Memorable Moments as Queen

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Wow, it's only been a couple of months since I was crowned Queen of the Junior Red Angus Association, and I already have so many wonderful memories to look back on and smile about. As I started my new journey in this role, one of my favorite memories was getting to know all the princess candidates during the Red Angus Youth Expo in Madison, Wisconsin. They were all so nice, and we formed friendships right away. I enjoyed doing multiple activities with them and getting to know each girl's unique personality.

Everyone's personalities really came out when a random baseball game started up in the cattle barns. Kids kept joining in on the fun as we ran the bases on the concrete floor. A major highlight of the game was that I hit a home run! It made the game even more exciting because I never played softball or baseball growing up. I will forever cherish the memories made that night.

Another thing I enjoyed was being a part of the Little Buck-A-Roos. I love little kids and enjoy spending time with them. It was fun helping the young members with activities, talking with them, and making them smile. Making crafts was my favorite part. We made lions, bracelets, and even chains to put on their bags. It was a joy to watch them put their creativity to work.

My final favorite memory was riding as JRA Queen in my county fair parade. I got to toss out candy to parade attendees and see lots of smiling faces. A moment that still sticks with me is when a little girl excitedly said, "Mom, she's a queen! She's a queen! I want to be like her someday." It made my day, and I am so glad that I can be someone young girls look up to. I have made so many great memories this year and am excited to continue making a lasting impact as I serve the Junior Red Angus Association.