

# *American Angus Auxiliary*

## *2006 Annual Report*

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# Auxiliary Notes

by Mary Greiman, president, American Angus Auxiliary

When I was about 10 or 12 years old, I would whine to my mom that time literally dragged on and on. It was forever from one county fair to the next summer's county fair. School was at least 10 hours a day and eight days a week for

weeks on end. There was always way too much time in between the fun events in my life. My mom would always reply, "Just wait until you're old, and time will fly past you like a speeding bullet. County fairs will seem like back-to-back events, and you will wonder where all that time went!"

## It's happened

The last two years have flown by like a speeding bullet, so not only was my mom right about time flying (I hate it when she's right.), but it also means I'm old now. I know this year will go faster than the last two, so I plan to make the most of it and spend as much time as possible meeting and greeting my Angus friends.

The Auxiliary has experienced some really fantastic successes the last couple years. We updated our bylaws, we hosted our second "Excellence, No Exception" conference, we added/upgraded some of our awards, and we were able to add a large sum of money to our scholarship fund through the Lemmon heifer auction. We aren't planning to let up in the next couple of years. We have many great things on the horizon, and we want you to be a part of them.

**Membership drive.** This year we are launching a membership drive. For organizations to thrive and grow, they need to not only maintain a healthy membership, but to constantly be increasing it.

Members are needed not only for their financial contributions, but to do the work of the organization. In our case, our work is to provide opportunities and recognition for our youth and to promote the Angus breed. We are lucky that our work can be so much fun. Nothing is more exciting or rewarding than meeting new people and working with them on a project.

I am challenging all members to go out and bring in at least one new friend to our Auxiliary. (A membership form can be found on page 15 of this insert.) Now, I know you all are extremely friendly and social, so one new person won't be much of a challenge for many of you. In an effort to make this challenge fun, and to be consistent with our organization's mission to reward and recognize, we will be offering really cool prizes to the top two members who bring in the most new annual members and the top two members who bring the most life members. Good luck!

**Scholarships.** Our scholarship contestants will be applying for a total of \$10,000 again this year. The 2007 application and rules are posted to our web site and ready to go. Remember, your state or region's deadline will be sooner than the May 10 deadline for the national contest. Youth must first

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► Officers of the American Angus Auxiliary for 2007 include (from left) Sharee Sankey, Council Grove, Kan., advisor; Mary Greiman, Garner, Iowa, president; Nancy Thelen, Saline, Mich., president-elect; and Michelle Rieff, Bentonville, Ark., secretary-treasurer.





► **Above:** The embryo auction at Sunday evening's Angus Reception raised \$6,200 in support of the Auxiliary Scholarship Fund. Pictured are (from left) Cecil McCurry, Rance Long, Sandra McCurry, Charlie and Paula Boyd, MaryAnn and Dave McMahon, and Auxiliary President Mary Greiman.



► **Above:** Col. Mike Jones asked for bids during Sunday evening's Angus Reception as the American Angus Auxiliary auctioned four embryos to raise funds for its scholarship program.

► **Left:** 2007 Miss American Angus contestants included (from left) Christina Egner, Shelby, Ohio; Lauren Schroeder, Clarence, Iowa; Emily Tennant, Greensboro, N.C.; Kyleigh Santee, Langdon, Kan.; and Haley Rieff, Bentonville, Ark.

compete on the state/regional level before they can advance to the nationals. The scholarship winners will be announced at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Tulsa, Okla., in July.

**Miss American Angus.** Congratulations to our new Miss American Angus, Emily Tennant. It was a really difficult contest; we had five exceptional candidates. I'm glad I was not a judge. When you get a chance, introduce yourself to Emily and get to know her. She's going to do a great job promoting Angus. She has a tough act to follow, but I know she can handle it.

