





Dear Oregon FFA,

We all have those days when we are too busy for anyone or anything. There is a paper due in every class, a big test on the way, and a game that night. On top of everything else, there is a freshman who keeps asking questions at the most inconvenient times. As odd as it might sound, moments like that are the moments that define us. What would we be missing if we let the pressures of today cause us to miss an opportunity to impact a life? We would lose the chance to act as a role model, and to demonstrate what true leadership is all about.



Making the most of every opportunity, even the ones that come at the wrong times, are chances for us to pass on wisdom and positively influence our world. These are the moments that will define us as leaders - people who plant seeds of encouragement, inspire growth, and cultivate the desires of future leaders.

Throughout my four years in FFA, I have developed many leadership skills. I began my journey as "that freshmen" who sought advice from many upper classmen. One in particular took the time and helped inspire me to be the person I am today. Now I yearn to make a difference in everyone's life whom I interact with. FFA has taught all of us the importance of leaders who make time for the small moments in life and help fellow members achieve their goals. I want to be one of the six individuals who will have the opportunity to influence the members by serving the Oregon FFA Association as a State Office to offer each member my time and charisma.

State Officers are provided with a noble opportunity to show members how to enjoy life's simple, stressful and significant moments to enhance their skills as leaders. What better of a time to start 'Living Your Legacy' than at the 85th Oregon FFA State Convention! It is with my sincerest enthusiasm that I announce my candidacy for the 2013-2014 Oregon FFA State Officer Team. See you at convention!

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world." Mahatma Ghandhi

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