



HERMISTON FFA CHAPTER

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Oregon FFA,

What does the word “Grace” mean to you? Some might think of elegance and beauty, while others might picture favor and goodwill. But me? I think of something a little bit different. You see, growing up, the word Grace was no stranger to me. It was by my side every day, whether it be, “Dylan and Grace, stop fighting!” or “Wait, Grace is your *twin*?” I’ve always had her by my side. She’s my other half, my companion, and sometimes, my mixed martial arts opponent. Grace taught me that being opposites doesn’t mean we can’t get along, and that being so different from one another only makes us a stronger team in the end. We have learned to build off one another’s strengths and support each other where we are weak. No matter where we go in life, I know we’ll always be able to rely on one another.



Throughout my adventures in FFA, I have come to learn that reliance and a strong foundation are what it takes to build a team. Much like Grace’s and my ability to solve problems together and overcome any obstacle our family has faced, a team must go through the same steps. When I first joined FFA, I thought my differences were a weakness to the organization. However, over the years, I have learned that my differences make FFA that much better and diverse. Just like Grace taught me to be different, FFA taught me the value in embracing diversity.

Fellow members, believe me when I say each of you holds a unique power. We all have weaknesses, shortcomings, and downfalls, but it’s how we utilize these that proves one’s ability to adapt and thrive in any situation. I see the potential and powerful love in every one of you, and I hope to help you all see it yourselves.

Oregon FFA, it is with great pride and anticipation that I announce my candidacy for the 2018-2019 Oregon FFA State Officer Team. Before we know it, we will all be traveling to the 90th Oregon FFA State Convention. Take risks, discover your strengths, and overcome your weaknesses. As my high school career is coming to a close, it is my hope that I get to spend the next year with all of you, and do so with authenticity and grace.

Respectfully,

Dylan J. Westfall

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Hermiston FFA Chapter President

Blue Mountain FFA District President

“The privilege of a lifetime is being
who you are.”

~ Joseph Campbell

Sophomore

2015-2016

FFA

Degree Earned:

- Greenhand

Activities/Awards:

- District Parliamentary Procedure CDE – 1st
- State Crops CDE – 3rd
- State Ag Communications CDE – 1st
- State Convention
- District Convention
- Washington Leadership Conference
- State CDE Days
- Chapter Activity Committee
- Food For All
- Two Feet Forward Award
- Agape House Volunteer
- RDO Luncheon Volunteer
- Football Concessions
- Horse Sale Fundraiser
- Ag in the Classroom
- Chapter Banquet
- Plant Sale
- Swine Production SAE
- Tri Tip Sale Fundraiser
- Chapter Hockey Activity
- Greenhand Initiation
- Umatilla County Fair

Other

- Campus Life Youth Leadership
- Outdoor Club
- Honor Roll
- Mock Trial Club
- Drama Club
- Fences N' Friends 4-H Club President
- Dishwasher at Delish Bistro
- Farmhand at Lazy SH Livestock
- VBS Volunteer

Junior

2016-2017

FFA

Degree Earned:

- Chapter

Office Held:

- Chapter Sentinel

Activities/Awards:

- District Rituals CDE – 1st
- District Soils CDE – 1st
- National Food Science & Technology CDE – 5th
- District Ag Sales CDE – 1st
- State Parliamentary Procedure CDE – 4th
- State Ag Issues CDE – 2nd
- State Crops CDE – 3rd
- State Ag Communications CDE – 1st
- National Convention
- State Convention
- District Convention
- State CDE Days
- Meals of Hope
- Greenhand Office Committee Co-Chair
- Chapter Activity Committee Co-Chair
- Football Concessions
- Horse Sale Fundraiser
- Ag in the Classroom
- Chapter Banquet
- Alumni Auction
- Chapter Officer Retreat
- Plant Sale
- Swine Production SAE
- Christmas Wreath Fundraiser
- Umatilla County Fair

Other

- Campus Life Youth Leadership
- Outdoor Club
- Honor Roll
- Drama Club
- Employee at Bellinger Farms

Senior

2017-2018

FFA

Degree Earned:

- State

Office Held:

- Chapter President
- District President

Activities/Awards:

- District Rituals CDE – 1st
- State Soils CDE – 7th
- National Ag Communications CDE – 7th
- State Vet Science CDE – 1st
- District Extemporaneous Speaking CDE
- Sectional Parliamentary Procedure CDE
- National Convention
- State Convention
- District Convention
- Community Garden Volunteer
- Fundraising Committee Chair
- Ag Literacy Committee Chair
- District Officer Nominating Committee
- Football Concessions
- Horse Sale Fundraiser
- Ag in the Classroom
- Chapter Banquet
- Alumni Auction
- Chapter Officer Retreat
- Swine Production SAE
- Apple Sale Fundraiser
- Christmas Wreath Fundraiser
- Umatilla County Fair

Other

- Campus Life Youth Leadership
- Outdoor Club
- Honor Roll
- Employee at Bellinger Farms
- Rocky Heights Juvenile Tutor
- Winter Track and Field