



# Scio FFA

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*Premier Leadership  
Personal Growth  
Career Success*

There once was a beautiful temple garden. A man was in charge of tending to the garden and caring for all the plants within. The priest of the temple came to the man and told him that there was to be a gathering of people at the temple the next week. Hearing this, the man spent extra time preparing the garden for the visitors. Diligently, he worked on raking all the leaves, weeding, and trimming the shrubs. Once he was done he found the priest to show him all the work he had done. "Isn't it beautiful?" the man asked. "Yes, it is very nice indeed, but there is something missing," the priest responded. He walked into the garden took a small tree by the trunk and shook it. The priest watched the leaves fall slowly to the ground, scattered throughout the garden. "There, much better," the priest exclaimed.

Just as the man in the story above, we all have had a project that we strived to accomplish and make *perfect*. Countless times the feeling of not reaching my goals and coming up short of perfection has weighed on me. Throughout my high school career, I constantly felt that I had to be the best, I had to reach all my goals, and, more importantly, I had to meet every expectation that people had for me. I was so set on reaching *perfection* that the things I thought were unacceptable were actually very extraordinary. Accepting my flaws was a major step in becoming a more rounded individual.

Over time, I found myself not living up to MY definition of *perfection*. I realized that rather than striving for *perfection*, which is unattainable, I needed to strive for excellence. I asked myself, "How can I achieve excellence?" I began to look at everything I was doing in a much different light. I still push myself, however I know now that when I push myself and do the best I can the results are tremendous! Being positive and striving for excellence has made a huge difference in everything I do.

As FFA members, we always aim to do our best. That by no means is a problem. The problem arises when we don't settle for anything besides *perfection*. Being *perfect* is having no flaws. Our imperfections are the unique qualities we bring to the world. Embrace the imperfections and strive for excellence. Instead of stressing about things out of our control we need to be embracing them. This is why it is my pleasure to announce my candidacy for the 2013-2014 Oregon FFA State Officer Team. I want to share with our amazing organization that our natural differences are what make each of us a unique individual.

See you at convention,

Austin Miller

2012-2013 Upper Willamette District President

2012-2013 Scio Chapter President



*I am careful not to confuse excellence with perfection. Excellence I can reach for; perfection is God's work.*  
-Michael J. Fox

# **AUSTIN MILLER SCIO FFA**

## **Freshman Year 2009-2010**

### **FFA Events-**

- SMTA BBQ
- District Soils
- Scio FFA Chapter Banquet
- Scio FFA Agricultural Literacy Group
- Parliamentary Procedure- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Sectionals
- Scio FFA Greenhouse
- Scio FFA Land Lab
- Creed Speaking- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place District
- Meats CDE- 7<sup>th</sup> Place District

### **Non-FFA Events-**

- Scio P.O.W.E.R. Team
- FOR Club
- Outdoor School Camp Counselor
- Varsity Basketball
- Varsity Track

## **Sophomore Year 2010-2011**

### **FFA Events-**

- Scio FFA Chapter Reporter
- Linn County Fair
- Oregon State Fair
- SMTA BBQ
- Upper Willamette District Leadership Camp
- District Soils
- National FFA Convention
- Scio FFA Winter Banquet
- Scio FFA Chapter Banquet
- Scio FFA Agricultural Literacy Group
- Parliamentary Procedure- 1<sup>st</sup> Place District
- Scio FFA Greenhouse
- Scio FFA Land Lab

### **Non-FFA Events-**

- Scio P.O.W.E.R. Team
- Outdoor School Camp Counselor
- Varsity Basketball
- Varsity Track

## **Junior Year 2011-2012**

### **FFA Events-**

- Scio FFA Chapter President
- Upper Willamette District President
- Linn County Fair
- Oregon State Fair
- SMTA BBQ
- Upper Willamette District Leadership Camp
- District Soils- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Individual
- National FFA Convention
- Scio FFA Calendar Sales
- Job Interview
- Scio FFA Winter Banquet
- Scio FFA Executive Committee
- Oregon FFA State Executive Committee
- Scio FFA Chapter Banquet

- Scio FFA Agricultural Literacy Group
- Extemporaneous Speaking- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place District
- Parliamentary Procedure- 1<sup>st</sup> Place District
- Scio FFA Greenhouse
- Scio FFA Land Lab
- Scio FFA Chapter Christmas Party
- Upper Willamette District Greenhand Conference
- State Agriculture Communications CDE
- Scio FFA Dairy Judging

### **Non-FFA Events-**

- Student Body Vice President
- Scio P.O.W.E.R. Team
- Outdoor School Camp Counselor
- Varsity Basketball
- Varsity Track
- Varsity Cross Country

## **Senior Year 2012-2013**

### **FFA Events-**

- Scio FFA Chapter President
- Upper Willamette District President
- Linn County Fair
- Oregon State Fair
- SMTA BBQ
- Upper Willamette District Leadership Camp
- District Soils- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Individual
- National FFA Convention
- Scio FFA Calendar Sales
- Job Interview
- Scio FFA Winter Banquet
- Scio FFA Executive Committee
- Oregon FFA State Executive Committee
- Scio FFA Chapter Banquet
- Scio FFA Agricultural Literacy Group
- Extemporaneous Speaking- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place District
- Parliamentary Procedure- 1<sup>st</sup> Place District
- Scio FFA Greenhouse
- Scio FFA Land Lab
- Scio FFA Chapter Christmas Party
- Upper Willamette District Greenhand Conference

### **Non-FFA Events-**

- Student Body President
- Scio P.O.W.E.R. Team
- FOR Club
- Outdoor School Camp Counselor
- Varsity Basketball
- Varsity Track
- Varsity Cross Country