



Phoenix FFA Chapter
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Dear Oregon FFA Members:

Everyone makes mistakes, like for instance in Disney's animated film *Beauty and the Beast*. The Beast was once a young prince that was cursed for judging an old woman in need, simply by her appearance, and not letting her take shelter in his castle. He was cursed until he learned how to show love and compassion so one day he may receive love in return. This had to be done before the last petal fell from a rose or he would be cursed forever. He had this dark past, and just hated himself for what he did and who he had become because of it. The Beast had let himself fall into such a dark place. Then there is Beauty, sweet Belle; so kind and innocent, always bringing out the best in people. When the Beast and her path crossed, little did they know their lives were about to change for the better. Belle saw the good in the Beast even though he viewed himself as an ugly monster that made bad decisions. She helped bring the good out of him and change him for the better. She helped him learn from his past mistakes and move forward to a brighter future.

No one is perfect and people hit rough patches in the road. I know I did. I felt like the Beast at one point in my life, embarrassed for the choices I had made and wanted to give up on all my goals and inspirations. However, I became Belle, found the good that can come from that mistake, picked myself up with the help of great people, and became a better person from it. Do not watch that last petal fall, reach out to others who may have fallen into the same trap I did. Compassion is key; Belle showed the Beast compassion. Through my mistakes I have learned who I am and the kind of leader I want to be.

Oregon FFA if you have ever fallen into a hole and need a hand to help you climb out, I would like to be that hand reaching out to you; showing compassion and helping you pick yourself up when you fall. Never be afraid to ask for help, there is always a hand willing to pick you up. I am reaching out to you and announcing my candidacy for the 2015-2016 Oregon FFA State Officer team. This year, we will find our Beauty within our Beast.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Vargas
Phoenix FFA Chapter President
Southern Oregon District President

"If you live long enough, you'll make mistakes. But if you learn from them, you'll be a better person. It's how you handle adversity, not how it affects you. The main thing is never quit, never quit, never quit."

-William J. Clinton

The FFA Motto

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

FFA and Miscellaneous Activities

Jennifer Vargas – Phoenix FFA

FRESHMAN

FFA

Chapter Meetings
Livestock Judging (State-10th High Individual)
Soil Judging
Ag Sales
Veterans Day Flower Arranging
Greenhand Social
Adopt A Family
KMM Santa's Breakfast
Beginning Public Speaking
Beginning Parliamentary Procedures (State-3rd)
Creed Speaking
West Side Contest
District Leadership Contest
Greenhand Ceremony
State Convention
Chapter Auction
Mother's Day Plant Sale
Meat Judging
CDE Days
Chapter Banquet
Star Chapter Greenhand
Market Goat
Hands on Ag Day
Landscape Design
District Leadership Camp

OTHER

JV Volleyball
JV Softball
4-H (Vice President)
Math Team
Cattle Shows

SOPHOMORE

FFA

Chapter Meetings
Chapter Historian
Livestock Judging (State-6th High Individual)
Ag Sales
Veterans Day Flower Arranging
Greenhand Social
Adopt A Family

KMM Santa's Breakfast
Ping Pong Tournament
Sophomore Public Speaking
Advanced Parliamentary Procedure
District Leadership Contest
District Beef Proficiency Committee
State Officer Nominating Committee
State Convention
Chapter Auction
Mother's Day Plant Sale
CDE Days
Meat Judging
Chapter Banquet Chairman
District Leadership Camp
Market Lamb (Reserve Champion)
Market Goat
State Fair

OTHER

4-H (Vice President)
4-H Junior Leader
Cattle Shows
Charlie Peacemaker Award

JUNIOR

FFA

Chapter Meetings
Chapter Vice President
District Reporter
Livestock Judging
Ag Sales
National Convention
Veterans Day Flower Arranging
Greenhand Social
Adopt A Family
KMM Santa's Breakfast
Advanced Public Speaking
Advanced Parliamentary Procedure (State-1st)
District Leadership Contest
Chapter Auction
Mother's Day Plant Sale
CDE Days
Meat Judging
Vet Science

Chapter Banquet Chairman
Star Chapter Farmer
Sheep Proficiency (Districts-1st)
District Leadership Camp
Market Lamb
Market Goat
Market Steer (Reserve Champion, Champion FFA Showman)
State Fair (Reserve Market Goat, Champion FFA Goat Showman, Supreme Master Showman)

OTHER

4-H Junior Leader
Cattle Shows
Student of the Month- Most Outgoing
Blood Drives

SENIOR

FFA

Chapter Meetings
Chapter President
District President
National Parliamentary Procedure (Silver)
Ag Sales
Veterans Day Flower Arranging
Greenhand Conference
Adopt A Family
Ping Pong Tournament
District Officer Nominating Committee
State Executive Meetings
Advanced Public Speaking
Job Interview

OTHER

4-H Junior Leader
Cattle Shows
Phoenix High Leadership PHTV
Math Team
National Honor Society
Blood Drives
Student of the Month-Most Optimistic

