



The National Organization of Agriculture Students



### Henley FFA Chapter

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*“The future depends on what we do in the present.”*

- Gandhi

Dear Oregon FFA,

It’s been said that the biggest waves begin with the smallest ripples. The effects of these waves have the power to sink ships or even smoothly carry a boat to port. These tiny ripples begin by casting a single, pebble-sized stone into the water; ripples burst forth and proceed to swell into the ever growing waves that crash into the shores, bringing along with them the great possibilities of new opportunities. However, our question is: who will be the one to take action and throw the first pebble?

Just like the waves that begin as small ripples, any type of change must begin with action. And as a FFA State Officer it is important to be the one to help inspire the authenticity and passion that resides in every member. Being authentic to ourselves and the people around us allow us to find what we are passionate about, and for me that was the National FFA Organization. My passion for the FFA initiates the drive that makes me push myself to be a leader who is passionate about serving others and driven to share agricultural leadership. As an Oregon FFA State Officer I want to be the one to inspire the authentic leader in you, to make changes in this world that only you can make!

It is my authenticity and passion for this organization, and for its members, that drives me to run to for a 2012-2013 Oregon FFA State Office; and what better time that the 84<sup>th</sup> Oregon FFA State Convention to be “Alive in Action” to make change. We can be the ones to take action and grab that pebble and hurl it into the water to make those waves. With gratitude to everyone that has helped me outline my journey, I reverently and proudly announce my candidacy for the 2012-2013 Oregon FFA State Officer Team!

Alex Yancey

2011-2012 Henley FFA Chapter President

#### The FFA Mission

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