**Regional directors.** The Auxiliary will also be revisiting the regional director's suggestion introduced at the Annual Meeting in 2005. A motion was passed at our Board Meeting in Louisville to investigate this idea more thoroughly. A committee has been formed to further research this idea and present us with its recommendations at our meeting at the NJAS in Tulsa. If you have an idea or comment, please contact committee chairperson Nancy Sullivan. This is an extremely important venture, and we want to be sure it is what will serve our organization best.

Be sure to check out our Angus Sale Barn on the Auxiliary web site for great gifts. Cathy Miller has a wide and varied assortment of items that are sure to please everyone.

#### Thank you

As always, "thank you" doesn't seem like nearly enough to let our embryo package donors and buyers know how much we

appreciate their support of the Auxiliary's scholarship program. There are so many wonderful people in our Angus world, and it was evident this past fall at the Angus Reception in Louisville, Ky. An enormous thank you goes out to our embryo package donors Boyd Beef Cattle and Schaff Angus Valley. These two great Angus programs generously donated two embryo packages from each of these outstanding females: SAV Rosetta 3350 and Boyd Everelda Entense 409. What a fantastic pair (both the ranches and the cows).

The other fantastic pair we want to thank are the buyers of these packages. This was such a successful event because of the generosity of McCurry Bros. Angus, Sedgwick, Kan.; and Belle Point Ranch, Lavaca, Ark. Both of these ranches have been great, longtime supporters of the Auxiliary and our many programs.

The Auxiliary would also like to thank Mike Jones, Rance Long and Phil Trowbridge for all their help with the auction during the reception. They did a great job as usual. Our finance chair, Linda Brost, gets my personal thanks for yet another incredible fundraiser for our scholarship program.

Thanks to all who support this event.

#### In closing

I want to thank all those who have supported the Auxiliary, our committee chairs for their continued dedication and hard work; and I look forward to meeting new friends throughout the rest of the year.





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# Auxiliary Annual Meeting

Minutes of the 2006 American Angus Auxiliary general membership meeting.

by **Nancy Thelen**, secretary-treasurer, American Angus Auxiliary

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 2006, President Sharee Sankey, Council Grove, Kan., called the Annual Meeting of the American Angus Auxiliary to order at 3:15 p.m. at the Executive West Hotel in Louisville, Ky. Copies of the agenda, secretary's report, treasurer's report, state contact information, committee reports and an Auxiliary survey were available. There were 28 members and five guests present, and everyone introduced themselves. Sankey thanked guest Diane Johnson from Fort Worth, Texas, for donating her time to work with the queen candidates.

## Secretary's report

Secretary Nancy Thelen, Saline, Mich., gave an overview of the midyear meeting minutes, which were distributed at the Annual Meeting and were also printed in the October 2006 issue of the *Angus Journal*. Jane Ebert, Sparta, N.C., moved to approve the minutes as printed. Anne Lampe, Scott City, Kan., seconded the motion, and it carried.

## Treasurer's report

Thelen explained the financial statement, Auxiliary account balances and scholarship fund detail handouts, which were distributed and will also be printed in the *Angus Journal*. Donna McCauley, Burlington, N.C., moved to accept the treasurer's report. Pam Patterson, Columbus, Mont., seconded the motion, and it carried. Executive treasurer Elaine Williams, Lavaca, Ark., was thanked for taking on this position.

## Angus Sale Barn/Holiday Room

Cathy Miller, Luckey, Ohio, was busy working in the Holiday

Room and was not able to attend the meeting. A sign-up sheet for working in the room was available. Miller and her committee have done a wonderful job with the Angus Sale Barn and have added several new items.

William Leatherman from Lexington, N.C., made a presentation on the possibility of selling a Leatherman tool with an Angus bull head and the word "ANGUS" laser-inscribed. Auxiliary cost would be \$29 for any number ordered, and the tool would retail for \$49. The tool comes in either a leather or nylon pouch and has a 25-year warranty. The tool includes scissors, screwdriver, knife, file, pliers, etc. In the future, other tools or smaller tools could be added.

