



# Hood River Valley FFA

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After four years competing in nearly every CDE, my fear of public speaking has diminished to a mere case of butterflies. FFA however has taught me life skills far beyond that of public speaking, poise, and confidence; in being a leader, but more importantly, a member of the Oregon FFA, I have learned that the leader is not always defined by her position in the line but rather by her disposition. I initially blamed my position in the center of the chapter officer team for the limitations that I had set on myself for growth in the organization. After bonding with leaders of FFA at all levels, I learned that the influence that you have in the lives of others depends more on attitude and less on a proclaimed position. Respect is not something that can be given to a leader, but is rather something that must be earned; respect is the two-way street that is key to the success of a leader.

FFA has allowed me to form bonds with countless members from all over the United States. FFA has taught me the importance of responsibility for the care of animals, direction of the Mount Hood district, and success in my personal life. Every decision that I make, I make knowing that I am representing the FFA and hope to do so in a way that will shine a positive light upon the association. My advisors expect the best from each and every one of their members, treating us like their own children and instilling in us a desire to do our best at all times. Going into high school I never imagined that my passion in life would soon evolve into FFA. The idea of being a member of the largest youth agricultural leadership organization in the United States enticed me, knowing that I would be a part of something that could impact the world in a big way. FFA both impacts the nation's largest employer, agriculture, and transforms a girl with scarce experience into an enthusiast for the organization.

The organization that focuses on premier leadership, personal growth, and career success has influenced my character but will also influence my life path for the next two to four years. Walking into a stadium packed with countless FFA members, all dressed in the Official Dress of the National FFA Organization talking to people they had never before met, I realized that I had found my spot in life. The experiences that I have gained through the FFA have lead me to feel that it is now my responsibility to lead in the organization that has influenced me so greatly; therefore it is with great pleasure that I announce my candidacy for the 2012-2013 Oregon FFA State Officer Team.

Sincerely,

Arleigh Laney  
Hood River Valley FFA Chapter President  
Mt.Hood District Vice President



**“The task ahead is never as great as the power behind us.”**

**-Ralph Waldo Emerson**

#### *The FFA Mission*

The National FFA Organization is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth and career success** through agricultural education.

FFA Activities:

***Freshman Year 2008-2009***

Creed Speaking  
FFA Chapter Banquet  
State Convention  
State Ag Sales  
Public Speaking  
Harvest Fest  
County Fair  
Steak Feed and Silent Auction  
National FFA Week Events

***Sophomore Year 2009-2010***

Leadership Camp  
Ag Issues  
Hood River Valley FFA Chapter  
Secretary  
FFA Chapter Banquet  
State Convention  
Ag Sales  
Public Speaking  
Harvest Fest  
County Fair  
Steak Feed and Silent Auction  
National FFA Week Events

***Junior Year 2010-2011***

Ag Issues  
State Fair  
Hood River Valley FFA Chapter  
Secretary  
Mount Hood District Treasurer  
FFA Chapter Banquet  
State Convention  
Ag Sales  
Public Speaking  
Harvest Fest  
County Fair  
Steak Feed and Silent Auction  
National FFA Week Events

***Senior Year 2011-2012***

Hood River Valley FFA Chapter  
President  
Mount Hood District Vice-President  
FFA Chapter Banquet  
State Convention  
Ag Sales  
Public Speaking

***Senior Year 2011-2012 Continued***

Harvest Fest  
County Fair  
Steak Feed and Silent Auction  
National FFA Week Events

Non FFA Activities:

***Freshman Year 2008-2009***

Volleyball  
Track and Field  
Community Work Day  
Young Life

***Sophomore Year 2009-2010***

Winter Cheerleading  
Track and Field  
National Honor Society  
Youth Heart of Hospice  
Community Work Day  
Young Life

***Junior Year 2010-2011***

Winter Cheerleading  
Track and Field  
National Honor Society  
National French Honor Society  
Youth Heart of Hospice  
Community Work Day  
Young Life  
Operation Christmas Basket  
Echelon Gran Fondo

***Senior Year 2011-2012***

Winter Cheerleading  
Competitive Cheer/U.C.A. Cheer  
Track and Field  
National Honor Society  
National French Honor Society  
Youth Heart of Hospice  
Community Work Day  
Operation Christmas Basket  
Echelon Gran Fondo  
“Fight Club” – Relay for Life