



OREGON
FFA

Dear Fellow FFA Members,

Joy is defined as a feeling of great pleasure and happiness. All throughout my life, I have tried to find joy in the smallest of things. The way that cows feel in the middle of winter, the way sunsets look in the middle of the summer, the way that popcorn tastes in the middle of a movie, and the way that the Blue Jacket makes you feel in the middle of your first competition.

It was my junior year. My second time at sectionals, and second time ever competing in Extemporaneous Public Speaking. I had made it to sectionals by the skin of my teeth, and worked tirelessly attempting to reach my goal of making it to State. My name was called to finally compete. I drew my topics, chose my favorite, wrote a rough outline, and tried my best to somewhat memorize what I had written. Up until I walked out of the room, everything was a blur. It felt like time flew by as I sat in the hall with my best friend. Once everyone had finished competing we made our way into the gymnasium where my advisor and friend sat on the bleachers while I helped hand out banners to the talented winners of all competitions. Seeing the joy in their faces calmed my nerves as they started calling the winners of Extemporaneous. Third place was called, wasn't me... Second place was called, still wasn't me... First place was called, and still it wasn't me. I felt tears welling up in my eyes, but they were quickly dried by watching the smiles of the State Qualifiers and their chapters cheering them on.

After all the banners were handed out, my advisor and best friend both hugged me, and the three of us went to a small dessert shop and bought some slices of cake, to celebrate the hard work that we had put in. Although no banner was brought home that day, I went home with a new epiphany.

No matter the situation, there will always be joy to find.

In my four years in this wonderful organization, the joy that has filled my heart has been unmatched. I hope that in these years, I have been able to spread joy to not only my chapter, but to my district, and hopefully my state. It is with humble anticipation, pure excitement, and unmatched joy that I announce my candidacy for the 2021-2022 Oregon FFA State Officer Team. I hope and pray that my time in the Blue Jacket won't come to an end just yet. I hope that in this upcoming year, no matter what happens, we will be able to find joy in any situation, together.

With love and joy,

Jorden Bartelds
North Marion FFA Chapter President
Capital FFA District President



Remember...No matter how much it feels like everything is burning around you sometimes...There is always JOY, you just have to look for it.

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**Freshman year
2017-2018**

FFA: Degree Held: Greenhand

FFA Activities:

- Harvest Fest
- All Chapter Meetings
- Food Drive
- State Vet Science
- District Convention
- District Job Interview
- District Parliamentary Procedure
- Sectional Parliamentary Procedure
- Plant Sale
- State Convention
- Beef Production SAE
- Banquet
- Capital District Blue and Gold Ball

School/Other Activities:

- JV2 Volleyball
- JV Doubles Tennis
- Vacation Bible School Group/Activity Leader
- Church Nursery Volunteer
- Church Worship Leader/Musician
- 4-H Summer Camp Counselor Training
- 4-H Summer Camp Counselor In Training

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**Sophomore Year
2018-2019**

FFA Degree Held: Chapter

FFA Chapter Office Held: Historian

FFA Activities:

- All Chapter Meetings
- Capital District Leadership Camp
- Harvest Fest
- Food Drive
- Raffle Fundraisers
- Bake Sale
- Can Drive
- National Convention
- District Convention
- District Sophomore Prepared Public Speaking
- Sectional Sophomore Prepared Public Speaking
- District Electronic Scrapbook
- State Electronic Scrapbook
- Plant Sale
- Beef Production and Goat Production SAE
- Capital District Blue and Gold Ball

School/Other Activities:

- FBLA Big Brother Big Sister
- North Marion Drama Club Actor
- 4-H Summer Camp Counselor Training
- 4-H Summer Camp Counselor
- Vacation Bible School Group/Activity Leader
- Church Worship Leader/ Musician
- Farm Hand for By His Grace Acres Goat Farm

**Junior Year
2019-2020**

FFA Degree Held: State

FFA Chapter Office Held: Secretary

FFA District Office Held: Secretary

FFA Activities:

- Marion County Fair
- All Chapter Meetings
- All District Meetings
- Oregon District Officer Training
- Capital District Leadership Camp
- District Convention
- Advanced District Prepared Public Speaking
- District Extemporaneous Public Speaking
- Sectional Extemporaneous Public Speaking
- Can Drive
- Harvest Fest
- Beef Production SAE
- Capital District Blue and Gold Ball

School/Other Activities:

- Vacation Bible School Group and Activity Leader
- North Marion Drama Club Actor/Choreographer
- Church Worship Leader/Musician

**Senior Year
2020-2021**

FFA Degree Held: State

FFA Chapter Office Held: President

FFA District Office Held: President

FFA Activities:

- Virtual Oregon District Officer Training
- Virtual Leadership Camp
- Virtual State Office Candidate Training
- All Virtual Chapter Meetings
- All Virtual District Meetings

School/Other Activities:

- Courtesy Clerk/Bakery Clerk/Floral Clerk at Safeway
- Hostess at Elmer's Restaurant
- North Marion Drama Club Vice President
- North Marion Drama Club Actor