



Scio FFA Chapter

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"Learning to do, Doing to Learn, Earning to live, living to Serve" FFA Motto

Dear Oregon FFA,

A farmer had a dog who used to sit by the roadside waiting for vehicles to come around. As soon as one came he would run down the road, barking and trying to overtake it. One day a neighbor asked the farmer, "Do you think your dog is ever going to catch a car?" The farmer replied, "That is not what bothers me. What bothers me is what he would do if he ever caught one." Many people in life behave like that dog, pursuing meaningless goals. Those with "meaningless" goals, as others say, aren't the ones that we should be worried about. The people who should be cared for are the ones that chase their so called "meaningless" goals, I have many goals, whether it is to become a basketball player in the WNBA as a five foot wing, or to simply live a "happily-ever after". However, my biggest dream growing up was to have the chance to become an Oregon FFA State Officer, and this is far from a meaningless goal.



Throughout my four years in FFA, I have dedicated hours to not only improving my own skills, but also helping others develop their skills as well. Helping others is something that I have been dedicated to these past few years, by helping them learn the FFA Creed or simply giving them advice on their market animal projects. I've learned many things over the years, from public speaking to correctly running a meeting. Most importantly, how to make a small difference that will have a hand in changing the world.

One does not always need to be chasing a "meaningless" dream to be successful in life. We should be motivated to chase the dreams that people tell us are unreachable, unattainable or unrealistic. This is how we should all be motivated, by the people around us not only thinking that we are crazy enough to set goals, but by reaching these goals. Together we can live a life of motivating one another by remembering that no goal is too big, too high and unreachable; everything is possible. Life may seem as if it is too difficult to continue to strive to be the best you can possibly be. However, by continuing to strive and, build character, you will be successful.

State Officers are provided with an opportunity of truly "Living to Serve" through exhibiting their passion for the FFA in a year of service. This is my dream, my goal and my passion, I am willing to give it my all to help every single Oregon FFA member reach not only their goals but also their dreams! Oregon FFA, it is with my sincerest dedication and love for our organization that I announce my candidacy for the 2015-2016 Oregon FFA State Officer team. I am looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at the 87th Oregon FFA State Convention!

Sincerely,

"Life is hard by the yard,
But by the inch, it's a cinch."

Aimee M. Zimmerman

-Gean Gordon

2015-2016 State Officer Candidate

FFA and School Involvement

Freshman Year (2011-2012)

Office Held:
Scio FFA Junior Officer
Historian

Degree Received:
Greenhand Degree

FFA Activities and Awards:
-Chapter Creed Speaking
-District Beg. Soils Evaluation
-Beg. Parliamentary
Procedure
-Linn County Fair
-Linn County Livestock
Judging
-District Beg. Ag Sales
-District Beg. Tractor Driving
-Upper Willamette
Leadership Camp
-District Beg. Rituals
-Chapter Awards Banquet
-Chapter Winter Banquet

FFA Committee Activities
-Chapter Sheep Project
-Fundraising
-Football Concessions
-Basketball Concessions
Community Service
-Logger Pride Day

Other Activities and Awards:
-4-H Junior Leader
-4-H Ambassador
-Youth group
-SHS Basketball
-SHS Club Basketball



Sophomore Year (2012-2013)

Degree Received:
Chapter Degree

FFA Activities and Awards:
-District Soils Evaluation
-District Parliamentary
Procedure
-District Ag Sales
-Linn County Livestock
Judging
-Linn County Fair
-Upper Willamette District
Convention
-District Meats
-District Food Science
-District Dairy Foods
-District Dairy Cattle
Evaluation
-State Livestock Judging
-Chapter Awards Banquet
-Chapter Winter Banquet
-Chapter Christmas Party
-State Convention

FFA Committee Activities
-Chapter Sheep Project
-Fundraising
-Football Concessions
-Basketball Concessions
-Agriculture Awareness
-Ag Expo
-Ag Day
Community Service
-Logger Pride Day
-Dairy Day at the Capitol
-Ag Fest

Other Activities and Awards:
-4-H Junior Leader
-4-H Club President
-4-H Ambassador
-4-H Summer Leadership
Conference
-Youth group
-SHS Basketball
-SHS Club Basketball

Junior Year (2013-2014)

Offices Held:
Scio FFA Chapter Sentinel
Upper Willamette District
Reporter

Degree Received:
State Degree

FFA Activities and Awards:
-District Parliamentary
Procedure
-Linn County Livestock
Judging
-Linn County Fair
-Upper Willamette District
Convention
-District Meats
-State Livestock Judging
-Oregon State Fair
-Greenhand Degree
Ceremony
-Chapter Degree Ceremony
-State Degree Ceremony
-Chapter Awards Banquet
-Chapter Winter Banquet
-Chapter Christmas Party
-State Convention
-National Convention
-Washington Leadership
Conference
-Nathan Gourley Award

FFA Committee Activities
-Chapter Sheep Project
-Fundraising
-Football Concessions
-Basketball Concessions
-Agriculture Awareness
-Ag Expo
-Ag Day
-Ag in the Classroom
-Community Service
-Logger Pride Day
-Ag Fest

Other Activities and Awards:
-4-H Junior Leader
-4-H Club President
-4-H Ambassador
-Linn County Leadership
Team Chair

Senior Year (2014-2015)

FFA Activities and Awards:
-District Job Interview
-Sectional Job Interview
-Greenhand Degree
Ceremony
-Chapter Degree Ceremony
-Chapter Winter Banquet
-Chapter Christmas Party
-National Convention

FFA Committee Activities
-Chapter Sheep Project
-Fundraising
-Football Concessions
-Basketball Concessions
-Agriculture Awareness
-Ag Expo
-P.A.L.S.
Community Service
-KRKT St. Jude

Other Activities and Awards:
-4-H Junior Leader
-4-H Club Secretary
-4-H Ambassador
-Linn County Leadership
Team Chair
-Linn County Auction
Committee