



The National Organization of Agriculture Students



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Fellow Oregon FFA Members,

There is a question that must be asked, “What do we, you and I, have in common?” This question is important for our future. It will determine the paths we choose to take, the way our generation will move forward, and lay the foundation for future generations. Our successes today will build the groundwork for what we accomplish tomorrow. We all are a part of this invisible bond; a connection that pushes us to seek our fullest potential. “Can we achieve it? Will we stand out? Is someone going to notice us?” Success is us; determined, motivated and inspired.

Success in the largest youth organization can always be guaranteed. It may be participating in an FFA Career Development Event, standing in the bright lights of state convention receiving your State Degree, or maybe it’s the impact you make when doing your community service project during National FFA Week. Success cannot be measured with a ruler; it’s simply the common feeling we get when we know we accomplished our goals.

“Success is uncommon and not to be enjoyed by the common man. I’m looking for uncommon people because we want to be successful, not average.” – Coach Cal Stoll

Have you ever wondered what makes someone successful? For me, each time I try, step it up a notch and continue to take the next step, I succeed. It’s the determination to move forward, stand out, get noticed and take the chance that makes us successful. FFA has a unique way of finding uncommon people that strive for more than average. This is the place where Coach Cal would have been impressed with the common factor among all FFA members.

I am grateful to be a part of the greatest leadership organization in the world. Oregon FFA has given me the ability to not always win, but be true; not always carry a blue banner, but shine by the light inside me; it has given me the ability to stand right and strong in the efforts to lead towards success in everything I do. As I write this letter, we are challenged to find the one thing that we all have in common, our drive to find success in FFA and life. As a 2011-2012 state officer candidate, there is no greater task or responsibility at this uncertain time than leading the Oregon FFA into future years of success and prosperity.

Sincerely,

Allison W. Hobson
Blue Mountain District President
Hermiston FFA Chapter President

2007-2008 Freshman

Greenhand President
Greenhand Degree
Chapter Meetings
Blue Mt. District Leadership
Camp
District Beginning Rituals – 1st
Chapter Creed Speaking – 3rd
District Beginning Prepared
Public Speaking – 1st
Sectionals Beg. Prepared Public
Speaking – 2nd
State Beg. Prepared Public
Speaking – 2nd
District Ag Sales – 1st
State Ag Sales – 8th
Parent Member Dessert
Football Concessions
Fall Festival
FFA Alumni Auction
Toys for Tots
Columbia Basin Bull Breeders
Show
Beg. Parliamentary Procedure –
1st
National FFA Week
Chapter Member Sale
Oregon State Convention
Novice Livestock Judging – 1st
Chapter Banquet
Freshman Leadership Award
Outstanding Ag Underclassmen
Award
Gold Point Member Award
UCF Beg. Livestock Judging –
1st
UCF Beef Conformation &
Showmanship – 1st

Other Activities

JV High School Soccer
A – Team Spring Soccer
4-H Horse Show
Oregon State Horse Fair
Driver's Education Course
Honor Roll

2008-2009 Sophomore

Blue Mt. Leadership Camp
Hermiston FFA Chapter Degree
National FFA Convention
Chapter Meetings
Football Concessions
Parent Members Dessert
Fall Festival
FFA Alumni Action

Toys For Tots
State Adv. Ag Sales – 2nd
District Ag Sales – 1st
National FFA Week
Proficiency Night
Chapter Member Sale
Sophomore Public Speaking –
3rd
Oregon State Convention
Adv. Livestock Judging 1st
Chapter Banquet
MFJS Adv. Livestock Judging –
1st
Gold Point Member Award
STAR Greenhand Award
UCF Livestock Judging – 1st
UCF Beef Conformation &
Showmanship – 1st
State Beg. Meats Evaluation –
1st

Other Activities

Varsity High School Soccer
JV Track and Field
4 – H Horse Show
Oregon State Horse Fair
Honor Roll

2009 – 2010 Junior

Hermiston Chapter Secretary
Chapter Office Retreat
Chapter Meeting
Greenhand Interviews
Blue Mt. Leadership Camp
District Adv. Rituals – 1st
National FFA Convention
Football Concessions
Parent Member Dessert
Fall Festival
District Public Speaking – 2nd
Sectionals Public Speaking – 2nd
State Public Speaking – 4th
National FFA Week
State Meats Evaluation – 1st
Chapter Member Sale
Soldier Care Package Drive
Oregon State Degree
Oregon State Convention
State Executive Meeting
Chapter Banquet
Gold Point Member Award
OSU Adv. Livestock Judging
UCF Adv. Livestock Judging –
1st
UCF Beef Conformation &
Showmanship – 2nd

Chapter Ski Trip

Other Activities

Varsity Soccer
JV Track and Field
4 – H Horse Show
Oregon State Horse Fair
Honor Roll

2010 – 2011 Senior

Blue Mt. District President
Hermiston Chapter President
Chapter Officer Retreat
Chapter Meetings
District Executive Meetings
Greenhand Conference
Blue Mt. District Leadership
Camp
District Adv. Rituals – 3rd
National Convention
National Meats Evaluation –
Gold
Chapter Ski Trip
KOHU Radio Appearance
FFA Alumni Action
Parent Member Dessert
Fall Festival
District Ag Sales – 1st
State Ag. Sales – 2nd
District Parliamentary Procedure
– 1st
District Public Speaking – 3rd
State Executive Meeting
Chapter Member Sale
National FFA Week
Proficiency Night
Sectionals Helper
Gold Point Member Award

Other Activities

Varsity Soccer
JV Track and Field
Honor Roll
National Honors Society
4 – H Horse Show