



The National Organization of Agriculture Students



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People are like stained glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in; their true beauty is revealed only if there is light from within.

One of my favorite childhood stories is The Velveteen Rabbit. In the beginning, the rabbit is new, fluffy, soft, colorful, and perfect. Initially, he cares much about his appearance and keeping his coat in pristine condition. But, the little boy that owns him loves him so much that his button eyes begin to lose their polish, his fur becomes matted and scruffy, and his perfect pink ears turn floppy and gray. Before, the bunny would have been bothered by his appearance, but now the only thing he cares about is the little boy.

Upon first entering the FFA, I cared endlessly about how stiff my jacket was, that my collar remained perfectly pressed all day long, and that my walk and talk were perfect as though they had just come out of a Blue and Gold box. But as the years have come and gone, my jacket has become soft and I've learned that your Reasons Judge is not going to dock you for a slight wrinkle in your collar. I've experienced not receiving an office, I know what its like to place last in a contest after a year of preparation, and the feeling of frustration when a cow slobbers on my freshly dry-cleaned jacket. But all this is worth watching the freshman I mentored place first in creed; holding that first place banner more than makes up for the times I placed last, and finally putting that officer pin on my jacket senior year shows I had the strength to endure even the hardest of times. Before, anything less than absolute perfection would have bothered me, but now all that matters is my love for the FFA and its members.

In the conclusion of the rabbit's tale, a fairy comes and turns this barely recognizable stuffed animal into a real bunny. These experiences of success and failure, of utter joy and defeat, are what make us real. They are what make a FFA jacket more than just a piece of corduroy.

There is no greater quality than that of being yourself, than that of being real. It is the inside of the Association that makes Oregon FFA so outstanding. At this year's state convention I encourage you all to work together and turn Oregon FFA inside out. Proudly show the world just what being in the FFA is all about. Embrace this time of celebration; watch as our jackets grow less stiff, as our collars develops some wrinkles, and as you and your jacket become more and more real. Oregon FFA, it is with great excitement that I embark on the home stretch of my greatest dream of service by announcing my candidacy for the 2013-2014 Oregon FFA State Officer Team.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Gisler



The FFA Mission

FFA makes a positive difference in their lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth and career success** through agriculture education

Freshman: 2009-2010

FFA Events:

- Agriculture Literacy Committee
- Greenhouse Committee
- Land Lab Committee
- Float Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Scio FFA Chapter Banquet
- Beginning Public Speaking-1st Districts
- Beginning Floriculture-1st Districts
- Soil Judging
- Dairy Judging

Non-FFA Events:

- Class President-elect
- Abuse Awareness poetry contest
- JV Volleyball
- POWER team
- Skyline Assembly of God Worship Team
- Logger Pride Day Volunteer

Sophomore: 2010-2011

FFA Events:

- Land Lab Committee
- Agriculture Literacy Committee
- Leadership Day Chair
- FFA Week Chair
- Greenhouse Assistant Manager
- Banquet Sub-Chair
- Scio FFA Chapter Banquet
- Linn County Fair
- Ag Communications-4th Individual State
- Parliamentary Procedure-1st Districts
- Sophomore Public Speaking-1st Districts, 3rd Sectionals
- Floriculture-1st Districts
- District Soils
- Dairy Judging
- State Talent Contest
- WLC Scholarship Applicant
- Washington Leadership Contest

Non-FFA Events:

- Class President
- Junior Class President-elect
- HOBY WA-OR Ambassador
- Track
- JV Volleyball
- POWER team
- Skyline Assembly of God Worship team

Junior: 2011-2012

FFA Events:

- Oregon FFA State Executive Committee
- Greenhouse Manager
- Agriculture Literacy Committee Workshop Chair
- Land Lab Committee
- Upper Willamette District Leadership Camp
- Scio FFA Chapter Banquet
- Linn County Fair

Non-FFA Events:

- Student Body Vice President
- Oregon Association of Student Council Presenter
- HOBY Junior Facilitator
- Varsity Cross Country
- Varsity Track
- Friends of Rachel
- POWER team

- Chapter Christmas Party
- Nursery Operations State Proficiency Winner
- Nursery-4th State
- Agriculture Literacy Contest-3rd State
- Advanced Public Speaking-3rd Districts
- Parliamentary Procedure Secretary-1st District, 3rd Sectional
- Floriculture-1st Districts
- Ag communications
- Upper Willamette District Vice President-elect
- Scio FFA Vice President-elect

Non-FFA Events:

- Junior Class President
- Student Body Activities Coordinator and Leadership Representative
- Student Body Vice President-elect
- Track
- Varsity Volleyball
- Varsity Cross Country
- HOBY team Alumni
- POWER team
- Skyline Assembly of God Worship team
- IOOF Hall Volunteer

Senior: 2012-2013

FFA Events:

- Scio FFA Chapter Vice President
- Upper Willamette District Vice President
- Scio FFA Executive Committee
- Oregon FFA Executive Committee
- Agriculture Literacy Group Workshop Chair
- Greenhouse Committee
- Upper Willamette District Greenhand Conference
- Land Lab Committee
- Linn County Fair
- Oregon State Fair
- SMTA BBQ
- Upper Willamette District Leadership Camp
- National FFA Convention
- Scio FFA Chapter Banquet
- Advanced Public Speaking-1st Districts
- Parliamentary Procedure Secretary-1st Districts
- Job Interview-3rd Districts
- Northwest District Leadership Camp Presenter
- Oregon Education Investment Board Presenter