



Canby FFA Chapter
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Challenges: Something we deal with on a daily basis. My most recent challenge was also my hardest. It was the first week of my senior year when everything amazing was supposed to begin, but not for me. It all began to change during my first football game of my senior year. I was having the game of my life. We were winning and I felt unstoppable. Early in the fourth quarter, I went in for a tackle and dropped down in pain. I had dislocated my shoulder for the second time which the doctors interpreted as possibly the end of my football career. That same week, my mom was diagnosed with a tumor in her brain. Thankfully, her emergency surgery went well; however, there was one more thing to come that sent me over the edge. A week later my grandfather passed away after a long, hard fight with multiple forms of cancer. That man began my family's agriculture involvement. Not having him with us anymore was another devastating shock. These three events significantly altered my outlook on my life.



After a couple long weeks, I kept thinking, "What could possibly happen next?" So many challenges were occurring in my life, and I felt like nothing would ever be good again. I started shutting people out and my grades began to plummet. Then, after weeks of struggling, one of my teachers pulled me aside and asked me if everything was okay. In that moment, I realized that it only takes one person to change someone's day just by showing concern and speaking up. I then started to realize that life is not all bad; there are good people to help you through the worst of times, and to be there for the great memories to come.

This was the moment I realized that FFA is the one place where there are over six hundred thousand members doing just that. FFA members helping anyone who comes into their path by simply giving them a hand to reach out to at any time. Our struggles are what bring us together. That is what I am here to do; bring us out from the darkest of days and help create the brightest of memories. Some might say the challenges you face define who you are. I say it is that day you help change someone's life in a way that gives them a chance to breathe easier. That is when you truly start living the FFA way. I would like to encourage others to embrace their challenges, offering a hand so they are not alone in their struggles.

Oregon FFA, I am pleased to announce my candidacy for the 2018-2019 Oregon FFA State Officer Team. I know this year will be full of challenges for all of us, but together, we can overcome anything. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to seeing everyone at this year's 90th State Convention in Redmond.

Sincerely,

Devin N. Thacker

"You take a crash, you get back up and next time you succeed and that's a great feeling."
- Shaun White

The FFA Motto

"Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve"

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Freshman 2014-15

FFA

Greenhand FFA Degree
91 Easter Egg Hunt
District Creed Speaking - 3rd
Wreath Sales
Poinsettia Sales
State Knowledge Test - 4th
Kiwanis Toy & Food Drive
Club Fair
OR FFA State Convention
Ag Sales
Clackamas County Fair
Flock and Fiber Parking
Flock and Fiber Clean-Up
Food for All
Tulip Festival Parking
Christmas Tree Sales

Canby FFA Banquet
Football Concessions
Canby Christmas Parade
NW Ag Show
Canby FFA Alumni Banquet
Trick or Treat for Canned Food
Ag in the Park

School

Freshman Football
Canby Swimming

Canby H.S. Men's Choir
Track and Field

Other

4-H
4-H Camp Counselor

Sophomore 2015-16

FFA

Ag Issues
Chapter FFA Degree
Sophomore Public Speaking
Tractor Driving
91 Easter Egg Hunt
Ag Sales
Flock and Fiber Parking
District Leadership Camp
OR FFA State Convention
Clackamas County Fair
Tulip Festival Parking
Denim & Diamonds
3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
Food for All
Wreath Sales
Poinsettia Sales

Canby FFA Alumni Potluck
Canby FFA Banquet
Club Fair
Kiwanis Toy and Food Drive
Christmas Tree Sales
State Proficiency Winner

School

JV Football
Canby Swimming
Canby Mixed Choir

Other

4-H Camp Counselor
Canby Swim Center Life Guard

Junior 2016-17

FFA

Chapter Treasurer
State FFA Degree
Advanced Public Speaking
District Rituals
Tack Sale Parking
Tractor Driving
91 Easter Egg Hunt
Officer Retreat
Washington Leadership Conf.
Farm Bureau Presentation
Clackamas County Fair
Flock and Fiber Parking
Tulip Festival Parking
3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
Food for All
District Leadership Camp

OR FFA State Convention
Light up the Night Parade
Ag Literacy
Les Schwab Food Drive
Club Fair
National FFA Convention
Canby FFA Alumni Potluck
Canby FFA Banquet

School

Varsity Football
Varsity Track and Field
Canby Swimming
ASB Leadership

Other

4-H
4-H Camp Counselor
Canby Swim Center Life Guard

Senior 2017-18

FFA

Chapter Vice-President
District Secretary
District Rituals - 3rd
District Job Interview
District Extemp. Public Speaking
Oregon District Officer Training
Tack Sale Parking
Officer Retreat
Wilco Ladies Night
Flock and Fiber Parking
Denim & Diamonds
Light up the Night Parade
District Leadership Camp
Les Schwab Food Drive
OR FFA State Convention
Star Farmer Candidate
Legislative Conference
Canby FFA Alumni Banquet

School

Varsity Football
ASB Senior Class Officer
ASB Leadership
Swim Team Manager

Other

4-H
Young Life
Canby Swim Center Life Guard

