



Dear Oregon FFA,

Growing up, the only thing I really liked to read was a book called "Peak" by Roland Smith. Peak is about a rebellious kid who loved to test his luck and feel the rush of adrenaline time and time again. Ironically enough his name was Peak and both of his parents were mountain climbers so naturally he loved to climb. He wasn't much a fan of climbing trees or stuff like that, it took much more than that to satisfy him. In his mind he was the real deal.

Peak Marcello's goal was to climb Mt. Everest all the way to the very top. A seemingly impossible goal for a 14 year old city boy right? Well not in his mind. The story starts out with helicopters circling a sky scraper as Peak is illegally trying to scale the building. This wasn't the first time he had attempted a feat like this so once he reached the top he was immediately arrested. While in court for his trial the judge agreed to let Peaks father take him out of the country to live with him for six months as opposed to going to a juvenile detention center. His dad was going to take him to Everest.

As the story unfolds we hear the incredible journey of a boy and his dad who are able to complete the impossible. A 14 year old city boy was able to scale a thirty-thousand foot mountain all because he set his mind to it and worked for it. He was able to reach his summit even if it was thirty-thousand feet in the air.

This book truly inspired me. Not because of the awesome adventure it displays but because it shows that no matter how big or how far fetched our goals may be with hard work and dedication we can all reach our summit, and the FFA has been my "Peak," the story of how I am going to reach mine.

Like the book did for me, my goal is to inspire others to realize their peak. As a state officer candidate I will have the perfect opportunity to do just that. Oregon FFA it is with my greatest pleasure that I announce my candidacy as a 2015-2016 Oregon FFA State Officer. I look forward to seeing you at State Convention in Silverton!

*A partner can encourage you, maybe even stop you from falling, but they can't get you to the top. That's entirely up to you.  
- Roland smith*

Sincerely,

Bailey Henson  
Scio FFA Chapter President  
Upper Willamette District President

## FFA Involvement and Other Activities

### Senior Year (2014-2015)

#### Offices Held:

- District President
- Chapter President

#### FFA Activities:

Adv. Ag Sales

- District 1<sup>st</sup>

Adv. Rituals Contest

- District 2<sup>nd</sup>

Extemp. Public Speaking

- District 1<sup>st</sup>

Adv. Parli. Pro.

- District 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Events:

2015 State Convention

87<sup>th</sup> National Convention

Upper Willamette District Soils  
Competition

State Soils Competition

District Leadership Camp

Chapter Meetings

Executive Meetings

State Executive Meetings

Chapter Meetings

Alumni Meetings

#### Other School Activities:

Student Body President

Students Taking Action Not  
Drinking (S.T.A.N.D.) member

Friends of Rachel (FOR) Club

National Honors Society

Varsity Basketball

Varsity Track

### Junior Year (2013-2014)

#### Offices Held:

- District Vice President
- Chapter President

#### FFA Activities:

Marketing

- State 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ag Communications

- State 3<sup>rd</sup>

Crops Evaluation

- District 1<sup>st</sup>
- State 3<sup>rd</sup>

Soils

- District 1<sup>st</sup>

Ag Sales

- District 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### Events:

2014 State Convention

86<sup>th</sup> National Convention

FFA State Executive Committee

Leadership Camp

Kick Off Barbecue

Chapter Meetings

Executive Meetings

Alumni Meetings

#### Other School Activities

Junior Class President

S.T.A.N.D Member

FOR Club

Varsity Basketball

Varsity Track/XC

### Fresh./Soph. Year (2011-2013)

#### Offices Held:

- Chapter Sentinel

#### FFA Activities:

State Crops Evaluation

Ag Communications

- State 4<sup>th</sup> (Indiv. 5<sup>th</sup>)

Parli. Pro.

- District 1<sup>st</sup>
- Sectional 3<sup>rd</sup>

District Soils

Beg Public Speaking

- District 1<sup>st</sup>

Beg Parli. Pro.

- District 1<sup>st</sup>

Beg Ag Sales

- District 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Events:

2011, 2012 State Convention

85<sup>th</sup> National Convention

Leadership Camp

Kick Off Barbecue

Executive Meetings

Alumni Meetings

Chapter Meetings

#### Other School Activities

Sophomore Class President

Basketball

Track

Cross Country