

FFA

The National Organization of Agriculture Students



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*"Learn from yesterday, live for today,
and hope for tomorrow."
-Albert Einstein*



Dear Oregon FFA,

Overheated, under pressure, and encapsulated in the typical freshman bubble of intimidation, I stood with trembling knees in the antique sheep barns on the last day of the Malheur County Fair. I hesitantly extended my right arm to shake the hand of Ontario's FFA advisor, Mr. Les Linegar, for whom I was meeting for the first time. After a quick introduction and polite greeting, Mr. Linegar invited me to compete in the FFA Livestock Judging competition that was to begin in less than five minutes. The simple word "compete", even unaccompanied by the impressive talk of the FFA, the largest student led leadership organization in the United States of America, sent an electrifying nervous feeling throughout my body. Drowning in fear and lacking in confidence, I softly muttered, "Do I *have* to?" Mr. Linegar, grinning from ear to ear, shook his head no and kindly said, "You *get* to!"

Even though my livestock judging skills failed to earn me a first place banner that day as I participated in my very first FFA event, I was awarded the personal victory of unlocking one of life's important lessons: acknowledge the gifts in life; for the moments in which those gifts are presented arrive more often than expected. I did not *have* to compete in the FFA Livestock Judging competition in fall 2009, but *got* to. I was fortunate enough to realize that this opportunity was one such gift that would lead to my active involvement in an organization that would soon change my life forever in a positive way.

With this life lesson in mind, I would like to announce my candidacy for your 2013-2014 Oregon FFA State officer team. I desire nothing more than to achieve the gift of representing Oregon FFA and potentially inspiring the lives of others who I would meet as a state officer. I am truly thankful for my family, community members, fellow and past FFA members, my two outstanding FFA advisors - Mr. Linegar and Mr. Watkins - and all other supporters that have utilized life's many gifts to help mold me into the person who proudly wears her blue and gold jacket today. As a token of appreciation, the least I can offer is the gift of one full year of service to the FFA as a state officer. See you at state convention!

Sincerely Yours,

Jessica Lee Roland
Ontario FFA Chapter President
Snake River FFA District 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.

Freshman Year (2009-2010)

Offices Held:

- Chapter Alternate

FFA Activities:

- Competitions
 - Creed (4th state)
 - Ag Sales (17th State)
 - Soils Judging (2nd Dist.)
 - Livestock Judge (2nd Dist.)
 - Beginning Public Speak (3rd Dist.)
 - Dairy Judging (3rd Dist.)
 - Begin. Parli Pro (3rd Dist.)
 - Begin. Job Int. (4th Dist.)
 - Beef Showman (Finals)
- Events/Conferences
 - 2010 State Convention
 - Harvest Festival
 - Begin. Leader Training
 - District Volleyball Social
 - District Swim Social
 - Chapter Meetings
 - Chapter Banquet

Other School Activities:

- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
- Junior Varsity Girls Soccer
- Student Senate
- Orchestra
- Bible Club
- Church Youth Group
- 4-H Zig Zag Gals (*Vice Pres.*)
- Elite Choir

Sophomore Year (2010-2011)

Offices Held:

- District Alternate
- Chapter Reporter

FFA Activities:

- Competitions
 - Sophomore Public Speak (4th State)
 - Ag Sales (11th State)
 - Begin. Parli Pro (2nd Sect.)
 - District Rituals (1st Dist.)
 - Dairy Judging (2nd Dist.)
 - Soils Judging (2nd Dist.)
 - Livestock Judge (2nd Dist.)
 - Adv. Job Int. (4th Dist.)
 - Beef Showman (Finals)
 - WLC Scholarship (Finals)
- Events/Conferences
 - 2011 State Convention
 - 83rd National Convention
 - Harvest Festival
 - Begin. Leader Training
 - District Volleyball Social
 - District Swim Social
 - Chapter Meetings
 - Chapter Banquet
 - District Leadership Camp

High School Resume

Other School Activities:

- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
- Varsity Girls Soccer
- Student Senate
- Band
- Church Youth Group
- 4-H Zig Zag Gals
- 4-H Dog Show & Grow
- 2013 Leadership Meet
- Track and Field
- Student Round Table
- Treasure Valley Community College part-time student

Junior Year (2011-2012)

Offices Held:

- District Treasurer
- Chapter Vice President

FFA Activities:

- Competitions
 - Adv. Public Speak (Top 8 State)
 - Ag Sales (6th State)
 - District Rituals (1st Dist.)
 - Livestock Judge (2nd Dist.)
 - Dairy Judging (3rd Dist.)
 - Adv. Job Int. (4th Dist.)
 - Adv. Parli Pro (3rd Sect.)
 - WLC Scholarship (Finals)
 - Beef Showman (Finals)
 - Eastern Livestock Show
- Events/Conferences
 - 2012 State Convention
 - 84th National Convention
 - Denny Jones' Banquet
 - Begin. Leader Training
 - District Volleyball Social
 - District Swim Social
 - Chapter Meetings
 - Chapter Banquet
 - District Leadership Camp
 - Alumni Meetings
 - 8th Grade Recruitment
 - State Convention Delegate

Other School Activities:

- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
- Varsity Girls Soccer
- Student Senate
- Student Round Table
- Tennis
- Leadership (*Junior Class Secretary*)
- National Honor Society (NHS)
- Challenge Day
- Link Crew
- Glee
- Treasure Valley Community College part-time student

Senior Year (2012-2013)

Offices Held:

- District President
- Chapter President

FFA Activities:

- Competitions
 - Ag Sales (4th State)
 - Adv. Parli Pro (1st Dist.)
 - Adv. Job Int. (1st Dist.)
 - District Rituals (2nd Dist.)
 - Dairy Judging (2nd Dist.)
 - Soils Judging (2nd Dist.)
 - Livestock Judge (2nd Dist.)
 - Extemp. Public Speak (2nd Dist.)
 - Beef Showman (Finals)
- Events/Conferences
 - Washington Leadership Conference (WLC)
 - 2013 State Convention
 - 85th National Convention
 - Western Treasure Valley Ag Show
 - Begin. Leader. Training
 - District Volleyball Social
 - District Swim Social
 - Les Schwab Food Drive
 - Chapter Meetings
 - Chapter Banquet
 - District Leadership Camp
 - Alumni Meetings
 - 8th Grade Recruitment

Other School Activities:

- High School Against Cancer (HSAC) (*Founder*)
- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) (*Vice Pres.*)
- Varsity Girls Soccer (*Team Co-Captain*)
- Student Senate
- Church Youth Group
- National Honor Society (NHS) (*Vice Pres.*)
- Challenge Day (*Ambassador*)
- Gymnastics
- Social Club– For the Autistic
- Gymnastics
- Japanese Club
- Zoo Club
- Treasure Valley Community College part-time student

FFA Degrees Held:

- State Degree (2012)
- Chapter Degree (2011)
- Star Greenhand Degree (2010)

FFA Recognition Highlights:

- Outstanding Report (State)
- Female of the Year (Chapter)
- Outstanding Sophomore (Chapter)