

“My Goals as an AJSA Trustee”

Being a member of the American Junior Simmental Association Board of Trustees means setting goals to help bring about change. The trustees help to coordinate the affairs of the junior association and lead it in the right direction. If I become a member of this group of young leaders there are several goals I would like to accomplish. Promoting the Simmental breed, serving the association, and helping the next generation of junior Simmental members reap the benefits of the association are just some of the things that I hope to accomplish.

The main goal of any member, senior or junior, of the Simmental association should be promotion of the breed. The cattle industry as a whole relies on promotion of the industry. As a trustee member I hope to be able to promote this great Simmental breed in many positive ways. In Mississippi I have given several presentations on dispelling myths about the beef industry. Being a trustee member would help to broaden my reach beyond the boundaries of Mississippi. I would have the opportunity to teach more people about what it means to raise Simmental cattle and why it is important, hopefully helping to open new eyes to where their food comes from.

The main goal of the trustees is to help serve the Simmental association. As a trustee I hope to help aid the association with whatever I am asked to. In serving the association I hope to be able to have an open line of communication with other junior members as well as senior members. Through this communication I hope to help to effectively solve any problems that may arise. In serving the association I want to be able to help guide the association in the same way so many other trustees have, in a positive direction helping to raise the bar for the following generations.

I think the most rewarding goal I could have as a trustee is to help the next generation of young juniors reap the benefits this great association has to offer. I love to help younger kids. Seeing the joy on their faces after they learn something new or do something fun brings a smile to my face. Helping them gain the knowledge and skills to carry on the traditions of the Simmental business is one of the necessities of the industry. My participation in AJSA has helped me in many ways. I want to see others achieve some of the same successes that I have. These younger kids are the future of the association, so we must help them become great young leaders as well. As a trustee I feel that I will have an even larger platform to help influence these younger children and guide them in the right direction.

The opportunities offered by becoming a member of the American Junior Simmental Association Board of Trustees are hard to be matched. So many ways are available to help shape the association and help to push the rest of the junior association to a higher level. There is no greater feeling than helping others, and that is what this association tries to do. It would be an honor and a privilege to become a part of this group and to try my best to achieve these goals. Hopefully I will have the chance to help promote the Simmental breed, serve the association, and help the next generation of junior Simmental members reap the benefits of the association.



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To whom this may concern,

I would like to take this opportunity to nominate and support Mr. Cameron Crawford, Mississippi for the American Junior Simmental Association's 2015 Board of Trustees. I have known Cameron for several years and have watched him grow up exhibiting his Simmental cattle. Cameron started exhibiting his Simmental cattle in 4-H, and has continued to exhibit them throughout his 4-H career. He has done very well in state, regional and national shows for several years. Cameron has also given of his time to promote the Simmental breed and the beef industry, whether it is through local promotions, assisting other 4-H'ers at livestock shows and judging competitions, or showing their cattle at fairs and shows around the south.

Cameron has also excelled in other areas that I think would make him an excellent choice as a member of the Board of Trustees. He has held numerous positions in the Mississippi Jr. Simmental Association. Furthermore, as a senior, he was selected as the Herdsman of the Year, presented by the Mississippi Simmental Association and placed second in the Heifer Development contest in 2013.

Cameron is currently attending Jones Community College and plans to attend Mississippi State University. After graduation, Cameron plans to be involved in the animal livestock industry in some capacity.

I hope you will give him consideration for the Board of Trustees, as I know he will represent the American Junior Simmental Association well.

Thank you for your time in this matter,

Sincerely,

C. Richard Hay

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Mississippi Simmental/Simbrah Association

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May 27, 2015

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This letter is to serve as my formal recommendation for board member of the AJSA Board of Trustees. I have personally known Mr. Crawford and his family for many years and have observed qualities and characteristics that warrant my recommendation on his behalf.

Cameron possesses many qualities that will bring him remarkable success. He has a passion for the beef cattle industry that is truly unique among young people today. In my role as President of the Mississippi Simmental Association, I have had the opportunity to watch Cameron develop in many ways. He is an extremely bright young man that has competed and excelled in many educational contest offered at the AJSA National and Regional level competitions. Conscientious, hardworking and a true team player are three words in which I like to describe Cameron. Through his involvement with 4-H, FFA, MS Jr. Cattleman's Association and the MS Jr. Simmental/Simbrah Association, where he currently serves as President, Cameron is a true leader.

Your full consideration of Cameron Crawford's application will be greatly appreciated. If I can be of any further assistance to you pertaining to this matter or this outstanding young man, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Mark Smith
President/MSSA