is unique. Past JRA interns have lived with families, in bunkhouses and even apartments in town near a ranch. Past interns have been paid hourly, weekly, a flat rate for the time of the internship and on a bonus basis.

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Interns have flown to locations and been provided a vehicle; have driven themselves, or have been taken to a location by family and remained on the ranch or operation for the entire internship. If an intern is expected to travel during employment, financial responsibilities for the travel should be discussed prior to beginning the internship. Also, any specific equipment or clothing requirements should be discussed ahead of time. The JRA/RAAA simply requests that employers treat junior interns fairly and realize that it is a learning experience and that juniors realize they have an internship for learning and personal growth, not necessarily focusing on financial gain.

JRA members who are placed through the Intern Placement Program are expected to submit a written summary of their experience and photos from the internship to the Junior Programs Director within one month of the internship completion date. Summaries and photos will be published in the Red Generation and Have You Herd newsletters and are used in the Year In Review presentation given by the JRA Board at the RAAA National Convention each year.

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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.

Completed Internship Placement Program application, along with three letters of reference, should be sent to: Dawn Bernhard, Junior Programs Coordinator, Red Angus Association of America, 2003 190th St.,

**2009 INTERN PLACEMENT PROGRAM
KATELIN SMITH, LEXINGTON, NC**

Katelin Smith, Lexington, NC, is serving as a summer intern, through the JRA Intern Placement Program, with Solution Genetics, Cushing, Iowa. Katelin began her internship in early May and in addition to daily cattle experience with nutrition and management, she has been involved in estrus synchronization, A.I., E.T., the North American Junior Red Angus Show and Round-Up. She is also learning about advertising, marketing and preparing DVDs of cattle. Katelin will also accompany the Johnson family to Canada for the World Angus Forum, July 13-16.

Katelin is thrilled with her internship and encourages JRA members to take advantage of the opportunity to travel and learn new things!

Photos and a summary of Katelin's summer will be presented in future newsletters and will be highlighted during the RAAA National Convention, Mehnomen, Minnesota, September 16 - 18.

**AMERICAN/CANADIAN
JUNIOR EXCHANGE
PROGRAM**



Alyssa and Alyzabeth Looney will represent the JRA and RAAA when they participate in the 2009 Canadian Angus Junior Showdown in July. The Looney sisters (twins) will travel from their home in Denton, Texas, to Dundas, Prince Edward Island, for Showdown as part of the American/Canadian Junior Exchange Program.

Any JRA member, 16 years of age or older, may apply to represent the Red Angus Associations. Those selected are provided transportation to Showdown and are expected to serve as ambassadors while participating in a variety of contests and the junior show. All who have attended Showdown know of the warm Canadian hospitality and their enthusiasm for youth.



Alyzabeth Looney



Alyssa Looney

BRANDING 'EM RED IN SOUTH DAKOTA - 2009 ROUND-UP

By: Marianne Mendoza, Valley Springs, CA

From the west coast to the east coast and from the gulf coast to Canada, 54 juniors and chaperones traveled to the beautiful state of South Dakota for the 2009 JRA Round Up. On Tuesday, June 23rd, everyone gathered up in Sioux Falls at the Ramada Inn and jumped on a bus headed to scenic Falls Park for lunch and icebreakers conducted by state FFA officer, Wyatt Dejong. From there, we traveled up to Brookings where we were welcomed to the South Dakota State University (SDSU) Animal and Range Sciences department by professors and staff members. We had a tour of the research feedlot, an overview of the cow/calf operation, an anatomy and structure lesson on live heifers, an overview of the Range Sciences program, EPD's Made Simple presentation and carcass evaluation and wholesale beef cuts identification in the Meats Lab. SDSU staff and two former JRA Board members, Alaina Burt Mousel and Jared Namken, served a delicious bar-b-que beef supper, complete with ice cream made by the Dairy department. Following our stop at SDSU, we journeyed to the Double Barrel Lodge on Lake Mina; where we would also be staying Wednesday night. The South Dakota Red Angus Association provided embroidered towels for everyone participating on Round-Up - which was a real plus for staying in the lodge.

