

My Goals as an AJSA Trustee

Garrett Stanfield

The American Junior Simmental Association has played a large role in shaping the person I am today. As the third generation of my family on an Ohio Simmental farm, my passion for the Simmental breed was ignited at an early age. At my first National Classic I was struggling with my show heifers in the ring, but there was someone there to help. That someone was an AJSA trustee. As only a junior participant at my first national show, I looked up to those leaders and knew I wanted to become an AJSA Trustee as soon as I became old enough.

Although there are many goals I would like to achieve as a Trustee, one goal that is most important to me is to strive to be a positive example to all AJSA contestants. As a young Simmental breeder myself, I have a few role models in the cattle industry. Each of these people displays determination, dedication, and passion for the Simmental breed. These are only a few traits I wish to portray to the youth in our industry.

Another one of my goals is to work with the junior board as well as the senior board in an effort to promote the Simmental breed as not only a show breed, but a commercial oriented breed as well. The Simmental industry understands the true value of data and record keeping to the commercial cattleman and portrays this through the use of economically enhanced EPDs. By traveling to industry events and meeting with publication and media outlets as an advocate for our breed, I feel that I can accomplish this goal while serving on the board and could truly help grow and expand the Simmental breed to reach their maximum potential.

My involvement with the American Junior Simmental Association has not only helped me to learn about the cattle industry, but has taught me valuable skills as well. I have learned responsibility and dedication through the production of show cattle, working each summer to achieve a dream. Through AJSA contests such as public speaking and sales talk, I have learned communication skills which have helped me in other leadership positions. These contests have made me an advocate for the beef industry by providing an array of topics to speak about which have expanded my knowledge of the beef industry farther than I could have imagined. Through events such as The Summit Leadership Conference, I have networked with many young Simmental breeders across the United States and have developed friendships that will last a lifetime.

It is a true honor to have a chance to apply for a position as an Eastern Region Trustee on the prestigious AJSA board. I believe that I am an excellent candidate for the position. It would be an honor to represent the board of trustees at any level, and I would do so with pride. Although it will be a challenge, it is one that can offer so many benefits and experiences in the future.

Thank you,

Garrett Stanfield

To Whomsoever It May Concern:

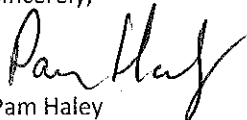
My name is Pam Haley and I am writing this letter on behalf of Garrett Stanfield. Garrett and I met many years ago as he became a member of the junior association. His family has been involved in the Ohio Simmental Association for many years. I have gotten to see Garrett grow as a person as he has moved through the Simmental organization and take on many leadership roles.

Garrett has shown great leadership in the cattle industry through our youth programs in the Simmental breed, he has served in many roles on the junior officer team such as District Representative, Vice-President and President. The ability of this young man to achieve his goals is just amazing to me, he will put his mind to any task that he is given and he will get it done, done right. We as beef producers would love to see more young people take on the roles that Garrett has for us, there are so many things going on for youth these days but he has shown the love for this industry and is willing to stand up for what he believes. He is an easy going young man and all of the younger members of the Ohio Junior Simmental group look up to him and he loves to work with them to help them improve their skills and knowledge.

I believe that our breed needs more young people like Garrett, someone that is focused on helping the other younger member realize their potential. As Garrett has moved through high school he has continued to gain the knowledge and understanding of many different parts of the beef industry and will be an asset to all that he works with in the future. Garrett has become very good at networking and has gained so much from all of the people that he works within this breed and I believe that no matter where he heads in the future he will have the support to succeed.

I would like to leave you with this conclusion, Garrett Stanfield is an asset to the cattle industry and agriculture as a whole and he brings to the table, knowledge about the industry, leadership to go out and get things done, plus the entrepreneurial spirit to make things happen. Giving Garrett this opportunity will allow you to assist a young person that works hard every day to make sure that what he loves will be there long into the future and for many generations to come. I wish that we had more young people today that were willing to do all that she does to help other people out and make sure they also have the ability to achieve their goals.

Sincerely,



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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Andrew Sorrell, the FFA advisor for Garrett Stanfield, and it is my pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for him to be considered for the Eastern Region Junior Simmental Association Trustee. In working with Garrett and his family to develop his FFA agricultural program, I have found that the family has been involved in the Simmental industry for 40 years and Garrett has been very active as a junior member since he became old enough to participate in 2008. He is currently developing a select herd of registered cattle of his own that are functional and competitive while using AI and embryo transfer to maximize genetic potential.

Garrett has been involved in 4-H and has served as President of his local 4-H club for the past three years, a district trustee for the Ohio Simmental Association, State President for Ohio Junior Simmental Association, Parliamentarian, Secretary and just elected as the President of the Mason County FFA Chapter, in addition Garrett was selected as Vice President of the Licking River Region for the Kentucky FFA Association. While participating in the FFA, Garrett's leadership roles have excelled especially in public speaking where he has advanced to the State the last three years in a row. Regardless of the activity, I can count on Garrett taking an active part in making sure that he and the chapter is represented. There are many times that Garrett has served as our ambassador for the FFA and also has taken that same role to represent the high school for various other activities.

It is my opinion that your Simmental breed would be well represented in having Garrett as a trustee. He is well focused on what he wants to do in life and that certainly involves cattle and becoming a leader in the industry. Garrett has made many contacts within your youth organization and the networking is a valuable asset. The maturity he shows is evident in the values and responsibilities I witness daily.

If the AJSA wants a responsible trustee, one that lives, breaths, values all the organization has to offer, has high moral character, a born leader, capable speaker, a team player and the capabilities to lead the organization, then I recommend Garrett Stanfield be selected as Eastern Region Trustee.

Sincerely,



Andrew Sorrell



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