



Oregon FFA,

What does transformation mean to you?

Growing up next to a creek, summer meant that I could have all the fun in the world. Jumping off rope swings, diving off rocks and swimming for hours were just a few of the activities I absolutely loved. However, there was one thing I enjoyed doing more than anything else; catching tadpoles. I splashed around for hours trying to catch the elusive swimmers that would eventually become iconic bullfrogs. Those tadpoles live and breathe water until they undergo the often uncomfortable transformation of growing lungs and taking their first leap of faith on land. As summer turned into fall and months turned into years, I underwent a similar and equally uncomfortable transformation as I took a leap of faith and entered my first agriculture class.



Believe it or not, I wasn't always the passionate and involved leader that you see today. I entered Eagle Point's agriculture classroom as a hesitant, shy, curly haired freshman. My ag teacher even called me 'Fluffy' because he couldn't remember my name. I attended very few meetings and I was scared to get involved because I didn't think I was good enough to wear the iconic blue jacket. When spring rolled around I wanted to compete in Creed Speaking, but I was too afraid of the unknown to write my name on the sign-up sheet. I had grown lungs, but I was still breathing in water. We all have inhibitions that keep us from unlocking our true potential. I know you can overcome your fears and can achieve whatever you set your mind to regardless of circumstances; just look at where I started.

Reflecting on my transformation through FFA has made me realize I want to serve you. Just as a tadpole moves from water to land, I desire to help you develop lungs to breathe air. There are unlimited possibilities in FFA, and I will encourage you to take advantage of those opportunities and find your unique path within this organization. It is with humble beginnings and a huge leap of faith that I announce my candidacy for the 2018-2019 Oregon FFA State Officer Team at the 90th Oregon FFA State Convention.

Respectfully,

Andrew Gmirkin
Eagle Point FFA Chapter President
Southern Oregon FFA District President

**“Transformed people
transform people.”
- Richard Rohr**

**Freshman
2014-2015**

FFA

Degree: Greenhand

- State Beginning Livestock Evaluation-5th
- Market Hog SAE
- State Convention
- State Fair
- Chapter Banquet
- Chapter Auction
- Farm Day
- Football Concessions

Other:

- Shady Cove Community Center sign-board operator
- Upper Rogue Youth Activities Volunteer
- Mathletes
- BrainBowl
- Cross Country
- Eagle Point Historical Tour Guide

**Learning to Do
Doing to Learn
Earning to Live
Living to Serve**



**Sophomore
2015-2016**

FFA

Degree: Chapter

- State Sophomore Public Speaking-1st
- State Livestock Eval- 2nd
- State Floriculture-2nd
- State Ag Sales
- District Parliamentary Procedure-1st
- Sectional Parliamentary Procedure-3rd
- Umpqua District Floriculture
- District Floriculture-1st
- District Ag Sales-1st
- District Soils CDE
- Market Hog SAE
- State Convention Delegate
- Oregon State Fair
- District Proficiency Night
- Chapter Auction
- Chapter Banquet
- Plant Sale
- Buckaroo Breakfast
- Farm Day
- Football Concessions
- Shady Cove Field Day
- Phoenix FFA Banquet
- Rogue River FFA Banquet
- Crater FFA Banquet
- Lakeview FFA Banquet
- Hidden Valley FFA Banquet
- Western Fall Classic Livestock Evaluation
- LBCC Livestock Evaluation Clinic

Other:

- Upper Rogue Youth Activities Volunteer
- Floral Design Intern
- Mathletes
- Brainbowl
- Volleybuff
- Eagle Point Historical Tour Guide

**Junior
2016-2017**

FFA

Degree: State

Office Held:

- Chapter President
- Southern Oregon District President

Activities/Awards:

- State Prepared Public Speaking-2nd
- State Floriculture-1st
- State Livestock Eval-1st
- District Parli Pro CDE
- District Ag Sales-3rd
- District Rituals-1st
- District Outstanding Pres
- Market Hog SAE
- Ways-and-means committee testimony
- Measure 98 Open House
- WLC
- National Convention
- State Convention Delegate
- State Executive Meetings
- District Officer Training
- District Leadership Camp
- District Proficiency Night
- Greenhand Conference
- Les Schwab Food Drive
- Hidden Valley FFA Banquet Keynote Speaker
- Chapter Banquet
- Chapter Auction
- Farm Day
- Plant Sale
- Buckaroo Breakfast
- Adopt-a-family
- Freshman Recruiting Day
- Middle School Recruit Tour
- Homecoming Parade
- Football Concessions
- District Soils CDE
- School District 9 Auction
- Chapter Officer Retreat
- Local Chapter Banquets
- Local Chapter Auctions
- Fresno State Eval Clinic
- CDE Days Livestock Eval
- Western Fall Classic Livestock Evaluation

Other:

- Morning Announcements
- PI Livestock Eval-3rd ind.
- 4H Livestock Evaluation-1st
- Link Crew Facilitator
- Floral Design Intern
- Ski Club
- Mathletes
- BrainBowl Contest
- So OR Scavenger Hunt
- Volleybuff

**Senior
2017-2018**

FFA

Office Held:

- Chapter President
- Southern Oregon District President

Activities/Awards:

- National Floriculture CDE
- State Ag Sales
- District Ag Sales-1st
- Western Fall Classic Livestock Evaluation-1st
- District Rituals-1st
- District Outstanding Pres
- Chapter Star Farmer
- Governor Visit Tour Guide
- Oregon Legislative Conference
- National Convention
- State Executive Meetings
- District Leadership Camp
- District Officer Training
- Greenhand Conference
- Les Schwab Fight Against Hunger
- Chapter Auction
- Chapter Officer Retreat
- Grange Co-op Raffle Fundraiser
- National Convention raffle fundraiser
- School District 9 Auction
- Adopt-a-family
- Wreath-laying Ceremony
- Football Concessions
- Shady Cove Quilt Set-Up
- Homecoming Parade

Other:

- ASB President
- Morning Announcements
- North American Livestock Evaluation
- Community 101
- Turkey Basket Food Drive
- UR Rotary Christmas Food Baskets
- Link Crew Facilitator
- Floral Design Intern
- Spirit Week chairman
- Freshman Eagle Camp
- Mathletes
- BrainBowl
- So OR Scavenger Hunt
- Volleybuff
- Homecoming Court