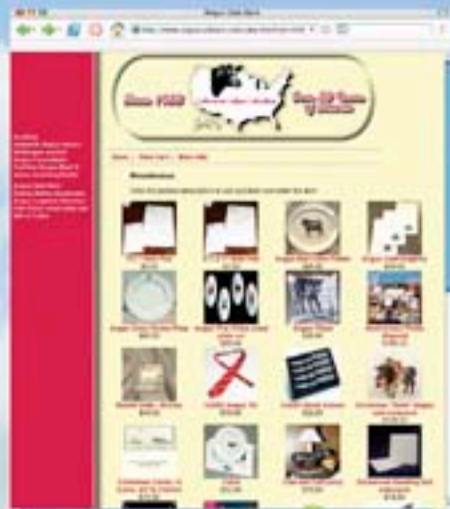
Sandra Wallace, Kansas, Ohio, moved to have Leatherman work with Miller to proceed with this project as soon as possible. Nancy Sullivan, Park City, Utah, seconded the motion, and it carried. It was also shared that this tool is a great gift idea for seedstock producers to give to their customers.

## Committee and state reports

**Historian.** In the absence of Lois Foster, Niles, Mich., Thelen thanked everyone who had sent information to Foster and asked them to continue to do so. The 2006 scrapbook was on display in the Holiday Room.

**Beef Education.** Anne Patton Schubert, Taylorsville, Ky., invited everyone to help at the 24th Auxiliary-sponsored All-American Certified Angus Beef® Cook-Off in Oklahoma in July 2007.

Schubert reported that the 2006 Cook-Off was very successful. As a result of the 2005 Annual Meeting, the Auxiliary received almost \$1,500 from the Indiana Angus Auxiliary for



► The Holiday Room and Auxiliary web site give Angus enthusiasts numerous chances to buy Angus paraphernalia.



the Cook-Off T-shirts. She also thanked Mary and Lucile Patton, Patton Farms, Earl Park, Ind.; the Indiana Beef Council; and the Kentucky Angus Association for their awards sponsorship.

The committee is always looking for donors and volunteers. For more information contact Schubert or Lampe, committee co-chairs.

**Crystal Award.** Cathy Watkins, Middletown, Ind., was participating in American Angus Association meetings, but had submitted her written report. In Watkins' absence, Lampe

announced that in recognition of her sons receiving the award several times in the past, the Lampe family would sponsor the boy's Crystal Award for four years. There is currently a balance of approximately \$2,000 in that account.

**Program and Hospitality.** Sandra McCurry, Mount Hope, Kan., announced that 200 persons were expected for the Auxiliary Breakfast Sunday morning at 8 a.m. The committee is working with Milford Jenkins and the Angus Foundation on utilizing the same decorations for all the Angus activities. McCurry also encouraged everyone to stop by the Silent Auction outside the Holiday Room.

**Finance.** Linda Brost, Harrodsburg, Ky., shared the Auxiliary's appreciation to Harvey and Nina Lemmon, Woodbury, Ga., for their generous donation of the heifer that was auctioned off during the 2005 Angus Reception, to all the donors, and to Curtis Long of Briarwood Farms, Butler, Mo., the purchaser. The sale of the heifer increased the Auxiliary scholarship fund by \$51,530.

Brost shared fliers on this year's offering of four outstanding embryos donated by Boyd Beef Cattle, Mays Lick, Ky., and Schaff Angus Valley, Saint Anthony, N.D. Many thanks to these breeders for their outstanding support of the scholarship program. The embryos were to be auctioned at the Sunday evening Angus Reception. Sankey thanked Brost and McCurry for their outstanding work.

**Ratney Sculpture.** Yvonne Hinman, Malta, Mont., highlighted several items on her written report. The Auxiliary has recently received \$6,500 as its 50% share of the sale of a Harvey Ratney sculpture, "The Babysitter," which was sold at the fall Foundation gala in California. Ratney and his wife, Pam Harr, provide the Auxiliary a commission on all sales and have been most generous with their donations and support.

