



Oregon FFA Members,

My heart pounded as I walked into the agriculture education classroom and made my way to the back on the first day of my freshman year. As I looked around at the classroom full of blue banners, I had one goal in mind— blend in. Over the next few weeks, I remained that quiet girl in the back of the classroom— shy and anxious, but slowly growing to love that class. It wasn't until December that year, when my advisor more or less forced me to compete in the district Creed Speaking contest that things finally changed for me. Over the next several weeks, I refused, saying I couldn't do it. It wasn't until she told me that she believed in me that I finally agreed. I can vividly remember the way my hands shook, and my legs felt like they were about to give out as I walked up the long staircase to the room of my inevitable demise. As I stood before the judges, I recalled her words of confidence— "I wouldn't have chosen you if I thought it was too hard." In that moment, I stood a little taller, and with confidence, I began those all so familiar words, "I believe..."



There are so many times in our lives when we encounter opportunities, but they come with a big risk that we don't feel equipped to take. It can be incredibly exhausting to fight against the tide of life. Each of us has the unique opportunity to call encouragement into the storm of the lives of the people we come into contact with. I found that encouragement when I slid into my blue jacket that very first time for The Creed. Time and time again, I have found the strength to continue fighting the currents in the form of Oregon FFA Members. It only takes a few words to show someone who is struggling that they are valued and are capable of greatness. If we value each other, there is nothing that Oregon FFA cannot accomplish.

Oregon FFA, it is an incredible honor, and with insuppressible excitement that I announce my candidacy for the 2021-2022 Oregon FFA State Officer Team. Our jackets are so much more than the outerwear we all zip up before contests. Embroidered into each one is a name, stitched in corn gold, of an FFA member with goals and struggles. As we prepare for our upcoming 94<sup>th</sup> Oregon FFA State Convention, let us give encouragement out like candy, and take the time to value the members of this great organization.

Respectfully,

*Krisarah Nygren*

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Santiam Christian FFA Chapter President

*“Most of us, swimming against the tides of trouble the world knows nothing about, need only a bit of praise or encouragement – and we will make the goal.” – Jerome Fleishman*

## ***Freshman***

2017-2018

### **FFA**

#### **Degree:**

Greenhand

#### **Activities/**

#### **Awards:**

- District Beginning Soils CDE-1<sup>st</sup>
- District Beginning Parliamentary Procedure CDE-1<sup>st</sup>
- District Creed Speaking CDE- 1<sup>st</sup>
- District Milk Quality CDE-1<sup>st</sup>
- State Milk Quality CDE-1<sup>st</sup>
- National Milk Quality CDE-Silver
- District Beginning Dairy Judging CDE-1<sup>st</sup>
- Les Schwab Food Initiative
- State Convention
- Cookie Dough Fundraiser
- Denim & Diamonds Auction
- Chapter Banquet
- Chapter Winter Degree Ceremony
- Elementary Ag Day
- Star Greenhand
- Outstanding Freshman in Agriculture

#### ***Other***

- Junior Camp Counselor
- Varsity Cheerleading
- Competitive Cheerleading Team
- Eagle Cheer Camp Facilitator
- Honor Roll
- OSAA Academic All-State
- Neighborhood Youth Worship Leader
- Neighborhood Church Singer
- Solve Beach Clean Up

## ***Sophomore***

2018-2019

### **FFA**

#### **Degree:** Chapter

#### **Office Held:**

Chapter Treasurer

#### **Activities/**

#### **Awards:**

- District Soils CDE-2<sup>nd</sup>
- District Rituals-1<sup>st</sup>
- Outstanding Treasurer
- District Sophomore Public Speaking CDE-1<sup>st</sup>
- Sectional Sophomore Public Speaking CDE
- District Farm Business Management CDE-1<sup>st</sup>
- State Farm Business Management CDE-3<sup>rd</sup>
- District Milk Quality Assistant Coach-1<sup>st</sup> Team
- State Milk Quality Assistant Coach-1<sup>st</sup> Team
- District Advanced Dairy Judging CDE-1<sup>st</sup> Team
- State Dairy Judging CDE-1<sup>st</sup> Team, 3<sup>rd</sup> Individual
- Les Schwab Food Initiative
- State Convention
- Ag in the Classroom
- Linn County Fair
- Plant Sale Fundraiser
- Christmas Wreath Fundraiser
- Chapter Winter Degree Ceremony
- Chapter Banquet
- Chapter Recruitment
- Chapter Dessert Recognition Night
- Chapter Officer Retreat
- District Leadership Camp

#### ***Other***

- Varsity Cheerleading
- Competitive Cheer Team
- OSAA Academic All State
- OSAA Cheerleading State Champion
- Eagle Cheer Camp Facilitator
- Neighborhood Church Worship Singer
- Neighborhood Youth Worship Leader

## ***Junior***

2019-2020

### **FFA**

#### **Office Held:**

Chapter Secretary

#### **Activities/Awards:**

- District Prepared Public Speaking CDE-1<sup>st</sup>
- Sectional Prepared Public Speaking CDE
- District Job Interview
- District Farm Business Management CDE-1<sup>st</sup>
- State Farm Business Management CDE-2<sup>nd</sup>
- District Coop Quiz CDE-1<sup>st</sup>
- State Coop Quiz CDE-3<sup>rd</sup>
- State Dairy Judging CDE-1<sup>st</sup> Team & Individual
- State Dairy Judging Coach
- Les Schwab Food Initiative
- National Convention
- State Convention
- Oregon FFA Legislative Conference
- Ag in the Classroom
- Outstanding Secretary
- Kettle Corn Fundraiser
- Pass the Pig Outreach
- Elementary Ag Day
- Chapter Banquet
- Chapter Recruitment
- Winter Degree Ceremony
- Chapter Officer Retreat
- District Leadership Camp
- Chapter Star Member
- Exceptional Scholar in Agricultural Leadership
- Outstanding Junior in Ag
- Linn County Ag Breakfast

#### ***Other***

- Varsity Cheerleading
- Competitive Cheer Team
- OSAA Academic All-State
- OSAA Cheerleading State Champion
- Honor Roll
- Neighborhood Church Singer

## ***Senior***

2020-2021

### **FFA**

#### **Degree:** State

#### **Office Held:**

Chapter President

#### **Activities/Awards:**

- National Convention
- Paid Placement Dairy Production SAE
- Market Duck Production SAE
- Chapter Officer Retreat
- Chapter Speaking Coach
- Chapter Prepared Speaking-1<sup>st</sup>
- State Executive Meeting
- Facilitated Chapter Officer Workshop
- District Leadership Camp
- Chapter Dairy Judging Coach
- Chapter Milk Quality Coach
- Les Schwab Food Drive
- National FFA Week Chair
- Kettle Corn Fundraiser
- Harvest Carnival
- Elementary Ag Day

#### ***Other***

- Captain - Varsity Cheer Team
- Competitive Cheer Team
- Honor Roll
- Neighborhood Church Worship Singer
- Neighborhood Youth Worship Leader