Wednesday morning, we departed the lodge to tour JD Red Angus' cattle, traveling between the pastures in an aluminum stock trailer. After seeing JD cows and calves, we headed to Bieber Red Angus in Leola where we were lucky enough to participate in the branding of their calves. It was a hands-on branding experience for everyone interested. Fortunately, no juniors were vaccinated nor freeze branded. We were chased by a thunderstorm back to their ranch headquarters where Craig Bieber led a discussion about genetic defects; we enjoyed a prime rib sandwich lunch and toured through pastures of cow/calf pairs where we saw herd sires, Makin' Hay and Rough Rider. On the way out of Leola, we stopped at a local café for handmade milkshakes. We then headed into North Dakota to visit Bruce and Lynette Durham who showed us their cattle and their concept of being able to ranch on a budget and do it very well, raising multiple Gridmaster winning lots of cattle. After this, we headed back to the lodge for the Equipment ID and Stockman's Quiz contests. Red Angus herd sire, Mojito, was brought to the lodge for display. A unique and scrumptious meal of steak cooked on a pitchfork (pitchfork fondue) was followed by an entertaining evening complete with karaoke and dancing until the late hours of the night.

Thursday morning, we left the lodge for good and headed to Gill Red Angus in Timber Lake where we participated in Barnyard Olympics, took a pasture tour of yearling bulls, and were treated to Indian tacos made by family members, including Larry Gill as head bread chef. Bryan Gill spoke about setting and reaching life goals. Then, we were off to Firesteel to tour Broken Heart Ranch. Lisa and Chad Pederson organized a pasture walk-through of cow/calf pairs, set-up a cattle handling demonstration sorting off pairs and working cows through a chute system and selected four excellent classes for the cattle evaluation (judging) contest. Our evening at Broken Heart wound up with another tasty meal for which four generations of the Pederson family members joined us. A scenic drive through an Indian reservation took us to the capital city of Pierre for the night.

On Friday, we headed early to the Ft. Pierre Stockyards where we took a quick look around on the catwalk and met with one of the sale barn owners for a history of the yards and how the markets work. We then drove past the capital building and governor's mansion before trekking to the Weidenbach Ranch in Highmore. The Wiedenbach family hosted Teams Sales and the new Team Speech contests in their new sale barn. Another excellent meal was topped off with root beer floats. Our last stop of the day was in the town of Alpena where we took a tour of the packaging side of the Jack Links Beef Jerky plant and toured a feed mill. Stan Kopfmann and his crew treated us to the tours and served grilled beef burgers in his large and nicely equipped garage in which we also competed in the annual Quiz Bowl.

Bill and Todd Wilkinson, owners and managers of Redstone Feeders started off our Saturday schedule. Redstone Feeders is a confinement cattle feeding operation with two large buildings, each approximately one quarter of mile in length. We toured through the facility on flat racks and learned of their cattle management, building design and feeding system. Genex/Dakota Beef was our next host, located just outside of Mitchell. Jeff Gorfach and his crew gave us guided tours through the bulls and barns (we saw Mission Statement while there). Next, we watched a bull collection, examined the semen under the microscope and learned about the freezing of semen. We conducted the Weight Guessing Contest with animals at Genex, too. We made a quick stop at the Corn Palace and then we were on our way back to Sioux Falls to have a fun afternoon swimming at the water-park in our hotel. The week ended with our annual JRA business meeting and the Round-Up awards ceremony complete with pizza and a Chinese auction. After a week of competing in contests, the High Junior award, sponsored by Mushrush Red Angus, KS, went to Lanham Brown, TX; High Senior, sponsored by Mont-Vue Farms, TN, was awarded to Michelle Roth, MI, and the Best-All-Around winner, taking home a belt buckle sponsored by Hueftle Cattle Company of Nebraska, was Lanham Brown.

Overall, this year's Round Up was a great success filled with tons of fun, great food, and a whole lot of great cattle!

**The 2010 Round-Up will be held in Oregon, June 22 - 27.
Plan to join us as we "Blaze a Red Trail Through Oregon"!**