Sankey thanked Hinman for all of her work with the sculptures. Sullivan suggested that a thank-you note be sent to the Ratneys, along with an honorary membership. Leatherman tool or a steak package from Rocke's Meating Haus (RMH) of Morton, Ill., as an appreciation gift.

**Membership.** Patterson reported that the Auxiliary currently has 1,263 life members, 94 annual members, 126 charter members, and 52 honorary members, for a total of 1,535 members. It was noted that only one lifetime membership has been received in the last two years since the fee was increased. Conducting a membership drive and/or adjusting the lifetime fee were discussed. Patterson suggested a membership form be put in the *Angus Journal* once a year and that the Auxiliary could send a letter to each state to remind them about dues. She also invited those present to look over the membership list and let her know of any changes. It was clarified that the honorary members do not have voting privileges.

Sankey thanked Patterson and her family for putting the membership list together.

**Scholarship.** Mary Greiman, Garner, Iowa, reported that there were 27 outstanding applicants this year. The 2006 Auxiliary Scholarship winners were:

#### Girls:

1st	Kyleigh Santee, Langdon, Kan.	\$1,200
2nd	Emily Tennant, Greensboro, N.C.	\$1,050
3rd	Haley Rieff, Bentonville, Ark.	\$1,000
4th	Christina Egner, Shelby, Ohio	\$900
5th	Lauren Schroeder, Clarence, Iowa	\$850

**Table 1: American Angus Auxiliary 2006 receipts and disbursements\***

Income:	2006 Actual
Annual Meeting	\$ 4,815
Awards	1,021
Beef Education	2,200
Grote Nuts Income	49
Live Auction, Lemmon Heifer Scholarship Fund	22,480
Membership Dues	1,195
Miss American Angus Expense	375
Miss American Angus Travel	5,000
Ways and Means	57,916
Angus Sale Barn	\$46,827
Angus Legends	4,419
Ratney	3,080
RMH	515
Silent Auction	3,075
Total Income	\$95,051

#### Expenses:

Annual Meeting	\$ 5,307
Awards	871
Beef Education	1,944
Dues	10
Live Auction, Lemmon Heifer Scholarship Fund	22,480
Miscellaneous	523
Miss American Angus Expense	2,213
Miss American Angus Travel	5,117
Officer Expense	6,000
Phone	762
Postage	228
Printing	89
Professional Fees	500
Ways and Means	39,882
Angus Sale Barn	\$35,621
Angus Legends	3,452
Ratney	809
Web site	631
Total Expenses	\$86,557

\*2006 receipts and disbursements are for the fiscal year Nov. 1, 2005, through Oct. 31, 2006.



#### Boys:

1st	Waco Phipps, Kearney, Neb.	\$1,200
2nd	Jordan Hunter, Fair Grove, Mo.	\$1,050
3rd	Billy Ray Lewis, Walstonburg, N.C.	\$1,000
4th	Kenny Hopper, Leonardville, Kan.	\$900
5th	William Mayfield, Pulaski, Tenn.	\$850

The five girl scholarship winners were all participating in the Miss American Angus contest.

The scholarship workshop held at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) was reported to be excellent, and states were encouraged to have workshops. The 2007 applications are on the Auxiliary web site, and a press release has been sent to each state contact person. The national deadline is May 10.

The Auxiliary is encouraging juniors to apply for their Bronze and Silver awards within the National Junior Recognition Program and to use the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) record book. It was suggested that state contact persons be members of the American Angus Auxiliary. The same scholarship amounts will be awarded in 2007.

**Miss American Angus.** Mary McCurry and Emily McCurry, both of Burrton, Kan., were working with the candidates and asked those present to invite everyone to listen to their speeches on Sunday. Thanks to all of the sponsors for their support.

