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Top five most significant judging experiences:

- Judging the National Holstein and Jersey Show in Guatemala
- Judging the National Holstein Show at TodoLactea Expo in Cordoba, Argentina
- Judging the Open Milking Shorthorn and Guernsey Show at the Minnesota State Fair
- Judging the Wisconsin State Fair Futurity
- Judging the Delco Classic Junior Show in Iowa

Leah James is a native of the state of Minnesota and finished her bachelor's degree at the University of Wisconsin - River Falls. Leah enjoys judging local, regional, and national shows with highlights including judging across multiple state fairs, many county and regional shows as well as internationally in Guatemala as well as Argentina.

Leah's career portfolio includes serving as a type evaluator and area representative for many years with the American Jersey Association before joining the AI industry. Currently, Leah is the US Dairy & Beef Marketing Manager at GENEX. Leah is a YDLI alumni and a superintendent for the youth and collegiate judging contest at World Dairy Expo. She is on the Wisconsin State Jersey Board and is also on the board for multiple local shows in SW Wisconsin.

Leah, her husband Jason and their four children are also active owners of their herd - Pine-Valley Farm in SW Wisconsin. The focus of their herd includes breeding and developing elite animals across three breeds, Holstein, Jersey and Milking Shorthorn. Leah and Jason have developed All-American's including the Senior and Reserve Grand Champion of the 2022 International Milking Shorthorn Show. The couple has also put multiple bulls into stud including a former number one GJPI sire for the Jersey breed. Leah and Jason were recognized as the American Jersey Cattle Association Young Breeders, Outstanding Wisconsin State Jersey Breeders and also have received the sportsmanship award - Kitchell Sayre Award - at the International Milking Shorthorn Show.