



The National Organization of Agriculture Students

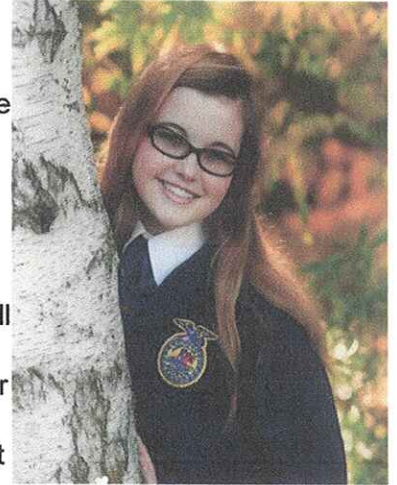


ONTARIO FFA CHAPTER
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Oregon FFA,

At one point in your FFA career, you may have been asked: "How do you shine your light?" But what hasn't been considered is who we are shining our light on; are we investing our light in others so that it shines to its maximum capacity or are we hiding it from the world?

When I walked through the door to my Ag classroom on the first day of my senior year, I couldn't imagine what the year had in store for me or exactly how my light would shine. Later that evening, I was given an opportunity to turn my light to its full power and extend its reach beyond what I had ever thought was possible. In my district, there had previously been only five chapters but, recently, one new chapter had been formed in the small town of Harper. As a District Officer, I was given an opportunity to go speak during a school-wide assembly in Harper in order to recruit students and get them excited about the FFA. I hadn't done much public speaking before -much less a recruitment assembly for an audience of this size- but I was honored by the opportunity.



I had never pictured myself getting to this level of involvement and I certainly hadn't planned to be talking in front of other students but knew that I had found my passion. As I stood in front of the students, some of whom I had known for years and others of whom I had only just been introduced to, I thought back to my freshman year. Back then, the thought of even standing in front of other students would have terrified me. Now, after three years in which I not only grew, but I also matured, I had now found the way to make my light shine.

That day, I wasn't just speaking to the students in Harper, I was speaking for an organization that had taken me in and had completely changed me, both inside and out. Back then, when I was terrified at the thought of even showing up to a parliamentary practice to my senior year; where, at that moment, I knew I not only wanted to change the lives of other students but that I already had.

As I look at how far the Harper Chapter has come, getting their official charter at State Convention, I can already see a sliver of the impact that I've had the privilege of making. I look forward to seeing not just the impact that I can make on the FFA but also, the impact that it will continue to make on me; and so, it is with great pride that I announce my candidacy for the 2016-2017 Oregon FFA State Officer Team. I look forward to learning all the further lessons that the FFA can still teach me, and I can't wait to see you in Corvallis!

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Turner
Elizabeth Turner
Ontario FFA

*"Better to illuminate than to merely
shine."
Sir Thomas Aquinas*

The FFA Mission

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

Freshman Year 2012-2013

FFA Activities

- Dairy Judging
- Movie Night
- District Officer Elections
- Livestock Judging
- Parliamentary Procedures- Secretary Chapter Officer Elections
- District Swim Party
- Malheur County Fair- Grand Champion Mechanic
- Eastern Oregon Livestock Judging
- Chapter Banquet
- Owyhee Field Day
- Western Treasure Valley Ag Show

Activities outside of FFA

- AWANA Clubs
- Shiloh Bible Camp Staff
- Ontario High School Marching Band and Color Guard
- Ontario Choirs
- 4-H Volunteer
- Student Senate
- Ontario High School Junior Varsity Tennis
- Math Club
- Pioneer Place Missions

Sophomore Year 2013-2014

FFA Activities

- Dairy Judging
- Movie Night
- District Officer Elections
- Chapter Officer Elections
- Livestock Judging
- Parliamentary Procedures
- District Swim party
- Ag Issues
- State Convention
- Malheur County Fair
- Beginning leadership training
- Eastern Oregon Livestock Judging
- Chapter Banquet
- Western Treasure Valley Ag Show

Activities outside of the FFA

- AWANA Clubs
- Shiloh Bible Camp Staff
- Ontario High School Marching Band and Color Guard
- Ontario Choirs
- 4-H Volunteer
- Student Senate
- Math Club
- Pioneer Place Missions
- Special Needs Intro to Livestock

Junior Year 2014-2015

FFA Activities

- Dairy Judging
- Chapter Movie Night
- District Officer Elections
- Chapter Officer Elections
- Livestock Judging
- Parliamentary Procedures
- District Swim Party
- State Convention
- District Swim Party
- Malheur County Fair
- Chapter Banquet
- Western Treasure Valley Ag Show
- State Convention
- Fruit Production Proficiency Nomination Committee

Activities outside of the FFA

- AWANA Clubs
- Shiloh Bible Camp Staff
- Ontario High School Marching Band Color Guard
- Ontario Choirs
- 4-H Volunteer
- Math Club
- Ontario High School Junior Varsity Tennis
- Pioneer Place Missions
- Special Needs Intro to Livestock
- Ontario High School Drama
- OSAA Solo and Ensemble Vocal Competition

Senior Year 2015-2016

FFA Activities

- Dairy Judging
- Movie Night
- District Officer Elections
- Parliamentary Procedures
- Malheur County Fair
- Beginning Leadership Training
- District Officer Training Camp
- Agricultural Sales
- National Convention
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- District Officer Nomination Committee
- Chapter Officer Nomination Committee
- National Convention

Activities Outside of the FFA

- Ontario High School Marching Band and Color Guard
- Ontario Choirs
- 4-H Volunteer
- Pioneer Place Missions
- Ontario High School Drama