Sankey will e-mail copies of the written committee reports to anyone who did not receive the packet. Sankey thanked all committee chairs and members for their outstanding leadership and work to make the Auxiliary successful.

#### Old business

**RMH.** Ebert reminded everyone to order beef packages throughout the year. Ten percent of each order is returned to the Auxiliary; just mention the Auxiliary when you place your order. This year \$515 was raised through this program.

**State contact information.** Copies of the available state contact information were distributed and extra forms were available for states who did not submit a form. Please submit state information forms to Sankey.

**Survey.** Thelen invited everyone present to complete a survey to help provide ideas and suggestions to the Auxiliary to continuously improve. The same survey was completed at the midyear meeting, and the input has been very helpful.

**Thank you.** Julie Thelen, Saline, Mich., sent a thank-you note to the Auxiliary in appreciation of receiving the Richard L. Spader Award as the senior division winner in extemporaneous public speaking at the 2006 NJAS.

#### New business

**2007 proposed budget.** Brost presented the 2007 proposed budget. An additional \$4,000 in support from the American Angus Association was incorporated into the budget. Brost reported that this budget was approved at the Executive Committee meeting.

**Task Force Committee.** Sankey announced that at the Executive Committee meeting a task force had been formed at the request of the committee to discuss the idea of regional representation. The task force will report on its progress at the spring meeting of the Executive Committee.

#### Nominating Committee report

Shirley Williams, Van Buren, Ark., reported that Ginger Olson, Hereford, Texas; Betsy Ebert-Michael, Stanton, Va.; Judy

**Table 2: American Angus Auxiliary account balances\***

#### General Checking Account, M&I Bank, Saint Joseph

Beginning balance	\$5,317.20
Ending balance	\$2,901.31

#### Money Market Account, M&I Bank, Saint Joseph

Beginning balance	\$7,361.86
Ending balance	\$7,414.39

#### Auxiliary Education Venture Fund, M&I Trust Co., Saint Joseph

Beginning balance	\$26,538.02
Market value	\$28,780.38

#### Pat Grote Memorial Fund, M&I Trust Co., Saint Joseph

Beginning balance	\$11,272.91
Ending balance	\$10,783.14

#### Angus Foundation, American Angus Association

Beginning balance <sup>b</sup>	\$199,022.40
Ending balance	\$260,221.82

#### Angus Legends, Wachovia Bank, North Carolina

Ending balance	\$698.84
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#### Angus Sale Barn, Sky Bank, Ohio

Ending balance	\$3,278.19
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#### Total Value of Above Accounts \$314,078.07

\*Unless otherwise noted, beginning balances were as of Nov. 1, 2005, and ending balances were as of Sept. 30, 2006.

<sup>b</sup>Beginning balance as of Sept. 30, 2005.

**Table 3: Angus Foundation/Angus Auxiliary Scholarship Fund<sup>a</sup>**

	Amount	Percentage
<b>Fixed Income Securities:</b>		
Certificates of Deposit	\$32,011.93	12.33%
Government & Agencies	37,256.38	14.35%
M&I Fixed Income Allocation Model	29,130.08	11.22%
Dodge & Cox Income Fund	3,972.28	1.53%
Total Fixed Income	102,370.67	39.43%
<b>Equities:</b>		
Chase Growth Funds	51,587.75	19.87%
M&I Equity Income Allocation Model	46,888.52	18.06%
T Rowe Price Equity Income Fund	58,779.40	22.64%
Total Equities	157,255.67	60.57%
<b>Total Investment Portfolio</b>	<b>\$259,626.34</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Return on Investment</b>	<b>7.10%</b>	

<sup>a</sup>Detail of investment portfolio as of Sept. 30, 2006.



Rowland, Gamaliel, Ky., and Sandra McCurry served on the

Nominating Committee with her. There were three excellent applications

for secretary-treasurer submitted and reviewed, and the committee selected Michelle Rieff from Bentonville, Ark., to be nominated for secretary-treasurer.

