



# The National FFA Organization

February 10, 2018

Dear Oregon FFA members,

Man, this letter has been hard to write. As I sat down with my advisor trying to figure out what I wanted to say, and how I wanted to introduce myself to the entire state, a few different things ran through my mind. We wanted to define my personality, explain why I joined FFA, and what I love about this amazing organization. For my personality, I have decided that I can be likened to a tuxedo t-shirt; I'm formal, but I like to have fun. A strong work ethic is something that has been ingrained in me since a young age, but I also think it is important to be able to balance that with a sense of fun. I'm the guy that can make just about any situation entertaining, whether that be an 8-hour marathon Parli Pro practice, cleaning out the barn, or memorizing a new piece of music for competition.

The next item we discussed was why I joined FFA. I remember being a freshman in my leadership class, and we were taught parliamentary procedure. Freshman John loved that there was an actual contest where I got to argue with people AND win prizes! Four years later, I would never have envisioned how much I would use the information learned from this Career Development Event. This agriculture knowledge has helped deepen my appreciation for the FFA and has allowed me to share this information with my friends, family, and even in my history class whenever an issue surrounding agriculture came up.

Lastly, we addressed what I love most about the FFA: the people. I had the honor of being in the National FFA Band this last convention and it was so amazing being surrounded by people who share the same passions as I do. And, even though I am not sure I will ever get the tune to "I Can, We Will" out of my head, it was incredible to be surrounded by music loving FFA members, but I can honestly say I feel that way around everyone I meet wearing the blue and gold jacket.

It is with passion, purpose, and excitement that I announce my candidacy for the 2018-2019 Oregon FFA State Officer Team. I hope to see you all at convention in Redmond!

Sincerely,

John Cross  
Molalla FFA Chapter President  
Mt. Hood District President  
2017-2018



*"Would I rather be feared or loved?  
Easy. Both. I want people to be afraid  
of how much they love me."*

-Michael Scott

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## The FFA Mission

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.

# John Cross

Molalla FFA Chapter

## FFA Involvement

### **Offices Held**

Chapter President	2017- 2018
District President	2017- 2018
Chapter Sentinel	2016- 2017

### **CDE Involvement**

1 <sup>st</sup> District Parli Pro Chair	2018
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sectionals Parli Pro Chair	2017
7 <sup>th</sup> State Vet Science A Team	2017
4 <sup>th</sup> State Ag Issues Team	2017
Novice Goat Showmanship	2017
6 <sup>th</sup> State Food Science Team	2017
3 <sup>rd</sup> State Vet Science B Team	2016
State Dairy Foods Team	2016
1 <sup>st</sup> District Landscape	2016
3 <sup>rd</sup> State Parli Pro Chair	2016
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sectionals Parli Pro Chair	2015

### **Other FFA Involvement**

State Executive Meetings	2018
Officer Meetings	2018
National Band	2017
Officer Meetings	2017
Alumni Auction	2017
Staff Breakfast	2017
Plant Sale	2017
Leadership Camp	2017
Leadership Camp Workshop	2017
State Fair Work Crew	2017
Ag in the Classroom	2017
Officer Meetings	2016
WLC	2016
Alumni Auction	2016
Staff Breakfast	2016
Plant Sale	2016
National Convention	2016
Leadership Camp	2016
State Fair Work Crew	2016
Denim & Diamonds	2016
Alumni Auction	2015
Staff Breakfast	2015
Road Clean Up	2015
National Convention	2015

## School/ Community Involvement

### **Associated Student Body (4 years)**

ASB Treasurer	2017- 2018
Site Council Representative	2017- 2018
Student Senate Executive	2017- 2018
LINK Leader	2017
OASC Workshop Presenter	2017
ASB Vice President	2016- 2017
Student Senate Executive	2016- 2017
OASC Workshop Presenter	2016
ASB Spirit Director	2015- 2016
LINK Coordinator	2016
LINK Leader	2015
Freshman Class Officer	2014- 2015
Share the Love Chairman- integral leader to community wide fundraiser, which has raised almost \$250,000 in over 4 years	

### **Soccer Team (2 years)**

2 <sup>nd</sup> League	2015
1 <sup>st</sup> League	2014

### **Golf Team (2 years)**

### **Band (4 years)**

Vice President	2017- 2018
Pep Band	2014- 2018
Wind Ensemble	2014- 2018
1 <sup>st</sup> District	2017
8 <sup>th</sup> State	2017
2 <sup>nd</sup> District	2016
2 <sup>nd</sup> District	2015
4 <sup>th</sup> State Solo	2015
Jazz Band	2014- 2018
1 <sup>st</sup> District	2017
2 <sup>nd</sup> State	2017
1 <sup>st</sup> District	2016
1 <sup>st</sup> District	2015

### **MHS Royalty Courts**

Share the Love King	2018
Homecoming King	2017
Share the Love Prince	2015