Out of all of these replies from the juniors there was a single common characteristic of our AGJA national show and of our AGJA membership as a whole that was repeated over and over again: everyone was eager to reconnect with great friends that we only get to see a few times a year, and making new friendships that will last a lifetime. Personally, this has always been my favorite trait of not only Junior Classic but also the AGJA members as a whole. There is such a sense of “family” throughout the entire association that it brings people back year after year to compete, enjoy each other's company, and further develop the Gelbvieh breed.

Scholarships:

Every year, members of the AGJA are encouraged to apply for scholarships to help them further their education. Many of the scholarships available were established in honor of people who saw a large value in our junior programs. This year, there will be up to $5,000 in scholarship money awarded through six scholarships. Applications are available online under the Jr. Classic tab on Gelbvieh.org and must be postmarked by May 25, 2017.

Please submit scholarship applications to:
American Gelbvieh Association
Attn: Mary Bea Martin
350 Interlocken Blvd., Suite #200
Broomfield, Colorado 80021

Winners will be announced during the banquet at the
2017 Big Red Classic in Grand Island, Nebraska.

**NEW CONTEST AT BIG RED CLASSIC:**

This year at Junior Classic, members will be given the opportunity to compete in the inaugural Beef Cook-off contest! Organized by the host state, teams will be provided with ground beef and a challenge to develop an entrée suitable for a family restaurant in Grand Island. Teams may have up to four members, of any age division, and an adult leader to help plan and supervise. In addition to developing a product, teams will also make a marketing plan for their new dish. Teams will be responsible for providing their own cooking utensils and other ingredients, so make room in the trailer and get ready to cook!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**A DATE TO REMEMBER: MAY 25TH**

- Big Red Classic Entries Due
- Ownership Deadline for Big Red Classic
- Scholarship Application Postmark Deadline
- Creative Writing Postmark Deadline
- Video Contest Postmark Deadline
- Graphic Design Postmark Deadline
- Ambassador Notebook Postmark Deadline
- Board of Directors Application Postmark Deadline
- Premier Breeder Application Postmark Deadline

**SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR THE AGJA BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Are you 16 or older as of January 1st and interested in being more involved in the AGJA? Do you have a strong work ethic and a passion for helping develop leaders in the beef industry? Applications are now available for the AGJA Board of Directors and we want you to apply. Voting will occur during the annual meeting Wednesday evening at the Big Red Classic. There will be five two-year terms and one one-year term available this year. If you have any questions about what the AGJA Board of Director responsibilities are, please contact Mary Bea or a current AGJA Board Member.

**REGIONAL SHOWS:**

The AGJA Eastern Regional will be in Batesville, Mississippi, June 2-4, 2017. Entries are due May 1 and forms can be found online under the juniors tab. The AGJA Western Regional will be held in Las Animas, Colorado June 2-4, 2017. Entries are due May 15. A huge thanks to the host states for all their hard work in organizing these shows!
just one member to get to know. In this first member spotlight, we will get to know Brooke Nowack.

Brooke is from Bland, Missouri, and is the daughter of Jared and Caisie Nowack. She is currently serving as the AGJA Intermediate Ambassador. As a freshman at Owensville High School, Brooke serves as the 2020 class president. At school she is active in Student Council, the Owensville FFA chapter, and is a member of the Owensville High School basketball team. Following high school, Brooke would like to study agriculture law and someday become a lawyer. In the future, Brooke plans to continue to show and work on her family’s farm.

Brooke’s role model is her dad. In the words of Brooke, “He is amazing and pushes me to do my best every day.” He has taught her everything she knows about livestock judging, fitting, basketball, the cattle industry, and life in general. One of Brooke’s favorite Gelbvieh memories is playing cards and eating ice cream with some of her fellow Missouri Gelbvieh juniors at the 2016 Missouri State Fair. A fun fact about Brooke: she would like to show cattle in all 50 states.