Michelle has been active in the

Arkansas Angus Auxiliary, is a past Arkansas

Junior Angus Association advisor and has coordinated its preview show for several years. Michelle has also been active in several state cattle organizations and has coordinated beef leadership conferences. She is a volunteer for several local youth organizations, is an eighth grade counselor, and is active in several professional organizations. Michelle and her husband, Kevin, own a small herd of cattle and market Angus show heifers and club calves. Their daughter, Haley, is an Auxiliary scholarship recipient.

The committee's recommendation for the 2007 slate of nominees is:

President	Mary Greiman
President-elect	Nancy Thelen
Officer advisor	Sharee Sankey
Secretary-treasurer	Michelle Rieff

Wallace moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Hinman seconded the motion, and it carried.

Sankey appointed Cheramie Viator, Franklin, Texas, and Schubert to serve on the 2007 Nominating Committee. Both members agreed to serve. Nominated to serve with them on the committee were Wallace and Annie Ruyle, Roodhouse, Ill. Sandra McCurry moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. McCauley seconded the motion, and it carried.

### Passing of the pin and gavel

Sankey passed the pin and gavel to Greiman. The newly elected president thanked Sankey for her leadership. Greiman shared that she is looking forward to the next two years and the great things that can be accomplished by the Auxiliary. Please contact her if you have questions or suggestions.

### Announcements

Raffle tickets for three free nights at the Executive West were offered to those in attendance. The winning ticket was to be drawn at the Angus Reception on Sunday evening.

Greiman introduced James Fisher from the Association. Fisher is the Association liaison to the Auxiliary, and the Auxiliary greatly appreciates his assistance. Micky Wilson from the *Angus Journal* was also recognized. Wilson has been great to work with.

Wallace moved to adjourn, with Melanie Kiani, Morton, Miss., seconding. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.



**Table 4: American Angus Auxiliary 2007 proposed budget\***

<b>Income:</b>	
Meetings	\$5,300
Beef Education	2,500
Membership Dues	1,000
Awards	900
Miss American Angus Travel	5,500
Miss American Angus Expense	3,000
Angus Sale Barn	40,000
Angus Legends	1,000
Live Auction	4,000
Miscellaneous	500
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$63,700</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Meetings	\$5,300
Beef Education	2,500
Awards	900
Miss American Angus Travel	5,500
Miss American Angus Expenses	3,000
Angus Sale Barn	30,000
Angus Legends profit (to scholarship)	1,000
Live Auction (to scholarship)	4,000
Officers' Expenses	6,000
Phone	1,000
Postage	300
Printing	450
Professional	500
Dues	50
Miscellaneous	500
Web Site	700
Money Market Transfer	2,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$63,700</b>

\*The 2007 proposed budget is for the fiscal year Oct. 1, 2006, through Sept. 30, 2007.



# Miss American Angus

Five leading ladies compete for the 2007 title;  
Emily Tennant claims crown.

Each year, five young women compete for the title of Miss American Angus, vying for the honor to serve as an ambassador for the Angus breed and a role model for junior members. Competing for the 2007 title were Kyleigh Santee, Langdon, Kan.; Emily Tennant, Greensboro, N.C.; Haley Rieff, Bentonville, Ark.; Christina Egner, Shelby, Ohio; and Lauren Schroeder, Clarence, Iowa.

"Life lessons" was the theme of the public speaking contest conducted as one part of the selection process Nov. 11-13, 2006, during the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky. Many of the contestants shared with the crowd lessons learned having to choose between showing cattle and participating in other school-related organizations; being put in compromising circumstances, but taking the lead to correct the situation; and identifying positive personal characteristics that make all of life's lessons a little sweeter.

Other elements of the contest included personal interviews, impromptu questions following the prepared speeches and a written test. Jennifer Svoboda, Sargent, Neb.;

Joann Pipkin, Springfield, Mo.; and Glen Grote, Bennington, Okla., served as judges for this year's competition.

