



# FFA THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STUDENTS OF VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE

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*"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."*

Ralph Waldo Emerson



Oregon FFA,

Have you ever taken a step back and really wondered what talents or gifts might truly lay within you? What if you never said "no" to any opportunity that came your way? What if you always greeted a challenge head on with no fear or hesitation?

Over my lifetime I have had to ignore the little voice within me that sings "Hey Luke, why do you work so hard; no one else is, so why should you?" And even on some occasions I have heard it say "Hey, you can get done half an hour early, if you just make it look like you cleaned it real good." Thankfully, I have never given in to that little voice, nor do I ever think I will. By choosing to ignore that voice, I have become a person that I am proud to be.

An FFA member's career is not defined by one event or accomplishment. One bad day at a livestock judging event or not placing at a speaking event to move forward to the next level does not mark that member for their career – unless they allow it. Many great leaders have had "rough" moments, but they haven't allowed those events, whatever they were, to define them. Having a persistent work ethic and using those "rough" moments as a springboard into other opportunities has allowed me to achieve many goals that I would not have otherwise thought to be possible.

Thus far in life, I have carried out just about every one of my goals for high school. I've been active with Student Government, I've held a chapter office every year, and I am currently serving as the Lower Willamette District Vice President. My participation in Public Speaking has taught me to help others as a more effective speaker and in Ag Sales I have learned to be of more service as an attentive and compassionate listener. Oregon FFA has given me friends, mentors and inspiration. I am ready to return the favor. If you would give me the opportunity to serve on the 2013-2014 Oregon FFA State Officer team, I will devote my year to encourage FFA members to develop persistence in reaching their own goals and not allowing setbacks to define them.

The opportunities I have received from this organization are great and abundant, from going to our nation's capital, to developing friendships all across the nation. I believe I would not be who I am today without the FFA. It is my greatest desire to return the favor to an organization that has blessed me with life-changing experiences. It would be an honor and a privilege to serve you as one of your next six state officers.

Respectfully,

Luke Wildhaber  
Dayton FFA

## Luke Wildhaber - Dayton FFA

### **Freshman, 09 – 10**

#### **FFA**

- Chapter Jr. Vice President
- Star Greenhand Degree
- Creed Speaking
- Beginning Public Speaking
- Food Science CDE
- Beginning Ag Sales CDE
- Ag Mechanics CDE
- Livestock Judging
- Soils Evaluation
- Crops CDE
- Together We Can
- Food for America
- Greenhand Dessert
- Chapter Awards Dessert
- Alumni Auction
- Master Gardeners Plant Sale
- Christmas Wreath Sales
- FFA Week
- Agstravaganza
- Chapter Christmas Party
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Chicken BBQ
- Chapter Snow Trip
- All School Chili Feed
- Pre-Fair Clinic
- Yamhill County Fair
- District Convention
- State Convention
- National Convention
- District Leadership Camp
- District Volleyball
- District Whitewater Rafting
- Farm Bureau Guest Speaker

#### **School/Community**

- Freshman Class President
- Homecoming Prince
- JV Football
- Boys Basketball Films
- Varsity Track and Field
- Scholar Athlete
- STARS Program
- Homecoming Committee
- Winter Week Committee
- May Week Committee
- Canned Food Drive
- Youth and Government
- Young Life Crew Leader
- Youth Auction Volunteer
- CIA – Catholics in Action
- National FFA Day of Service
- Dayton Nature Trail Clean-up
- Christmas Tree Lighting
- Walk in the Park Volunteer
- 4-H Service Project Leader
- 4-H Club Officer
- 4-H Service Project Leader

