



Dedication and Responsibility

Hello everyone, I hope the fall show season and school are treating you well. The North American Limousin Junior Association (NALJA) board had our fall meeting September 18 and 19 in Oklahoma City, and started planning to make next year one of the best for NALJA yet.

While at the meeting, I realized just how much it means to be a NALJA member, not to mention a board member. It takes a great deal of hard work and responsibility to accomplish your goals, whether those may be to win junior nationals or become president of NALJA.

I was raised to do the best I could, and work as hard as I could to achieve my goals. While in school I work to get the best grades possible, and in the show barn I am always working toward that champion banner. If it means staying up late at night to study or blow dry a heifer for what seems like forever, I always put forth the effort to succeed.

Being a NALJA board member always seemed cool, and I can remember thinking how neat it would be to become one—not to mention serving with some of my closest friends. One of the most important characteristics of a NALJA member is responsibility. Responsibility is something you get from dedication to whatever you want to accomplish. If that means getting up early to feed or rinse cattle or staying up late to finish school work, you know it must be done and you don't mind doing it.

Dedication and responsibility are traits you will need the rest of your life. If you want to be NALJA President, raise cattle, or just live your life, the responsibility and hard work you learn now will help you accomplish whatever it is you want to succeed at. Your dreams are only reachable if you work for them

and show the responsibility of a leader.

I hope to see each and every one of you at the shows this fall and winter, and wish you the best of luck achieving your goals. **LW**

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