The crowning of Miss American Angus traditionally takes place before the selection of the champion bull of the NAILE Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus Show. This year was no exception. Emily Tennant was crowned the 2007 Miss American Angus Nov. 13.

Tennant is the daughter of Stanley and Maggie Tennant of Greensboro. She attends North Carolina State University. In addition to Angus activities, Tennant is involved with music, playing the violin in the Raleigh Civic Chamber Orchestra. She also participated in sports in high school, concentrating on cross-country. The speech she presented during the Miss American Angus competition follows.

The Miss American Angus contest is coordinated by the American Angus

Auxiliary. Mary and Emily McCurry, Burrton, Kan., serve as co-chairwomen of the Auxiliary's Miss American Angus Committee.



## Miss American Angus contest gift sponsors

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**The All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity**

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and **Vintage Angus, Jim Coleman**

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**Atlantic National Angus Show**

Official Miss American Angus pin and  
customized silver business card holder  
**2006 Miss American Angus Mallory Trosper**  
and **Futurama Farms, The Trosper**



# Working Hard for All A's

The following article is the speech presented  
in competition by 2007 Miss American Angus Emily Tennant.

by Emily Tennant

*My home of Greensboro is second nationwide for urban sprawl,  
Ahead of Atlanta, Palm Beach, Fort Worth, but that's not all.  
There are undoubtedly more apartments, condos, or housing of  
similar kind  
Than the number of cattle and sheep and horses combined.  
Since I live in an urban area, people tend to laugh  
When I tell them that I like to work in a barn with a calf.  
Why would I enjoy such dirty and strenuous work?  
They just don't understand that it's come with an incredible  
perk.  
Yes, it takes a while to vaccinate the herd,  
And cleaning the barn is certainly a job I never preferred.  
But far from any cow pasture or grooming chute,  
I have learned a lesson that is hard to refute.  
It doesn't matter what materials or talents we possess,  
Because it is hard work that paves the way for real success.*

**A**ll throughout school, I have been striving for all A's, but I'm not referring to straight A's in classes at school. My unique all A's stand for academics, arts, athletics and Angus. Each of these subjects has made it obvious to me that hard work pays off year after year.

## Academics

When we think of all A's, school automatically comes to mind, and the first A on my life report card is academics. Learning how to work hard on the farm has set me apart in classes because I have a different attitude about work. In the same way that you can't clip half of a heifer or fence in half of a field, I learned not to give half of an effort in school. There really was no use in taking only some of the notes, or doing just some of the homework, or studying for only part of the test.

I can attribute much of my success at Northwest Guilford High School to great teachers who motivated me to work hard, but I was also willing to take and handle advanced course loads each year. The extra effort that I put in during high

school has paid off in college because I was able to come in with credits and courses behind me.

At North Carolina State University (NC State), I've continued to work and study hard. Although I am in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, I haven't declared a major, and that's okay with me for now. My advisors have encouraged me to explore a wide range of interests for my first few semesters, including subjects like American literature or genetics or even music. Nevertheless, each area I study still requires that diligent, hard work.

## Arts

But back to my life report card. The next topic relates to my wide range of interests at NC State. The second A is for arts, specifically violin music. In taking violin lessons since kindergarten, I've used many different practice techniques and played a wide repertoire of songs, but it all requires a unique kind of hard work through persistence and concentration.

Many of the pieces that I have played, from bluegrass to Bach, have a fast and upbeat tempo, and my fingers have to move like a finely tuned machine. I really thought my teacher had lost it when she first told me that the best way to practice was to slowly drill and repeat these sections. I had made up in my mind that if it was supposed to sound fast, I needed to practice it fast. But, she was right. The best practice that I can have with my violin is slow practice, laying a good, firm foundation.

