
AUDREY CURTIN



May 5, 2026

National Junior Angus Association Voting Delegate

Dear Delegate,

As a fifth-generation Angus breeder and a 12-year member of the National Junior Angus Association, I am ecstatic to be running for a position on the NJAA Board of Directors. The most meaningful piece of my involvement is the NJAA and the connections I have built with other juniors. It is the enthusiasm, dedication, and drive of fellow junior members that continue to fuel my own passion for the Angus breed. I am confident that I have the foundation and skillset to further the tradition of our member-lead organization.

I recently obtained an Agribusiness degree from Butler Community College as a member of the competitive livestock judging team, and will be continuing my degree path at Kansas State University in the fall. I am passionate about agriculture, and the cattle industry, but most importantly am grateful for the opportunities it has awarded me. My commitment and participation in the National Junior Angus Association, Illinois Junior Angus Association and Royalty Team, Illinois Junior Beef Association, FFA, and 4-H, has conditioned my leadership skills for the capacity of this role. My goal to be a green jacket sparked from my first NJAS in Des Moines, Iowa, when I participated in the Angus Mentoring Program. Building a connection with an older member helped assure myself that I could build friendships on such a large scale, and have since become lifelong. Pushing myself to participate in contests and attend seven leadership conferences is what has allowed me to grow in a new capacity. I have become a dependable representative, an effective communicator, supporter of group success, and poised in competitive environments. To add, my natural creativity and problem solving abilities are my strongest assets and as a listening ear to juniors, I will encourage involvement and find ways to promote the long-term commitment and passion that was instilled in me.

Thank you for your engagement in the National Junior Angus Association and for considering my application. Please utilize my contact information for any questions.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure : Resume

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SIGNIFICANT INVOLVEMENT

2014-Present

NATIONAL JUNIOR ANGUS ASSOCIATION

- Illinois Candidate for the NJAA Board of Directors 2026
- Richard L. Spader Leadership Scholarship Recipient 2025
- Voting Delegate 2024, 2025
- 2nd Place Auxiliary Scholarship Finalist 2024
- Intermediate Stockman Award 2023

2014-Present

ILLINOIS JUNIOR ANGUS ASSOCIATION

- Director 2020-2023
- Treasurer 2024-2026
- Royalty (Ebonette, Queen) 2021-2024

2022 - 2025

ILLINOIS JUNIOR BEEF ASSOCIATION

- At Large Director 2022-2024
- Vice President 2024-2025

2024 - 2026

BUTLER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- Livestock Judging Team Member 2024-2026
- Collegiate Farm Bureau 2024-2026
- Ag Ambassadors 2024-2026

EDUCATION

2024 - 2026

BUTLER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- Associate of Science in Agribusiness
- Phi Theta Kappa
- Order of the Purple & Gold Academic Honors
- GPA: 4.0/4.0

2022 - 2024

LINCOLN LAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- Dual Credit Courses for Transfer

2020 - 2024

TAYLORVILLE SR HIGH SCHOOL

- High School Diploma
- GPA: 4.7/4.0 Weighted

SKILL SET

CREATIVE EXPERTISE:

- Branding
- Digital Media Design
- Content Strategy

PROFESSIONAL STRENGTHS:

- Decision-Making
- Leadership
- Critical Thinking

BUSINESS ACUMEN:

- Entrepreneurship
- Customer Relations
- Problem Solving

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Summer 2026

RURAL KING CORPORATE - MERCHANDISING INTERN

- 10-Week Paid internship in Mattoon, Illinois
- Family-owned franchise with customer trust values
- Expected to communicate with suppliers and negotiate prices
- Work alongside the Marketing Department to sell new products

2024 - Present

MOUND JEWELRY CO - FOUNDER & OWNER

- Social media marketing experience
- Established and manage independently
- Build and maintain website and social media platforms
- Analyze engagement data to increase online visibility and sales

January 2025

CATTLEMAN'S CONGRESS - GENERAL INTERN

- Directed exhibitor traffic efficiently during event operations
- Published accurate competition results via social media
- Supported management in maintaining an organized show

1. What personal and professional goals have you set for the future?

Currently, my education, connections and growth are some of my priorities when it comes to goals. I am working toward obtaining my Bachelor's degree in Agribusiness in the next 2 years and to gain insight on career paths along the way. I hope to have the opportunity to serve the Angus juniors as a member of the National Junior Angus Board of Directors. This would allow me to make closer connections with other junior members, and even directors from other breed association boards! I want to be welcoming to new members and work to increase involvement in our leadership conferences, contests, and other Angus programs. Participating in Angus events fueled my passion further and built long lasting friendships and that is something I want to share and open up the opportunity for in younger juniors.

2. Knowing what you know now, what would you have done differently in your NJAA career?

I am glad that I attended LEAD and Raising the Bar early-on in my NJAA career, and that I have taken a chance in multiple NJAS contests. Although, I wish I would have signed up for more contests earlier. My comfort zone in the beginning was participating in online contests like photography, creative writing and graphic design. When I entered the Intermediate age division at NJAS I tried the judging contest, and as a senior I signed up for the team sales contest. Being on the older side of competitions, I feel I would have been more prepared and comfortable if I had branched out and participated sooner. The best way to find your niche and get to be competitive and connected to other juniors is to try as many programs and contests that NJAS has to offer. While I am glad to have made the memories I have from being a good participant, I wish I branched out sooner than I did!

3. How do you demonstrate leadership when no title or recognition is involved?

As the oldest sibling of four children, I took up leadership and responsibility at a young age. Taking care of others and stepping up was always expected, rightfully so. Due to this, I feel I naturally take up leadership without needing recognition or by having a specific position. My 'older sister personality' allows me to be accountable, independent, and a considerate listener in group settings. Of course, I do enjoy being involved and have been recognized and earned titles in organizations such as 4-H, FFA, CEO, Collegiate Farm Bureau and my state's Junior Beef Association and Junior Angus Association. Being the oldest sister is something that I am proud of and conditioned me to do the 'right thing' even without recognition growing into adulthood.

4. If elected to the NJAA Board of Directors, what would you bring to the table?

One of my strengths is my creativity and that is something I can capitalize on if elected to the NJAA Board of Directors. As a business owner with a history of competing in many record book contests throughout my high school FFA career, I have seen various agriculture businesses. I know that some juniors have their own businesses and projects or have their own cattle operations to build on. Inputting an entrepreneurial contest would not only be beneficial for juniors who compete with these projects in FFA and 4-H, but also to network, self-reflect and learn from others to aid their success. Knowing how to present this as a contest option would be a collaborative effort and conversation. Furthermore, we could take our judging contest a step further by giving the option to give oral reasons. With cutbacks on the public speaking contest, this is another route for practice in that area. Like every judging contest, juniors could still choose to answer questions while others can partake in reasons.

5. In your words, what role does the NJAA Board of Directors play in the NJAA?

The NJAA Board of Directors, in my opinion, acts as the connection between juniors and adults. During their involvement, juniors are learning, connecting, and growing their passions. In my mind, the NJAA Board of Directors should be and are mentors for juniors. In the heat of competition they merge the gap between young kids and adults. They are someone kids may feel more comfortable questioning and can aid them through new experiences. I also think, of course, they are the voice of the juniors when it comes to communication with adult leaders and the American Angus Board of Directors. As a whole, to me, they are the glue that helps with communication and comfortability.