

# FFA

## The National Organization of Agriculture Students



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*"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak;  
courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen."  
-Winston Churchill*

Dear Oregon FFA,

Clumsy, scared to death, and trembling, there I stood outside of the Jordan Valley FFA Ag room on the first day of 7th grade. Being as stealthy as my 7th grade body would allow, I slowly entered the Ag room and made my way to the back desk. Hoping not to be noticed by Mr. Usabel, the Jordan Valley FFA advisor, I kept quiet and examined the FFA permission form. Having been seen, after a few minutes, Mr. Usabel came over and began enlightening me on the entirety of the impressive organization known as the FFA.

Convinced to join FFA by my sister Coy, I was unaware of the many doors that this organization could open up for me in my life. I attended the National FFA convention in Louisville Kentucky this past fall, and several State conventions over the past four years. I have also attended countless leadership conferences, judging competitions and numerous other FFA activities. Along my FFA journey I was able meet and get to know current state officers. Hearing about everything they have accomplished through their FFA journey and how holding a state office has provided them with the essential skills and knowledge to become future leaders.

At that moment when my FFA experience began, I realized that I shouldn't be afraid of FFA, I should embrace and make the most of the time I can spend in this organization. On that day I began my FFA experience, and to this day I still strive to change people's lives through positive encounters, and worthwhile experiences! With that in mind, I announce my candidacy for a place on the 2014-2015 Oregon FFA state officer team. See all of you in Bend!

Sincerely,

FFA Motto:  
"Learning to Do, Doing to Learn,  
Earning to Live, Living to Serve."

Wyatt Jacob Trautman  
Jordan Valley Sentinel

### The FFA Mission Statement

*FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agriculture education.*

## High School Resume

### *7<sup>th</sup> Grade Year (2008-2009)*

#### FFA Activities:

- Competitions
  - Dairy Judging
  - Livestock Judging
- Events/Conferences
  - Owyhee County Fair
  - Rope & Ride Concessions
  - Beginning Leadership training
  - District Swim Social
  - Chapter Meetings
  - Chapter Banquet
  - Haunted World
  - Produce Sales
  - Christmas Tree Sales
  - Ski Trip
  - Easter Egg Hunt
  - Owyhee Field Day
  - Greenhouse Sales
  - Rodeo Fundraiser

#### Other School Activities:

- Football
- Basketball

### *8<sup>th</sup> Grade Year (2009-2010)*

#### FFA Activities:

- Competitions
  - Dairy Judging
  - Livestock Judging
- Events/Conferences
  - Owyhee County Fair
  - Rope & Ride Concessions
  - Beginning Leadership training
  - District Swim Social
  - District Volleyball Social
  - Chapter Meetings
  - Chapter Banquet
  - Haunted World
  - Produce Sales
  - Christmas Tree Sales
  - Ski Trip
  - Easter Egg Hunt
  - Owyhee Field Day
  - Greenhouse Sales
  - Rodeo Fundraiser

#### Other School Activities:

- Football
- Basketball

### *Freshman Year (2010-2011)*

#### FFA Activities:

- Competitions
  - Dairy Judging
  - Creed Speaking
  - Livestock Judging

#### • Events/Conferences

- Owyhee County Fair
- Rope & Ride Concessions
- Beginning Leadership training
- Ag Days
- District Swim Social
- Bowling Social
- Chapter Meetings
- Chapter Banquet
- Haunted World
- Produce Sales
- Christmas Tree Sales
- Ski Trip
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Owyhee Field Day
- Greenhouse Sales
- Rodeo Fundraiser

#### Other School Activities:

- Football
- Basketball
- Student Government (Fr. Pres.)

### *Sophomore Year (2011-2012)*

#### FFA Activities:

- Competitions
  - Dairy Judging
  - Begin. Parli Pro
  - Livestock Judging
- Events/Conferences
  - Owyhee County Fair
  - Junior Rodeo Concessions
  - Rope & Ride Concessions
  - District Swim Social
  - Bowling Social
  - Chapter Meetings
  - Chapter Banquet
  - Haunted World
  - Produce Sales
  - Ski Trip
  - Easter Egg Hunt
  - Owyhee Field Day
  - Greenhouse Sales
  - Rodeo Fundraiser

#### Other School Activities:

- Football
- Basketball
- Student Government (Soph. Pres.)

### *Junior Year (2012-2013)*

#### FFA Activities:

- Competitions
  - Dairy Judging
  - Co-op Test
  - Livestock Judging
- Events/Conferences

- Leadership Camp
- Owyhee County Fair
- Junior Rodeo Concessions
- Rope & Ride Concessions
- District Swim Social
- Ag Days
- Bowling Social
- Chapter Meetings
- Chapter Banquet
- Haunted World
- Produce Sales
- Ski Trip
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Owyhee Field Day
- Greenhouse Sales
- Rodeo Fundraiser
- 2013 State Convention
- 212/360 Leadership Conference

#### Other School Activities:

- Football
- Basketball
- Student Government (Vice Pres.)

### *Senior Year (2013-2014)*

#### FFA Activities:

- Competitions
  - Dairy Judging
  - Livestock Judging
- Events/Conferences
  - Leadership Camp
  - Owyhee County Fair
  - Junior Rodeo Concessions
  - District Swim Social
  - Ag Days
  - Bowling Social
  - Chapter Meetings
  - Chapter Banquet
  - Haunted World
  - Produce Sales
  - 212/360 Leadership Conference

#### Other School Activities:

- Football
- Basketball
- Student Government (Treasure)

#### FFA Degrees Held

- Discovery Degree (2008)
- Greenhand Degree (2009)
- Chapter Degree (2010)
- State Degree (2013)

#### FFA Recognition Highlights:

- Star Greenhand (2009)
- Star Chapter Member (2010)