You may see Brooke at one of the many AGJA shows as she fulfills her duties as AGJA Intermediate Ambassador. Don’t be afraid to stop and get to know more about her. Even more importantly, at the next AGJA event, don’t be shy and get to know one of your fellow AGJA members that you might not know very well. There are so many wonderful members and you wouldn’t want to miss out on getting to know them. Stay tuned for the next member spotlight!

THE SUMMIT:

Registration is open for The Summit, a three-day leadership conference hosted by the Simmental, Shorthorn, and Gelbvieh junior associations. It will be held August 3-6 in Lincoln, Nebraska. In addition to networking with other young breeders from across the United States, participants will also get to tour the US Meat Animal Research Center, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and GeneSeek. At The Summit, you will be engaged in conversation with industry leaders and challenged to think deeper about the way you record and utilize data. This truly is a great way to get involved, learn, and meet new people. The registration deadline is July 1.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

By Tiana Garcia

Each and every member of the American Gelbvieh Junior Association (AGJA) is unique and just as important as the next. There are so many of us, that it is hard to get to know everyone on an individual basis. With a membership full of great youth, it is hard to pick
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 25th
8:00 a.m. Cattle allowed in barns
11:00 a.m. Church Service
Noon Cattle must be in barns
1:00-3:00 p.m. Come and go cattle/contest check-in and steer weigh-in
4:00 p.m. Opening Ceremonies with Mentor/Protégé Orientation to follow
5:00 p.m. Dinner, provided, & presentation from Nebraska Beef Industry Council
6:15 p.m. Barnyard Olympics

Monday, June 26th
8:00 a.m. Breakfast, provided
8:30 a.m. Sales Talk Contest
11:30 a.m. Beef Cook-Off Contest
Noon Lunch, provided
1:00 p.m. Quiz Bowl Preliminary Rounds
3:30-5:30 p.m. “Stock Show University” Hands-on Fitting Clinic
6:00 p.m. Dinner, provided and Quiz Bowl Finals
TBD Ambassador Interviews

Tuesday, June 27th
7:00 a.m. Breakfast, provided
8:00 a.m. Team Fitting Set-up
8:30 a.m. Team Fitting Contest- Senior division followed by Junior/Inter.
Noon Lunch, provided
1:00 p.m. Skill-a-thon Orientation
1:30 p.m. Skill-a-thon: Carcass Portion
2:00 p.m. Intermediate/Senior Skill-a-thon
2:00 p.m. Junior Impromtu
3:00 p.m. Sr./Int. Impromtu
3:00 p.m. Junior Skill-a-thon
6:00 p.m. Dinner, provided and Board Candidate Interviews

Wednesday, June 28th
7:00 a.m. Breakfast, provided
7:30 a.m. Judging Contest Registration
8:00 a.m. Judging Contest
9:00 a.m. Scott Gemar Memorial Golf Outing & Adult Education Tour (no junior members may attend)
12:00 p.m. Lunch, provided
12:45 p.m. Official AGJA Photo—Wear Official Blue Polo
1:30 p.m. AGJA Fun Day
6:00 p.m. Dinner, provided
6:30 p.m. AGJA Annual Meeting and Board Election

Thursday, June 29th
7:00 a.m. Breakfast, provided
8:00 a.m. AGJA National Showmanship Contest (Senior, Int., Jr., PeeWee)
AGJA National Balancer Bred & Owned Bull Show & AGJA National Balancer Female Show
Noon Lunch, provided (grab n’ go)
Dinner On your own- A night on the town in Grand Island

Friday, June 30th
7:00 a.m. Breakfast, provided
8:00 a.m. AGJA National Steer Show AGJA National Gelbvieh Bred & Owned Bull Show & AGJA National Gelbvieh Female Show
Noon Lunch, provided (grab n’ go)
6:00 p.m. Banquet at Riverside Country Club
9:30 p.m. Dance at headquarters hotel sponsored by Grand Island Chamber of Commerce

*Please bring old clothes for other fun events throughout the week!