



The National Organization of Agriculture Students



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**Hello Oregon FFA!**

**Quiet, unseen, timid; I was the shadow. The smart, quiet girl, who didn't say much, didn't do much. I was, and still am, a perfectionist, and before I entered high school it trapped me. I was afraid to step out, to do something different, because what if I messed up? I was terrified by the thought of failure. Then I entered high school. I was a reluctant Ag student, forced in by my parents and my friends, but then something changed -- drastically.**



**Thanks to a forceful advisor, who saw the potential I didn't know I had, I was suddenly trying everything. I was giving speeches and competing in competitions that I had never even heard of before, and I began to grow. Suddenly I found that I loved giving speeches, I could lead a meeting with confidence, and I was pretty darn good at judging soil.**

**Along the way, I failed once or twice (Ag Sales, cough cough), but thanks to the FFA I have learned that failure isn't always a terrible "bad" thing, without failure there would be no growth. The FFA is the perfect catalyst for growth; if you choose to use it. I chose to use it in my life, and I have seen it make a difference in my life and the lives of those around me.**

**FFA has taught me to step outside my comfort zone; to face my fear of failure head-on and stride forward with confidence, so it is with great honor and excitement that I announce my candidacy for the 2013-2014 Oregon FFA State Officer Team. Let's move forward together.**

**I look forward to seeing you in Corvallis!**

**Sincerely,**

**McKenna Wilson  
Nyssa FFA Chapter President**

**"Around here, however, we don't look backwards for very long. We keep moving forward, opening up new doors and doing new things, because we're curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths."  
-Walt Disney**

**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.**