Since I have been at NC State, I've been accepted into the Raleigh Civic Chamber Orchestra, a combination of professionals from the community and a few college students. The weekly rehearsals, in addition to individual practice time, can be grueling and time-consuming, especially during a busy college week. Playing in an orchestra composed mainly of professionals forces me to play my best in every concerto movement of every rehearsal. But the outcome is well worth it, because a blend of strings, woodwinds and some brass instruments can bring any composer's works to life for our audience.

## Athletics

Of the hard-earned A's, the next, and possibly easiest to picture, is athletics. The mental image of a long afternoon at cross-country practice is the epitome of hard work — sweat-



drenched and physically exhausted, but still willing to do a few push-ups or jog a few more laps.

After running for four years in high school, I finally realized that it was up to me to set the bar for my season weeks and months before the first day of practice. I learned that I had to implement my work ethic in the off-season, training to stay in shape. Logging miles on my own all summer long made the difference my senior year, and my coach could even tell that I was a different person who was willing to run an extra mile at the end of practice or lead weekend running groups for my teammates.

Cross-country and track meets have always been a model that shows that hard effort in the off-season and practice really do speed up success.

### Angus

The same kind of labor and time that go into athletics also are involved in the next and final A, Angus. Cattle shows are a perfect display of hard work, for both the exhibitors and their families. I attended my first Eastern Regional when I was 5, and even though I couldn't show, I loved to be around my older brothers as they walked and washed their heifers.

When I was 6 years old, at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Kansas City, Mo., I still didn't have a heifer of my own, but my job was to sweep our aisle. Every year since then, I've gone with increasing responsibility and dedication to regional or national shows. I've continued to experience the hard work involved in the Angus industry outside of the showing, though.

In order to contribute to the success of Angus performance records and EPDs (expected progeny differences), my dad and I submit our herd records to the American Angus Association. We, like most other Angus breeders, understand that our work now in breeding and gathering data on our cows will continue to improve and promote the Angus breed.

The success of the Angus breed, the kind that looks both to the past and to the future, is what I strive to have in my life. Success fosters confidence and poise, while at the same time serving as a motivator for future hurdles. To me, it doesn't matter whether it's a record time in a cross-country race or a solo violin recital, because our individual successes take different forms. Achieving all A's — academics, arts, athletics and Angus — has certainly been a worthwhile experience.

*So, we can see the fruits of our labor in a variety of ways,  
But it just simply seems to come back to all A's.*

*Like my personal four A's or grades on a report card,  
But we can't forget one we all seem to regard.*

*We see the accomplishments even here, today;*

*Of the American Angus Association*

*— what a coincidence, the AAA.*

*No matter how I look at it, I now can see*

*That hard work has bred success for me.*



► **Above:** Gift sponsors are numerous for the Miss American Angus Contest. For a complete list of contest gift sponsors, see page A11.

► **Right:** Judge Joann Pipkin, Springfield, Mo., crowns 2007 Miss American Angus Emily Tennant before the selection of the champion bull at the NAILE.





## *Notes*

### *Family tradition*

Four Angus families have had multiple daughters serve as Miss American Angus. The following lists their names, home state and years they wore the red jacket.

Mary Elizabeth (Smith) McCurry; Tennessee; 1971-1972  
Beverly (Smith) Everett; Tennessee; 1976-1977

Kathy (Votaw) Dubbs; Nebraska; 1973-1974  
Kerri (Votaw) Kliewer; Nebraska; 1977-1978

Moriah (Olson) Pohlman; Texas; 1995-1996  
Joanna Olson; Texas; 2002-2003

Lindsey (Trosper) DeWitte; Missouri; 1996-1997  
Whitney Trosper; Missouri; 1999-2000  
Mallory Trosper; Missouri; 2005-2006

Additionally, there has been one mother-daughter duo serve in the position as Miss American Angus.

Sharon (Harrold) Sommers, Indiana, 1968-1969  
Jill (Sommers) Harker, Indiana, 1993-1994



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