



# MADRAS FFA CHAPTER

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

- FFA Motto

Greetings Oregon FFA!

What is your first childhood memory? Is it playing outside on a hot summer day? Or maybe it's being covered head to toe in your chocolate birthday cake. Although my first memories are vague, what stands out most in my life are some of my first experiences at Oregon FFA State Conventions.

Reflecting back on my first convention, I cannot help but think of standing behind the podium right before the final rotation of the Beginning Parliamentary Procedure CDE, nearly passing out from nerves. I thought to myself "WOW this podium is really tall, I'm going to need a stool to see over it." Another infamous convention moment was getting up on stage during the incredible Dr. Ward Hypnotist Show and, as stories tell, singing at the top of my lungs "Baby" by Justin Bieber. There are countless other memories I have made like having the privilege to present Retiring State Officer plaques after some heart wrenching and passionate retiring addresses as well as preparing vegetable packs with the Food For All program. The accumulation of these memories have strengthened my agricultural roots, developed my character, and opened my perspective.

My memories within the FFA have carried with me each day and shape my future experiences. This lesson rang truest while traveling to the Washington Leadership Conference. During one of the dinners, FFA members were given represented varying income levels. My meal, consisting of a shared bowl of rice, showed me the world's reliance on agriculture and the need for programs like Food For All. Later on that trip, our chapter traveled to New York City and witnessing the living conditions gave the lessons I have learned within the FFA a real-world perspective.

While the memories that have defined my experiences within the blue and gold, are unique to me, we each have the opportunity to create our own story. What are the memories you want to make this year at convention? Will you attend all of the high energy sessions, make a new friend from a chapter on the other side of the state, or maybe it is as simple as just wanting to be surrounded by those who share the same desire for leadership and agriculture as you do? This year, as you arrive at convention challenge yourself to seize new opportunities and create the memories that will define you as a leader.

This year at convention, I want to continue to create unforgettable memories, only this time not just as a member, but by being elected as one of your six Oregon FFA State Officers. I would be proud to serve this state by helping encourage members to capture moments, take risks, and apply their experiences as they develop into premier leaders. It is with my greatest pleasure and anticipation that I announce my candidacy for your 2014-2015 Oregon FFA State Officer Team.

Respectfully,

Ian Oppenlander  
Madras FFA President  
Central Oregon District President



**"Memories of our lives, our works, and  
our deeds will continue in others."**

**-Rosa Parks**

# FFA AND SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

## Freshman Year (2010-2011)

Degree Received:  
Greenhand Degree

### FFA Activities and Awards:

- Sectional Creed Speaking
- District Beg. Soils Evaluation
- State Beg. Parliamentary Procedure - 2<sup>nd</sup>
- District Beg. Ag Sales
- District Beg. Tractor Driving
- District Shop Skills
- Jefferson County Livestock Judging
- Jefferson County Fair
- Oregon State Fair
- Central Oregon District Leadership Camp
- District Beg. Rituals
- Outstanding Sentinel
- Chapter Officer Retreat
- Chapter Awards Banquet
- STAR Greenhand
- Greenhand Degree Ceremony
- State Convention
- National Convention

### FFA Committee Activities:

- Fundraising Committee
  - Poinsettia and Wreath Sale
  - FFA Plant Sale
  - Football Concessions

### Other Activities and Awards:

- 4-H Junior Leader
- Interact Club
- MHS Cross Country
- MHS Varsity Wrestling
- Relay For Life

## Sophomore Year (2011-2012)

Office Held:  
Madras FFA Chapter Sentinel

Degree Received:  
Chapter Degree

### FFA Activities and Awards:

- District Soils Evaluation
- District Ag Sales
- District Parliamentary Procedure
- District Shop Skills
- District Tractor Driving
- Chapter Poultry Judging
- Jefferson County Livestock Judging
- Jefferson County Fair
- Oregon State Fair
- Central Oregon District Leadership Camp

- Chapter Officer Retreat
- Chapter Degree Ceremony
- Greenhand Degree Ceremony
- Chapter Awards Banquet
- State Convention

### FFA Committee Activities:

- Fundraising Committee
  - Football Concessions
  - Poinsettia Sale
  - FFA Greenhouse Sale
  - Ag Tours
- Community Service Committee
  - Ag in the Classroom
  - Kindergarten Tours
- Chapter Farm Committee

### Other Activities and Awards:

- 4-H Junior Leader
- Class Vice President
- Interact Club
- MHS Varsity Cross Country
- MHS Varsity Wrestling
- Relay For Life

## Junior Year (2012-2013)

Office Held:  
Madras FFA Chapter President  
Central Oregon District Treasurer

Degree Received:  
State Degree

### FFA Activities and Awards:

- District Soils Evaluation
- State Ag Sales
- State Food Science
- Sectional Parliamentary Procedure
- District Shop Skills
- Central Oregon District Leadership Camp
- Greenhand Ceremony
- Chapter Degree Ceremony
- State Degree Ceremony
- Chapter Officer Retreat
- Chapter Awards Banquet
- Alumni Benefit Auction
- Jefferson County Livestock Judging
- State Livestock Judging
- Jefferson County Fair
- State Fair
- State Convention
- National Convention

### FFA Committee Activities:

- Fundraising Committee
  - Donkey Basketball

- Auction Donations
- Football Concessions
- Poinsettia Fundraiser
- FFA Plant Sale
- 99.7 Plowing For Pennies Fundraiser
- Community Service Committee
  - Ag in the Classroom
- Activities Committee
  - Winter Hoodoo Retreat

### Other Activities and Awards:

- 4-H Junior Leader
- Blood Drive Assistant
- MHS Varsity Wrestling
- Relay For Life

## Senior Year (2013-2014)

Office Held:  
Madras FFA Chapter President  
District President

### FFA Activities and Awards:

- District Soils Evaluation
- District Ag Sales
- Sectional Parliamentary Procedure
- District Advanced Public Speaking

### FFA Committee Activities:

- Fundraising Committee
  - Poinsettia Sales
  - Auction Donations
  - 102.9 FFA Fundraiser
- Activities Committee
  - Committee Planning

### Other Activities and Awards:

- MHS Varsity Wrestling
- Red Cross Blood Donations
- School Board Representative
- Skills USA
- Youth Soccer Coach

