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“The way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you, and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning”

Dear Oregon FFA,

There I was, standing in a vast field full of sheep, with no other humans around except for me and my previous Ag advisor. He and I have had many meaningful conversations, but none that have hit me as hard as this one did. As usual, our conversation started off with such things as “So, Shepherd how was your day?” and “well, this is a big field... which sheep are ours again?” and so on. But, to my surprise, Mr. Shepherd asked me “what do you plan on doing with your life?” Me being me, I replied with “To be completely honest, I have no idea.” Although personally I knew I wanted to pursue something in the agricultural field. Doing what? Again, I had no idea. This conversation then led to my advisor saying “Jacq, you are such an inspirational girl. You always have on that smile; always pushing yourself to help others, there seriously needs to be more of you in this world.” That sentence hit me hard. I was going through a rough patch in my life and I desperately needed to hear that.

This conversation is something I will never forget, but as I had grown through the FFA, that one question Mr. Shepherd had asked me kept running through my mind. “What do you plan on doing with your life?” As I pondered upon it, I finally realized exactly what I wanted to do. I was going to push myself to the limit. Go for new things, and just be the person people can depend on. That one person, who, like my old advisor, could inspire others to do their best. I was going to push myself to be a state officer for the Oregon FFA. Not only would I be a leader through agriculture, I could inspire others to do their best and pursue their dreams in one of the world’s largest student led organizations. One which has taught me to grow as a person, taught me important skills for my future, and has given me some of the greatest experiences in my life!

All in all I end with this: allow me to offer you my service as a 2015-2016 Oregon FFA State Officer!

Sincerely,

Jacquena Bentz  
North Marion FFA Chapter Vice President

FFA Motto:

“Learning to Do, Doing to Learn,  
Earning to Live, and Living to Serve.”

### The FFA Mission Statement

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

# **FFA and Miscellaneous Activities**

## **Jacquena Bentz, North Marion FFA Chapter**

### **Freshman FFA Activities**

Chapter Meetings  
FFA Meetings  
Marion County Fair  
    Fair Decorating  
    Market Lamb Showing  
    Fair Cleanup  
District Leadership Camp  
Greenhand Degree  
Scio Lamb Show  
Turner Lamb Show  
State Convention  
BBQ for Retirement Center  
BBQ for FFA Fundraiser  
State Fair Horse Patoot Team

### **Other Activities**

High School Volleyball  
High School Basketball  
Basketball Camp  
Summer Basketball

### **Sophomore FFA Activities**

Chapter Meetings  
Chapter Degree  
Marion County Fair  
    Fair Decorating  
    Market Lamb Showing  
    Fair Cleanup  
District Leadership Camp  
Scio Lamb Show  
Turner Lamb Show  
District Convention  
    Delegate  
State Convention  
FFA Plant Sale  
FFA Barbeque Fundraisers  
State Fair Horse Patoot Team

### **Other Activities**

High School Basketball  
Basketball Camp  
Summer Basketball

### **Junior FFA Activities**

Chapter Meetings  
Officer Meetings  
Chapter Reporter  
District Parliamentary Procedure Timer  
Jefferson Banquet Barbecue  
Marion County Fair  
    Market Lamb Showing  
    Fair Cleanup  
Scio Lamb Show  
Turner Lamb Show  
State Fair  
    Setup and Horse Patoot Team  
District Leadership Camp  
    Rituals Competition (Reporter)

### **Other Activities**

Chapter Banquet  
    Chairperson  
FFA Plant Sale  
Breeding Ewe  
District Volleyball  
District Greenhand/360 Conference  
District Convention  
    Delegate  
National FFA Convention

### **Other Activities**

High School Basketball  
Barbeque for State Robotics Tournament

### **Senior FFA Activities**

Chapter Meetings  
Officer Meetings  
Chapter Vice President  
State Degree  
Marion County Fair  
    Market Lamb Showing  
District Leadership Camp  
Scio Lamb Show  
Turner Lamb Show

District Convention  
    Ran for State Office  
Steam Up  
    Usher  
FFA Plant Sale  
Ewe Breeding

### **Other Activities**

Working on small farm  
Barbecue for Vex Robotics Tournament  
Sheep Shearing  
Milburns Haunted Manor

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