



The National Organization of Agriculture Students



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“Don’t be afraid to go after what you want to do,
and what you want to be. But don’t be
afraid to be willing to pay the price.”
–Lane Frost, “8 Seconds”



Dear Oregon Friends of the Blue and Gold,

You have eight seconds on the bull, eight seconds to make a winning shot, eight seconds to impress a judge, eight seconds to make your mark. Eight seconds is a lot of time to be your-self. You can think of what to say next, make the winning basket, stay on the bull, or show-off your talent. Sometimes those eight seconds control you. While other times you control them. In an interview you don’t get much more than eight seconds between questions to say the right thing. The eight seconds between passing and shooting the winning shot could be crucial and hectic. On a bull you can’t choose what you’re next eight seconds could be, whether it’s blowing out of the chute and getting bucked off or spinning and holding on. The first eight seconds in the show ring is not a lot of time to catch the judge’s eye and determine if you will place or if you’re done for the day.

Everyone is faced with lots of “eight second” moments in their lives, although we may not realize it. The eight seconds we do notice can be fun, scary, or important. Before I walk into the show ring, those eight seconds scare me the most. I am scared that the judge won’t like my cow or how I hold the show stick. Despite that intense anxiety right before I step into the show ring, I look at my cow, tell her she’ll do well, take a deep breath, and smile at the judge. That eight seconds may scare me, but when I am in that ring, I am not afraid to strive for first place and I am not afraid to take last place either. We can’t be afraid of our dreams despite our fears and can’t worry about the price that may be waiting for us if we don’t succeed.

When I joined FFA I was scared to stand in front of people and hold a conversation, now I can talk to anyone about anything. I am still afraid when I walk into the show ring, but knowing my family, friends, and animals are right there, helps me relax. Competing in any event as a team scares me, as I may say the wrong thing and blow the presentation, even though I know my team is there to back me up if I get stuck. What gets me through the nervous moments is knowing that I fell in love with FFA because of a past state officer. I want others to love the FFA and grow as I have. I am proud to push my fears aside to help others overcome theirs, by winning the state creed speaking, state proficiencies, or even state tractor driving.

My most important eight second decision was to run for Oregon FFA State Office. With this, it is my great excitement and pleasure that I announce my candidacy for the 2015-2016 Oregon FFA State Officer Team. I can’t contain my excitement for the coming team to set aside our fears, help others overcome theirs, and make every eight seconds count!

Sincerely,

Payton R. Hartsell
Capital District Treasurer

The FFA Motto

“Learning to Do, Doing to Learn,
Earning to Live, Living to Serve”

**Freshman Year,
2011-2012**

FFA

-Chapter Greenhand Degree
-Fundraising Committee
-Chapter Banquet
-Northwest Ag. Show
-Chapter Meetings
-Alumni Auction
-Chapter Exchange
-Wilco Beef Workshop
-Safari Club
-International Auction
-Scio Dairy Cattle Judging
-Marion County Fair
-Oregon State Convention
-Oregon State Fair

Other

-Mt. View Homesteaders 4-H
-Mt. View Youth Group
-Washington Jr. Angus Assoc.
-Oregon Jr. Angus Assoc.
-Church Camp
-Youth Camp
-National Jr. Angus Assoc.

**Sophomore Year,
2012-2013**

FFA

-Newsletter Committee
-Public Relations Committee
-National FFA Week

-Northwest Ag. Show
-Alumni Auction
-Chapter Meetings
-Oregon Ag. Fest
-Ag. Safety Day
-Plant Sale
-Wreath Making
-Chapter Banquet
-Scio Dairy Cattle Judging
-Marion County Fair
-Capital District Convention
-Ag. Sales Contest
-Landscape Design, Marion County Fair
-Livestock Judging
-Oregon State Convention
-Oregon State Fair

Other

-Mt. View Homesteaders 4-H
-Mt. View Youth Group
-Washington Jr. Angus Assoc.
-Oregon Jr. Angus Assoc.
-Oregon Special Olympics
-Church Camp
-Youth Camp
-National Jr. Angus Assoc.

**Junior Year, 2013-
2014**

FFA

-National FFA Week
-Udder Store,
-Steers Against Starvation
-Northwest Ag. Show

-Chapter Meetings
-Alumni Auction
-Oregon Ag. Fest
-Ag. Safety Day
-Plant Sale
-Wreath Making
-Chapter Banquet
-Capital District BBQ
-District Leadership Camp
-District Bowling
-Ag. Sales Contest
-Soils Judging, Districts
-Swine and Dine
-District Rituals
-District Beef Proficiency
-District Ag. Sale Proficiency
-Marion County Fair
-Capital District Convention
-Landscape Design, Marion County Fair (2nd)
-Woodworking Competition, Marion County Fair
-State Beef Proficiency (1st)
-State Ag. Sale Proficiency (1st)
-State Degree
-Oregon State Convention
-Oregon State Fair

Other

-Mt. View Homesteaders 4-H
-Mt. View Youth Group
-Oregon Jr. Angus Assoc.

-Oregon special Olympics
-Youth Camp
-National Honor Society
-Nation Jr. Angus Assoc.

**Senior Year, 2014-
2015**

FFA

-District Treasurer
-National FFA Week
-Steers Against Starvation
-Chapter Meetings
-Wreath Making
-Christmas Caroling
-District Leadership Camp
-District Officer Meetings
-Soils Judging, Districts (2nd)
-State Executive Committee (January)
-Soil Judging, State
-National Convention

Other

-Mt. View Youth Group
-Oregon Jr. Angus Assoc.
-National Honor Society
-Nation Jr. Angus Assoc.
