Lensey Watson was recently chosen as a national ambassador for the American Junior Southdown Association. The AJSA ambassador program was started in 2007 to provide a way for juniors to become actively involved in promoting the Southdown sheep breed on a local, state, regional and national level.

The duties of an ambassador include representing the Southdown breed at local and state shows as well as the National Junior Show, the All American Junior Show and the North American International Livestock Exposition. The ambassadors actively participate in the Southdown breed association in the following ways: provide visual displays at shows, actively participate in state, regional, and national youth events, writing articles for live-stock publications, submitting photos and networking with other Southdown junior members.

Watson spent the summer traveling to several Southdown events, including the Western Regional Southdown Shows at the San Diego County Fair in Del Mar, Calif.; and the All American Junior Sheep Show and the North East Regional Southdown Show in West Springfield, Mass. At these events she had leadership responsibilities including promoting the display booth, scavenger hunt and ice cream social.

She recently returned from leadership training held at the University of Tennessee where she was elected vice president of the Junior Southdown Association Ambassadors. “I feel that this is an honor to get to serve this group at this level as I have only been a member of the Southdown Association for two years,” she stated.

Watson is currently planning clinics that will be presented during the Arkansas-Oklahoma State Fair and the Arkansas State Fair to promote the Southdown breed. She will also be assisting with the Skill-A-Thon, Stars over Louisville Southdown Sale, the National Junior Southdown Show and the evening social for all Southdown exhibitors during NAILE.

Watson is a senior animal science major with a pre-veterinary medicine concentration. After graduation, she hopes to attend veterinary school and become an equine surgeon.