



**The Angus Foundation and American Angus Association along with the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Board of Directors believe in the importance of developing our young people as leaders. One of the avenues for this is through the training and knowledge provided at the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference each year. The Conference develops leadership potential in Angus youth and raises awareness of issues facing the beef industry.**

*Navigating in North Carolina* is the theme for the 2017 LEAD Conference to be held Aug. 3-6, 2017, in Raleigh, NC. The NJAA Board is working very diligently to coordinate an exciting, fun and educational program that you will want to experience. The schedule is similar to conferences in the past; please check the website this spring for more details.

Raleigh provides a great setting for this year's LEAD. The board has planned to take you on a tour that will feature sites of interest in the area plus visits to area farms. The conference is open to NJAA members who turn at least 14 years old in 2017.

Housing for junior members will be 4 per room. This year we **will not** be taking roommate requests. If you request to room alone, additional charges will apply to the registration.

The completed registration forms and signed medical release forms found in this booklet along with a signed and dated NJAA Membership Code of Conduct and flight schedule **must accompany** your check to register for this exciting conference. Spots will be limited, so please register early. The early registration cost will be \$250 for junior member. **After June 15, rates increase to \$275 for junior members. No individuals will be allowed to register after July 15th and no one will be able to cancel with full reimbursement after this date as well. Please register early, as once limit is full we cannot accept any more registrations.**

**Starting in 2017, no parent(s) or state advisor(s) will be allowed to register for the conference. All chaperones will be American Angus Association employees.**

You can register for LEAD and get more information on-line at [www.angus.org/njaa](http://www.angus.org/njaa). Check out our web page for all kinds of information involving NJAA programs and activities.

The NJAA Board invites you to be a part of the NJAA experience at the 2017 LEAD Conference. So mark your calendars, and send in your completed registration today to reserve your spot for another great conference!

Those who will be flying to the conference should make their flight arrangements to arrive at the Raleigh-Durham International Airport before 2:00 p.m., on Thursday, Aug. 3, and schedule your return flight to leave the airport at 2:00 p.m. or after on Sunday, August 6. Transportation from the airport to the hotel will be provided through hotel shuttle. *If your flight schedule requires you to arrive or depart at different times than these listed, please call to confirm pickup prior to purchasing your flight. You will not be able to check-in prior to 3 p.m. Please send your flight schedule with your registration to ensure that you are picked up at the airport on time, as well as your return flight schedule. If you are driving, please indicate so on the registration form.* If flight arrangements require you to arrive early or stay an additional day following the conference, the room charge and tax for the additional day will be the responsibility of the attendee. These room arrangements must still be made through the Events & Education Department.

If you have any questions or need further information, please call the Events and Education Department. We look forward to seeing you in Raleigh!

### **Gary M. Stoller Jump Start Your LEADership Award**

Established with contributions from the Stoller family and friends to the Angus Foundation in-memory of the late Gary M. Stoller in 2012, this \$500 cash award will be given to first or second year attendees to the LEAD Conference to cover registration fees and travel. Preference will be given to applicants from the western states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Selection of the Gary M. Stoller Jump Start Your LEADership Award recipient will be made by the Angus Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee. Interested applicants must submit a one page typed essay that includes the following information: why attending LEAD conference is important to me, what I hope to gain by attending LEAD, and explanation of financial need. To be eligible for this award, all essays must be mailed to the following address, American Angus Association Attn: Angus Foundation 3201 Frederick Ave. St. Joseph, MO 64506. **Essays must be postmarked no later than June 15.**

### **Stan Prox Memorial LEAD Award**

In honor of his dedication to the Angus breed, family of the late Stan Prox, Macomb, Ill., have created the Stan Prox Memorial LEADers Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Award. Contributions from friends and family in his honor will award one NJAA member with funds necessary to defray registration costs to attend the LEAD conference. The recipient will be selected by random drawing from those Illinois youth who registered for the LEAD conference by the early registration deadline. If individual is already receiving funding through the Angus Foundation for this purpose, another name will be drawn.