### **Sophomore, 10 – 11**

#### **FFA**

- Chapter Jr. President
- Sophomore Public Speaking
- Marketing Plan CDE
- Food Science CDE
- Ag Sales CDE
- Ag Mechanics CDE
- Soils Evaluation
- Together We Can
- Food for America
- Greenhand Dessert
- Chapter Awards Dessert
- Alumni Auction
- Master Gardeners Plant Sale
- Christmas Wreath Sales
- FFA Week
- Agstravanga
- Chapter Christmas Party
- Teacher appreciation Lunch
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Chicken BBQ
- Chapter Snow Trip
- All School Chili Feed
- Pre-Fair Clinic
- Yamhill county Fair
- District Convention
- State Convention
- National Convention
- District Leadership Camp
- District volleyball
- District Whitewater Rafting
- State Legislative Meetings
- Farm Bureau Guest Speaker

#### **School/Community**

- Varsity Soccer
- Boys Basketball Films
- Varsity Track (Captain)
- Scholar Athlete
- STARS Program
- Homecoming Committee
- Winter Week Committee
- May Week Committee
- Canned Food Drive
- Youth and Government
- Young Life Crew Leader
- Youth Auction Volunteer
- CIA – Catholics in Action
- National FFA Day of Service
- Dayton Nature Trail Clean-up
- Christmas Tree Lighting
- Walk in the Park Volunteer
- 4-H Service Project Leader
- 4-H Club Officer
- Monthly Church Breakfast

### **Junior, 11 – 12**

#### **FFA**

- Chapter Vice President
- Star Chapter Farmer
- Advanced Public Speaking
- Ag Sales CDE
- Ag Mechanics CDE
- Soils Evaluation
- State Fair Livestock Handler
- Together We Can
- Food for America
- Greenhand Dessert
- Chapter Awards Dessert
- Alumni Auction
- Master Gardeners Plant Sale
- Business and Industry Dinner
- Christmas Wreath Sales
- FFA Week
- Agstravaganza
- Chapter Christmas Party
- Teacher Appreciation Lunch
- Chicken BBQ
- Chapter Snow Trip
- All School Chili Feed
- Pre-Fair Clinic
- Yamhill County Fair
- Oregon State Fair
- District Convention
- State Convention
- National Convention
- District Leadership Camp
- District Volleyball
- District Whitewater Rafting
- Farm Bureau Guest Speaker

#### **School/Community**

- Varsity Soccer (Captain)
- Boys Basketball Films
- Varsity Track (Captain)
- Scholar Athlete
- STARS Program
- Homecoming Committee
- Winter Week Committee
- May Week Committee
- Canned Food Drive
- Youth and Government
- Youth Auction Volunteer
- CIA – Catholics in Action
- National FFA Day of Service
- Dayton Nature Trail Clean-up
- Yamhill County Ambassador
- Prom Committee
- Christmas Tree Lighting
- 4-H Service Project Leader
- 4-H Club Officer
- Monthly Church Breakfast

### **Senior, 12 – 13**

#### **FFA**

- Chapter Vice President
- District Vice President
- Advanced Public Speaking
- Ag Sales CDE
- Food Science CDE
- Job Interview CDE
- Soils Evaluation
- Together We Can
- Food for America
- Greenhand Dessert
- Chapter Awards Dessert
- Alumni Auction
- Master Gardeners Plant Sale
- Business and Industry Dinner
- Christmas Wreath Sales
- FFA Week
- Agstravaganza
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Chapter Christmas Party
- Teacher Appreciation Lunch
- All School Chili Feed
- Chapter Snow Trip
- Chicken BBQ
- Pre-Fair Clinic
- Yamhill County Fair
- State Convention
- National Convention
- Oregon State Fair
- District Leadership Camp
- District Volleyball
- State Legislative Meetings
- SAIF Agribusiness Dinner
- Farm Bureau Guest Speaker

#### **School/Community**

- Senior Class President
- Homecoming Prince
- Varsity Soccer (Captain)
- Varsity Track (Captain)
- Scholar Athlete
- Homecoming Committee
- Winter Week Committee
- May Week Committee
- Canned Food Drive
- Youth and Government
- National Honor Society
- Youth Auction Volunteer
- CIA – Catholics in Action
- Dayton Nature Trail Clean-up
- National FFA Day of Service
- Christmas Tree Lighting
- Nat'l Honor Society President
- 4-H Service Project Leader
- 4-H Club Officer
- Monthly Church Breakfast