

NALJA 2007-08: For the Movies



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I know what you're thinking... what does showing Limousin cattle have to do with the movies? I promise

I'm not crazy—let me explain!

When I was elected president at this year's Junior Nationals in West Monroe, Louisiana, I probably came as close as I will ever come to knowing what it feels like to win an Academy Award (due in large part to my serious lack of acting ability!) I have dreamed of leading the junior association I grew up in ever since my first Junior Nationals in 1998. When the moment came for the results of the election, I was so excited I could not speak or even think, and now looking back on it, I was so overwhelmed with emotion the whole moment is a blur.

Limousin cattle have been in my family ever since my grandfather, Michael Schmidgall Jr., began raising them more than 30 years ago. I began showing when

I was five years old, and I remember that day like it was yesterday.

Since then, I have been influenced by numerous great Limousin breeders and showmen who pushed me to strive for the point I finally reached at this year's Junior Nationals. My life is living proof that if you work hard enough and want something bad enough, you really can reach your dreams.

I am currently a senior at Oklahoma State University (OSU) double majoring in animal science and agricultural communications. After graduation this coming May, I will pursue my master's degree in animal science at either OSU or Texas A&M University.

Now, I am prepared to make this the best year in NALJA history; one that is definitely worthy of a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

We have lined up some of the best "producers and directors" from across the country in this year's junior board of directors. I can confidently say that no

board I have previously served on has had such great chemistry or cared so much about the future of the breed and the juniors than the one in place now.

The only missing component of our award winning movie is an "all-star cast." This is where you as juniors come in. All the part requires is your participation—so get active in the breed and help others get active, too! However, your most important task is to let us know how we as a board can better serve you. After all, the only way we can change things for the better is if they are first brought to our attention!

Once again, thanks for giving me the opportunity of a lifetime to serve this great association and the wonderful people in it as president. I promise not to let you down!

So now, are you ready to be a big movie star? The only way we can make this year one for the movies is with your help!

Lights, Camera, Action...

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