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## The National FFA Organization

February 15, 2011

My fellow FFA members,

Receiving your first FFA jacket is a memory most of us cherish and will never forget. When I received my jacket, it wasn't newly made just for me and it wasn't shipped to me in a box. My first FFA jacket was my aunt's when she was my age. The blue corduroy was faded and the FFA symbols and writing were more of the color "carrot orange" than corn gold. I was supposed to feel lucky about getting this jacket? I was supposed to be proud to wear this jacket around other FFA members?

That's when I realized being an FFA member is more about personal development, leadership, and serving others and has little to do with whose jacket looks the best. I looked at my aunt's jacket again and this time I had a different view. This jacket represented a tradition in itself. It stood for a rich history of values being passed on to me. Each faded area on the corduroy represented a mark of determination and hard work with either a market animal or Career Development Event. The corn gold symbols represented where FFA started and where FFA is headed in the future. Personally, I grew to love the orange coloring because it matched my hair. From then on I was proud when I zipped up that corduroy jacket and my passion for the FFA continued to grow.

I have made many great memories and have developed myself both as a member and leader of the FFA. Continuing the tradition and passing on the values of the FFA is very important to me. That's why I desire to serve all the members of the Oregon FFA Association. So it is my pleasure to announce my candidacy for the 2011-2012 Oregon FFA State Officer Team. I look forward to seeing all of you in March as we celebrate Oregon FFA's 83<sup>rd</sup> State Convention.

Sincerely,

Brooklyn N. Nelson  
Canby FFA President  
Mt. Hood FFA District Secretary



***"Look to the past for  
guidance into the future."***

- Robert Jacob Goodkin

## Freshman

2007-2008

### FFA

Greenhand FFA Degree  
Star Greenhand  
Outstanding Freshman  
District Creed Speaking - 4th  
State Knowledge Test - 1st  
District Knowledge Test - 1st  
State Adv. Horse Judging  
OR State FFA Convention  
District Convention  
Canby FFA Alumni Potluck  
Canby FFA Banquet  
State Fruit Proficiency Comm.

### School

Varsity Equestrian Team  
Dist. Equestrian Team Champs  
Freshmen Girls Choir  
JV Cheerleading

### Other

Paradise Riders 4-H Club

## Sophomore

2008-2009

### FFA

Chapter FFA Degree  
Chapter Secretary  
Outstanding FFA Member  
District Rituals - 5th  
District Beg. Soil Judging - 1st  
District Soph. Speaking - 4th  
Beg. Livestock Judging  
District Adv. Parli Pro - 3rd  
State Secretary's Book - Silver  
State FFA Delegate  
National Convention  
OR State FFA Convention  
District Convention  
District Leadership Camp  
District FFA Horse Show  
State FFA Horse Show  
Clackamas County Fair  
Mid-Columbia Show  
Sheep Showmanship  
Canby FFA Alumni Potluck  
Canby FFA Banquet  
Chapter Poinsettia Sale  
Chapter Beef Jerky Sale  
91 Easter Egg Hunt  
State WLC Scholarship Chair  
National FFA Week Committee

### School

Varsity Equestrian Team  
Dist. Equestrian Team Champs  
Mixed Choir

### Other

Paradise Riders 4-H Club  
4-H Jr. Superintendent  
4-H Teen Leader  
Clackamas Co. Ambass. Team

## Junior

2009-2010

### FFA

State FFA Degree  
Chapter Vice President  
District Rituals - 1st  
District Adv. Soil Judging - 2nd  
District Adv. Speaking - 4th  
State Ag Sales - 6th  
District Ag Sales - 2nd  
Sectionals Adv. Parli Pro - 3rd  
District Adv. Parli Pro - 2nd  
State Beg. Floral Contest - 1st  
State Adv. Livestock Judging  
State Adv. Horse Judging  
State FFA Delegate  
WLC Conference  
OR State FFA Convention  
District Convention  
District Leadership Camp  
District FFA Horse Show  
State FFA Horse Show  
Clackamas County Fair  
Sheep Showmanship  
Rabbit Showmanship - 1st  
Oregon State Fair  
Canby FFA Alumni Potluck  
Canby FFA Banquet  
Stay and Play (PALS)  
Chapter Poinsettia Sale  
National FFA Week Committee

### School

Varsity Equestrian Team  
State Equestrian Team Champs  
Concert Choir  
Link Crew  
National Honors Society

### Other

Paradise Riders 4-H Club  
Clackamas Co. Ambass. Team  
State 4-H Staff  
4-H Teen Leader

## Senior

2010-2011

### FFA

Chapter President  
District Secretary  
District Rituals - 2nd  
State Adv. Soil Judging  
District Adv. Soil Judging - 2nd  
State Ag Sales - 5th  
District Ag Sales - 1st  
District Adv. Parli Pro  
District Adv. Speaking - 1st  
Sectionals Adv. Speaking  
National Convention  
OR State FFA Convention  
District Convention  
District Leadership Camp  
Clackamas County Fair  
Canby FFA Alumni Potluck  
Canby FFA Banquet  
Chapter Poinsettia Sale  
National FFA Week Committee

### School

Varsity Equestrian Team  
Concert Choir  
National Honors Society

### Other

United Riders 4-H Club  
4-H Teen Leader  
Clackamas Co. Ambass. Team

