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Greetings Oregon FFA!

Achieving your dreams and accomplishing your goals takes more than a “good enough” effort. It takes drive, determination and willpower. It means getting out of bed in the morning and asking, not what you HAVE to do today, but what you GET to do today. Whether it is studying for your big test on Friday, or feeding out that Grand Champion Market Steer, Life doesn’t care if you feel like it or not. We may wish that we were somewhere else, but that is not for us to decide. All we have to do is determine what we will do with what we have today!

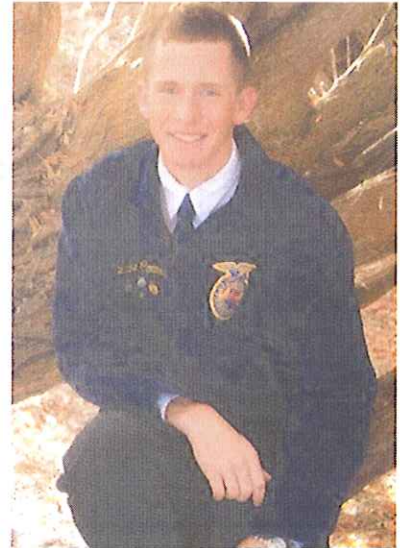
When I first joined the FFA as a sophomore, I still had a lot to learn about the simple truth that you have to show up! Splitting my time between my home education and my agriculture classes at the high school gave me ample opportunity for procrastination, which, I am sad to say, I took advantage of a time or two. But with the encouragement of my Advisor and my parents, I learned that, even if you feel hopelessly behind, you have to get up and try; the only person who can ever beat you is YOU. I took this message to heart and started setting goals and competing with myself to see how fast I could accomplish them. Whether it was winning Job Interview and Beef Showmanship, or just getting an “A” on my math test, I accomplished my goals one by one until now, just a few remain. Chief among these is Oregon FFA State office.

I was first inspired to run for State Office when I walked into my Greenhand class and came face to face with two larger-than-life figures in blue and gold: the 2011 State Officer Team. The way in which these two officers exuded confidence and charisma impressed upon me the life-changing value of the FFA. I was awestruck by the way they could relate to every member of my diverse class, from the most introverted scholar, to the loud-mouthed party animal sitting in the back row. Right then and there I set myself the goal of acquiring those skills and shaping myself into the best leader I could possibly be.

And so, here I am. The FFA has given me much more than I would have ever dreamed possible, and it is time for me to give back. Oregon FFA, I am exhilarated to announce my candidacy for 2013-2014 State FFA Office! It is my hope that I can inspire other members to be their best, as I have been inspired by those who showed up to fulfill their dreams. Fellow FFA members, it is time for us to get out of bed, show up, and achieve our highest goals! I am Luke Coomer, and I will see YOU at convention!

Sincerely,

Luke RW Coomer
2012-2013 Baker FFA Reporter
2011-2012 Baker FFA Historian



“Failure is not falling down, but refusing to get up.”

~Anonymous

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.

Sophomore Year (2010-2011)

- Chapter Star Greenhand
- Advanced District Soil Judging CDE
- Advanced District Ag Sales CDE
- Advanced State Ag Issues CDE
- Beginning B District Parliamentary Procedure CDE
- Advanced State Horse Judging CDE
- Advanced State Livestock Judging CDE
- State Beef Proficiency Committee
- Field Ag Day
- Kindergarten Ag Day

Other:

- 4-H Beef Project
- 4-H Leadership Development Project
- 4-H Beef County Medal
- Baker County 4-H Equestrian Team
- Haines Stampede Rodeo Association

Junior Year (2011-2012)

- Chapter Historian
- Advanced District Rituals CDE
- Advanced District Ag Sales CDE
- Advanced District Job Interview CDE, 3rd
- Advanced Section Job Interview CDE
- Advanced State Ag Issues CDE
- Advanced District Parliamentary Procedure CDE, 2nd team
- Advanced Section Parliamentary Procedure CDE
- Advanced State Meats CDE
- Advanced State Livestock Judging CDE
- State Delegate Sessions
- Chapter Fundraising Committee
- Chapter Recreation Committee
- Field to Fork Ag Day
- Kindergarten Ag Day

Other:

- 4-H Beef Project
- 4-H Leadership Development Project
- 4-H Leadership County Medal
- Baker County 4-H Equestrian Team
- Oregon National Horse Bowl Team
- Haines Stampede Rodeo Association
- Baker Assoc. of Christian Homeschoolers

Senior Year (2012-2013)

- Chapter Reporter
- Advanced State Livestock Judging, 6th Ind.
- Advanced State Tractor Driving
- Advanced National Vet Science CDE 10th Ind.
- Advanced District Ag Sales CDE
- Advanced District Job Interview CDE, 1st
- Advanced Parliamentary Procedure Team
- Chapter Fundraising Committee
- Chapter Recreation Committee
- Field to Fork Ag Day

Other:

- 4-H Leadership Development Project
- Haines Stampede Rodeo Association
- Baker Assoc. of Christian Homeschoolers