



## The National FFA Organization

Greetings, Oregon FFA!

Heart pounding, legs quivering, and uncontrollable butterflies fluttering, you try to remove the cap of your bottle for one last cool sip of water as your name is called. Sound familiar? These are sure signs of a nerve-racking challenge, a challenge that many of us have decided to partake in: Public Speaking. Now, whether it's reciting the Creed, judging livestock, or serving food at your chapter banquet, the challenge is always available, waiting for us to partake in its endeavors.

This "challenge" is essentially an **opportunity** in disguise, and it's ripe for the picking. It's an opportunity to tap into great potential, a chance to step beyond our comfort zones. FFA, simply put, is an opportunity. When I first started high school, I was given a life-changing opportunity, the option of joining the FFA. Being raised on a dairy farm, agriculture was my life; I paid my dues and soon found myself alive in action. The Banks FFA Chapter welcomed me wholeheartedly, giving me the **opportunity** to compete, learn, meet thousands of people, and grow as an individual; the day I joined this tremendous organization was the day my life changed forever.

Through high school, my understanding of the FFA has evolved from an organization to a lifestyle. I took advantage of many of the opportunities our organization has to offer, from competitions to fundraisers. However, there is one item of business that has brightened my life more than anything else: service. There are few words that can describe the feeling that helping others brings me, as there is almost nothing more gratifying to me than being able to help a fellow member, a friend, thrive and succeed.

As many of you have probably come to know, we leave an impact on every person we have the opportunity of meeting. I say opportunity, because each individual we meet represents an opportunity for us to choose how we impact their life. We can choose to leave poor impressions, or we can choose to take advantage of each occasion to positively influence the lives of others. Fellow Oregon FFA members, over the past four years you have molded me into the individual I am today, and I am forever indebted for the life-long lessons you and the Organization have provided me.

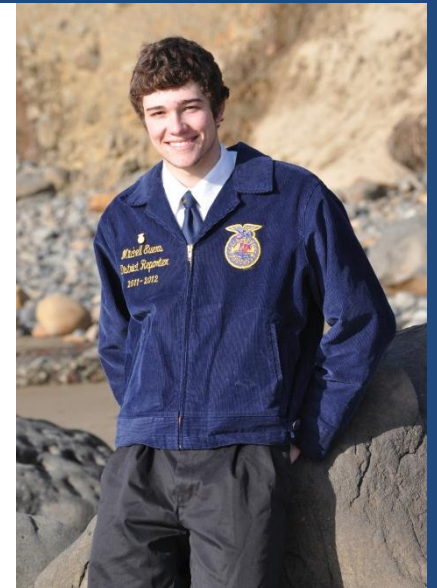
I wish, simply, to return the favor to you. Oregon FFA, it would be both a privilege and a great honor to serve you, to help each and every one of you live out your life to your fullest potential. Fellow members of the FFA provide me the **opportunity**, and I will passionately strive to be that positive influence in your lives as we work towards the betterment of ourselves, our organization, and our world. Let us seize these opportunities together! Fellow FFA members, I am Mitchell Evers, and it is with tremendous enthusiasm and a fiery passion that I announce my candidacy for the 2012-2013 Oregon FFA State Officer Team. See you this March!

Yours Truly,

Mitchell Evers  
Banks FFA

*"We are continually faced by great opportunities  
brilliantly disguised as insoluble problems."*

*~ Anonymous*



## Freshman

### Leadership Positions:

- Parliamentary Procedures Chairman
- JV2 Basketball team captain

### Activities

#### FFA:

- Chapter Star Greenhand Member
- Creed Speaking (2<sup>nd</sup> State)
- Extemp Speaking (1<sup>st</sup> Districts)
- Scio Dairy Judging Contest (1<sup>st</sup> Beginner)
- State Dairy Judging (1<sup>st</sup> place team)
- Parliamentary Procedures (3<sup>rd</sup> Sectionals)
- District Tractor Driving Contest
- District Greenhand Information Test
- State Crop Judging and Weed ID
- State Convention

#### School:

- BHS Student of the Quarter
- Winter Formal Court

#### Extra-curricular:

- Scholar Athlete in Football & Basketball
- JV2 Basketball MVP
- JV2 Basketball Most Inspirational Player
- Church Altar Server
- St. Francis food server at Parish Dinner, Picnics, and Breakfasts
- Banks Community Auction Volunteer

## Sophomore

### Leadership Positions:

- Banks FFA Chapter Sentinel
- JV Basketball team captain

### Activities

#### FFA:

- Beginning Prepared Public Speaking (1<sup>st</sup> Sectionals)
- State Dairy Judging (2<sup>nd</sup> place team)
- State Crop Judging and Weed ID (11<sup>th</sup> individual)
- Soil Judging Contest (1<sup>st</sup> individual, 1<sup>st</sup> place team Districts)
- Ag Sales (1<sup>st</sup> individual Districts)
- Tractor Driving Contest (2<sup>nd</sup> Districts)
- Clark County Fair Master Showman & Top Herdsman
- Clark County Fair Dairy Judging Contest (1<sup>st</sup> place)
- District Leadership Camp
- State Convention

#### School:

- Chemistry Student of The Year

#### Extra-curricular:

- Scholar Athlete in Football & Basketball
- JV Football Most improved Player
- JV Basketball Most Coach-able Athlete
- St. Francis food server at Parish Dinner, Picnics, and Breakfasts
- Washington County Fair tear-down & set-up of new pig barn

## Junior

### Leadership Positions:

- Banks FFA Chapter President
- Northwest District Sentinel
- BHS Class Treasurer
- JV Basketball Team Captain
- Freshman Orientation Leader

### Activities

#### FFA:

- Advanced Prepared Public Speaking (1<sup>st</sup> Sectionals)
- State Dairy Judging (1<sup>st</sup> place team)
- State Tractor Driving Competition (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- FFA State Degree Recipient
- State Crop Judging and Weed ID
- District Co-op Quiz
- Ag in the Classroom presentations
- Officer Retreat
- District Leadership Camp
- State & National Conventions

#### School:

- BHS talent Show (1<sup>st</sup> place)
- National Honor Society Member

#### Extra-curricular:

- Scholar Athlete in Football & Basketball
- Varsity Basketball (Most Coach-able Athlete)
- Community 101 School Participant
- Trick or Treat so Kids Can Eat Volunteer
- Banks Community Auction Volunteer

## Senior

### Leadership Positions:

- Banks FFA Chapter Historian
- Northwest District Reporter
- Varsity Basketball Team Captain
- BHS Class Secretary
- Community 101 School Representative
- Northwest District Leadership Camp Coordinator

### Activities

#### FFA:

- Advanced Extemp Speaking (1<sup>st</sup> Districts)
- National Dairy Judging Competition (12<sup>th</sup> place team, Individual Gold Medalist)
- Job Interview
- District Leadership Camp
- National Convention

#### School:

- National Honor Society Member
- National Honor Society induction speaker
- Homecoming Ceremony Princess Escort
- BHS Brave Pageant tech crew and event coordinator

#### Extra-curricular:

- Scholar Athlete in Football & Basketball
- Elementary Harvest Festival Volunteer
- Speech coach at St. Francis School
- Trick or Treat so Kids Can Eat Volunteer
- BHS CTE Tour Guide